

STATEMENT BY FUNDACIÓN AVINA
GST TD1.3 ROUNDTABLE 2

Thank you very much Mr. Co-facilitator.

I'm very aware of time constraints so I will be very brief.

I want to begin by thanking the opportunity for participation of non-Party stakeholders and civil society in this space

Fundación AVINA is a Latin American organization with nearly 30 years of experience in promoting sustainable development, including CC in LAC and Africa.

We will go straight to lessons learned in this time and in our experience, with relation to the messages we were invited to talk to in this roundtable.

The first is that we see a growing contradictory gap with relation to climate information internationally and what that implies for local stakeholders.

What we see is that international climate information and scenarios are developed, gain better certainty, are widely accepted and provide ever more detail as to the impacts of climate change in each of the regions of the world, including on what needs to be done to tackle these impacts, however, we continue to demand for very detailed, scientific, rigorous information of each local stakeholder to justify that their responses are in fact related to climate. This is to say that climate rationality is one of the main obstacles for local stakeholders to access climate finance, despite global information suggesting that we should move the other way and make climate rationality simpler and simpler. We are generating experience in this area as financiers by thinking of ways in which climate rationality can be simplified. This is a reality that hopefully the GST can reflect on and influence finance providers and sources.

There need to be more learning by doing efforts and less of doing but having learned how to first.

The second point is that capacity building initiatives are crucial but there is very little way to know if they are effective and long lasting since they only measure numbers in terms of participants, and additional tools that enable a more accurate assessment are needed. This too is an issue for the GST to reflect on.

To close, some Final messages based on our experience

- collaboration as the best approach to innovate, implement, and ensure accountability and scale.
- There are still deep challenges on capacities to take action, especially on development and use of information about climate impacts and risks and on capacities to access funds: which is not about knowing what window to look for, but having institutional capacities and strong climate-based proposals to access these windows
- It is of KEY importance to engage local people and communities as leaders, guides and owners of solutions, building on local knowledge

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