

## Northern Interim CSO Self-Selection Process & Timeline

InterAction, Concord, and CCIC developed the below outline of the Northern CSO selection process in consultation with members of Northern civil society. We did our best to ensure that the proposed selection process reflects the advice we heard and we believe that the process below is responsive and workable within the timeframe we have. Inevitably, we had to make some compromises, and we recognize that all of the options we considered have some drawbacks. Accordingly, we welcome your insights and comments on this process as it develops – please email your comments to Vanessa Dick [vdick@interaction.org](mailto:vdick@interaction.org).

### Co-leads:

InterAction, Concord, and CCIC are the designated co-leads of the Northern self-selection process. To create an inclusive process, each will conduct extensive outreach to the Northern civil society community.

### Interim CSO participant:

- A. The Northern CSO participant for the May 14, 2010 Steering Committee meeting will be Neil Watkins ([neil.watkins@actionaid.org](mailto:neil.watkins@actionaid.org)) from ActionAid. Mr. Watkins attended the first Steering Committee meeting and will continue in this role until an interim Northern participant is named.
- B. An interim Northern CSO participant will be selected to sit on the Steering Committee for 8 months (June, 2010-January 31, 2011).

### Process for interim self-selection:

- A. An interim Northern CSO participant will be selected via a taskforce comprised of InterAction, Concord, CCIC and a representative of each organization's respective food security working group. Groups not members of these umbrella organizations are also invited to participate in the taskforce. The interim Northern CSO participant will sit on the Steering Committee for 8 months (June – January 31, 2011).
- B. Applicants are invited to submit an application by Monday, May 31, 2010 to Vanessa Dick at InterAction ([vdick@interaction.org](mailto:vdick@interaction.org)).
- C. Beginning Tuesday, June 2 the taskforce will review applications and select an interim participant .
- D. The interim Northern CSO participant will be announced June 9, 2010.

### Evaluation:

- A. In December 2010 OR during the latter part of 2010 (TBD), an evaluation of the GAFSP's initial operations and of civil society participation in the process will be conducted as a basis for strategic reflection and engagement. A terms of reference explaining the evaluation process will be released.

### Criteria for candidacy:

- Commitment to uphold the primacy of those organizations representing small food producers and other vulnerable groups in the South whose members will be directly affected by GAFSP investment programs;
- Demonstrated affiliation with an organization or network with a mandate relevant to the purpose and objectives of the GAFSP OR demonstrated affiliation with a community affected by the work of the GAFSP;
- Demonstrated expertise on food security issues and experience working with organizations of the South representing sectors of the population most affected by food insecurity;
- Ability, interest, and capacity to consider the needs and concerns of the larger community (not only own organization/network/community) and report back to the larger stakeholder community;
  - This includes presenting to the Steering Committee any common positions that broader civil society may have developed, and the range of views and position of CSOs when there is a lack of consensus – not only the position of their own organization, network, etc.;
- Ability and willingness to influence the process, stay engaged, prepare for the meetings, and report back to civil society with open and transparent communication;
  - Including, a commitment to solicit input from civil society organizations prior to Steering Committee meetings and report back to them on the outcome of GAFSP Steering Committee decision-making;
- Commitment to provide links between GAFSP and CFS;
- Familiarity with processes, policies, and issues relating to the World Bank Group and international financial institutions more generally.