

CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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Apia, Samoa

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Excellency,

**Subject: Endorsement of Samoa's Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR)
under the PPCR**

It is my pleasure to inform you that the PPCR Sub-Committee reviewed the, *Strategic Program for Climate Resilience: Samoa*, and endorses the SPCR as a basis for the further development of the projects foreseen in the strategic program and takes note of the requested funding of USD25million in grant funding. The Sub-Committee reconfirmed its decision on the allocation of resources, adopted at its meeting in June 2010, that a range of funding for the regional program, consisting of strategic programs for the participating countries and a regional component, should be used as a planning tool in the further development of project and program proposals in participating countries to be submitted to the PPCR Sub-Committee for PPCR funding approval, recognizing that the minimum amount of the range is more likely and that the upper limit of the range will depend on availability of funding¹. We would like to warmly congratulate you on the excellent proposal.

In approving the SPCR, the Sub-Committee requested Samoa, in the elaboration of the projects and programs identified in the strategic program, to: clearly identify and measure tangible results from PPCR investments; strengthen the participation of civil-society organizations in project preparation and implementation; strengthen gender consideration in project design and implementation; and explore potential synergies with other development partners (e.g. supported Germany and Japan). The Sub-Committee invited the World Bank Group, in consultation with other development partners, to assist Samoa in preparing the projects and programs identified in its SPCR.

¹ The range of funding agreed for a regional pilot program is USD 60-75 million in grant resources, and USD 40-55 million in other concessional resources. The Sub-Committee also recognizes that the quality of the proposed activities will be a significant factor in the funding to be approved by the Sub-Committee when project and program proposals are submitted for approval of PPCR funding.

Please do not hesitate to contact the CIF Administrative Unit or the staff from the ADB or the World Bank Group working with you on the SPCR if you have any questions or need further clarification.

We look forward to receiving proposals for the projects and programs identified in Samoa's SPCR for approval of PPCR funding by the Sub-Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. h. Bliss - Guest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

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