

Terre des Hommes International Federation

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Accountable Now
Independent Review Panel
Secretariat - International Civil Society Centre
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Dear Independent Review Panel,

The International Secretariat of the Terre des Hommes International Federation (TDHIF-IS) is very grateful for your feedback on our third Accountability Report. We intend to make a response plan with regards to your very valuable comments and to implement it in the course of the coming years.

The TDHIF-IS has taken good note of the comments of the Independent Review Panel that the report does not explore enough *how* we implement certain policies and procedures and also of the areas for improvement highlighted by the Panel. We will endeavour both to give more evidence in the next report and to set up or finalise policies and practices which have been outlined as incomplete by the Independent Panel.

We have so far joined Accountable Now as an International Secretariat and we are therefore reporting on that basis, however we are well aware about the needs highlighted by the Panel to report on our collective efforts as a network to drive stronger commitments towards accountability and transparency. The Terre des Hommes organisations member of the network abide by different accountability mechanisms and thematic certifications, often but not only, at national level. Accountability and transparency are high on their agenda. The role of an International Secretariat in the network is also to provide opportunities for Terre des Hommes organisations to share their best practices and progress towards common frameworks for activities and measurement. We are well aware that these dimensions need to be further jointly developed and also increasingly highlighted in our next report.

The TDHIF-IS sees the path towards accountability as a journey. We are aware that this process is also a learning exercise and we thank the Independent Review Panel for its support and advises in this regard.

Yours Respectfully

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