Process steps

1. Each developing country CSO observer nominates **three** candidate individuals/institutions from their respective regions with an interest in participating in the Forum. With 13 CSO observers in all, it will bring the pool of possible participants to 39 in all.
2. Developed country CSO observers may help the respective developing country CSO observers to identify potential nominees and send their recommendations to the developing country CSO observers
3. The committee will design a short questionnaire to screen the 39 nominees and assess potential participants based on their responses to the questionnaires based on criteria defined by the committee [see indicative criteria below]
4. The committee will decide at a later how to shortlist the final 24 funded CSO participants from the pool of 39 nominees including the final criteria to apply [note: the process for deciding may include doing so collectively as a committee, relying on the regional observers, accepting at least one of the nominees from each CSO observer, or a combination of these approaches]

Criteria

1. Sub-regional/country balance (aim to include countries where CIFs are investing and avoid including participants from the same country as the observers)
2. Interest and familiarity with CIFs
3. Issue balance (e.g. energy, forests, adaptation, etc.)
4. Gender balance