

**Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF)
Civil Society Organization (CSO) Observer Selection Process
Voting Results - Northern Region**

Process Description

The voting phase of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) Civil Society Organization (CSO) Observer Selection process consisted of three main stages: voter registration, voter verification, and voting. During the voter registration process, requests for registration were reviewed to ensure the organization was based in a REDD+ country, the mission of the organization was reasonably relevant to the mission of FCPF, and each organization and individual was only registered to vote once. If an application for registration was flagged for concern, then RESOLVE reached out to the organization via email in order to address the concern and verify the registration. After registration was verified, voting CSOs were assigned a voting registration number to be used when submitting a vote. These CSOs received instructions to vote, including a link to the ballot and their registration number via email. After voting closed, each vote was reviewed to verify ensure the organization, email address, and registration number associated with that vote match the registered information. The votes for each candidate were tallied, as were the number of votes a candidate received from CSOs based outside their home country (regional balance). The summary of results below identifies the votes each candidate organization received, the number of votes (not counted in the total) with verification issues that each candidate received, and the percentage of votes each candidate received from CSOs outside the country where they are based (regional balance).

Please see a detailed description of the overall selection process and approach to regional balance on the [RESOLVE website](#).

The voting period for the Northern Region was open from Thursday, August 23 through Friday, September 14 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (US). The voting period for this region was extended by eight days to encourage additional voter participation.

Process Data

- Number of Verified Voters Registered: 19
- Number of Votes Cast: 14
- Voting Participation Rate (Votes Cast/Voters Registered): 74%
- Number of Countries Represented in Voting:
 - Norway
 - United Kingdom
 - United States

Results

After consultation with the Advisory Committee, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) was selected for the role of FCPF CSO Observer for the Northern Region for the 2018-2020 term.

The results of the selection showed Code REDD attained satisfactory regional balance in the votes it received, according to the criteria and process guidelines established by the Advisory Committee, whereas EDF did not. However, the initial selection of Code REDD based on its attainment of regional balance was appealed to the Advisory Committee for review.

Following its review, the Advisory Committee selected EDF to serve as the Northern Region Observer. Please see below for the Advisory Committee’s decision and rationale:

The Advisory Committee recognizes the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) as the winner of the Northern Observer CSO self-selection process. The Advisory Committee further requests that EDF and the Facility Management Team reach out to Code REDD to invite its active participation in any FCPF activities in which it is interested and convey that despite this decision, Code REDD’s active participation in the FCPF is welcome.

The Committee finds the established regional balance criteria do not apply well to Northern CSOs, which are predominantly international in nature, with multiple offices across the region. If any candidate or voting organization had registered with a different organizational address, this could have changed the outcome of the selection, according to the established regional balance criteria. As such, the Committee is selecting the Northern observer candidate that received the highest number of votes overall, EDF, recognizing that the actual regional balance among the votes EDF received is sufficient for this organization to adequately represent the Northern region.

EDF identified Chris Meyer as the Primary representative and Breanna Lujan as the Alternate.

Detailed Results (sorted by # Verified Votes Received High to Low)

Organization Name	# Verified Votes Received	# Votes Received with Verification Issues	Regional Balance (Verified Votes Only) %
Environmental Defense Fund	11	0	9%
Code REDD	3	0	67%