

# CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

August 3, 2011

Mr. Bhuban Karki  
Under Secretary  
CIF Focal Point  
Ministry of Finance  
Kathamandu  
NEPAL

Dear Mr. Karki:

## **Endorsement of Nepal's Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR) under the PPCR**

It is my pleasure to confirm that the PPCR Sub-Committee reviewed the *Strategic Program for Climate Resilience: Nepal*, and endorsed the SPCR as a basis for the further development of the projects foreseen in the strategic program and took note of the requested funding of USD 50 million in grant funding and USD 60 million in other concessional resources.

The Sub-Committee reconfirmed its decision on the allocation of resources, adopted at its meetings in June 2010 and 2011, that the range of funding agreed for a single country pilot program is USD 40-50 million in grant resources, and USD 36 million in other concessional resources recognizing that the minimum amount of the range is more likely and that the upper limit of the range will depend on availability of funding.

The Sub-Committee also called for contributors and other countries, MDBs and other development partners to seek to mobilize additional resources to allow the full funding of the SPCR.

We would like to warmly congratulate Ms. Meena Khanal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, on the excellent presentation she made to the Sub-Committee to introduce the strategic program.

In endorsing the SPCR, the Sub-Committee requested the Government of Nepal and the MDBs to make strong efforts to enhance capacity building for local consultants with a view to strengthening national capacity to address the impacts of climate change. The Sub-Committee invited the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank Group, in consultation with other development partners, to assist Nepal in preparing the projects and programs identified in its SPCR.

Please do not hesitate to contact the CIF Administrative Unit or the staff from the Asian Development Bank and 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 Nepal'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".

Patricia Bliss-Guest  
Program Manager  
CIF Administrative Unit

Attachment:

PPCR Sub-Committee meeting of June 28 and 29, 2011 - Co-Chair Summary

Cc:

Ms. Meena Khanal, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Nepal

Mr. Purushottam Ghimire, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Nepal

PPCR MDB Committee

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