

**ATT: Programme Committee
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
RE: Meeting scheduled for March 25th 2025**

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**Input from CISU regarding
Organisation Strategy for International Institute for Environment and Development
(IIED) 2025-2030**

CISU has due to our involvement in supporting locally led adaptation, read the material with great interest.

CISU generally supports and applauds the Ministry of Foreign Affairs initiative to further the collaboration with IIED. CISU has worked with IIED in recent years, sourcing great knowledge and capacity strengthening from this collaboration that CISU has injected back into our support the global civil society partnerships and constellations that work on implementing locally led adaptation interventions. This is done through CISUs Climate Change Adaptation Modality (also supported by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

CISU sees great potential in the six impact areas that are proposed. In particular, the various elements that are addressing ways to enhance community/locally led and community/locally controlled initiatives. CISU would however recommend that even further emphasis is added to the elements of devolved climate financing (incl. from multilaterals) with a focus to add more initiative, capacity and control towards locally based civil society and citizen groups to add to the sustainability and adaptability of solutions. Interventions that CISU have supported has also suggested that such local anchorage has, and can, develop strong elements of coordination with local authorities on climate adaptation and funding streams.

CISU obviously supports the aspects of IIED having a relevant role vis-à-vis Danish development cooperation, also based on own experience and partaking in some of the international for a that IIED are part of facilitating. In the same line of thought, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs could strategically further develop the ties and funding towards already existing developments partners that work on climate adaptation through it current funding mechanisms.

It is further noticed that there is a frequent reference to global institutions, multilateral mechanisms and also SPA. CISU is however worried that the larger quantity of partnerships working to promote climate adaptation and also funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs are not considered for its full extent of success. CISU are proudly representing a multitude of partnerships whereof DKK 99,308,870 of our funding for 2024 has been reported as Total Green Finance in the Rio Reporting system. Over 80% of this on Adaptation. This is an increase of 20% from 2023. In other words, CISU has within its reach, a large portion of locally relevant and locally led examples to capitalize on in terms of experience and learning that could play a much stronger role in the larger set of research that shape policy directions – of e.g. the global institutions and multilateral funding mechanisms.

Kind regards
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