



Meeting of SREP Pilot Countries

Bandos Island, Maldives

May 28 - 30, 2013

Provisional Agenda

Tuesday, May 28, 2013

8:30 am – 9:00 am *Registration*

9:00 am – 9:30 am *Opening Address by the Government of Maldives and Introduction*

The meeting will be opened by the Hon. Abdullah Jihad, Minister of Finance and Treasury, Republic of Maldives, and Ms. Patricia Bliss-Guest, CIF Administrative Unit Program Manager.

9:30 am - 11:00 am *Updates from Pilot and Reserve Countries*

SREP pilot and reserve countries will be invited to share brief (5 minute) updates on new developments in the preparation and implementation of investment plans and projects since the last meeting of pilot countries in October 2012.

Note: Countries have been requested to prepare updates in advance of the meeting using a suggested format to be circulated by the CIF Administrative Unit. This format will also cover inputs to be shared during other sessions of the meeting (e.g., on country actions to improve enabling environments).

11:00 am – 12:00 pm *Ask the Expert: Exchanging Lessons on SREP Planning, Project Preparation, and Implementation*

New SREP pilot countries and countries on the reserve list will have the opportunity to ask questions and learn from the experiences of the first six SREP pilot countries with endorsed investment plans in a “speed dating” format of 5 minute rounds. Each round will allow for peer-to-peer exchanges between one “new” pilot or reserve country and one “original” pilot country. This session will enable new SREP pilots and reserve countries to ask specific questions to and learn from the experiences of their peers on topics such as preparing investment plans that support broader development goals, prioritizing SREP-financed energy interventions to increase renewable energy and expand energy access, using the SREP to leverage resources, designing and implementing monitoring and reporting systems, maintaining stakeholder involvement, and project preparation and implementation. The intent of this session is to start a conversation which countries will be encouraged to continue throughout the duration of the meeting.

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm *SREP Pipeline Monitoring and Project Delivery*

The CIF Administrative Unit Senior Program Coordinator will begin the session with an overview of the traffic light system and milestones for pipeline monitoring and an analysis of delays in the delivery of SREP projects and programs drawn from the April 2013 SREP Semi-

Annual Report. Countries will identify and share reasons for delays in their own portfolios and will identify factors for success in projects that are under implementation or moving toward implementation. Countries will engage in a discussion on possible actions to address delays and speed up the delivery of SREP projects to achieve development objectives.

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm *Engaging the Private Sector through a Competitive Set Aside under the SREP*

In April 2013, the SREP Sub-Committee approved the allocation of funds, through a competitive process, to additional programs and projects that promote innovative approaches to engage the private sector. The CIF AU Senior Program Coordinator will provide an overview of the procedures for accessing the competitive set aside followed by a question and answer session and discussion.

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm *Briefing by the Government of the Maldives on the Field Visit to Villi-Male'*

4:30 – 6:00 pm *Criteria and Procedures for the Selection of SREP Sub-Committee Seats*

SREP pilot countries will seek to reach consensus on criteria and procedures to be adopted to guide the selection of seats among eligible recipient countries for representation on the SREP Sub-Committee.

8:00 pm *Dinner Hosted on behalf of the Minister of Environment and Energy, Republic of Maldives*

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Creating an enabling environment that reduces risks and provides appropriate incentives is understood to be crucial to stimulating investment in renewable energy. An objective of SREP support is to strengthen the institutional setting and enabling environment for renewable energy in all pilot countries to help countries attain low carbon development pathways.

9:00 am – 12:30 pm *Assessing Enabling Environments for Clean Energy*

SREP countries are working to improve their enabling environments for renewable energy investments, both through SREP projects and complementary activities. These activities are expected to unlock barriers to scale up investment by improving legal certainty, reducing costs, and lowering risks in the renewable energy sector, and strengthening the capacity and effectiveness of institutions responsible for renewable energy development. This session will begin with an overview presentation from Claudio Alatorre, Senior Climate Change Specialist at the Interamerican Development Bank to set the stage for the discussion on enabling environments.

In response to a request from the SREP Sub-Committee, the MDBs are preparing a proposal for reporting on the enabling environment for the promotion of sustainable energy in SREP countries. In this session, a representative from the World Bank will introduce the proposed methodology and will seek feedback of pilot country representatives regarding the proposed indicators. Specifically, participants will be asked to share their views on the relevance, suitability, and difficulties for assessing the suggested indicators in their countries. The feedback provided will contribute to the further refinement of the proposal.

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm *SREP Country Actions to Enhance Enabling Environments*

Countries will then be invited to work on exercises that map the existence or absence of policies, regulations, incentives and the overall institutional setting in a given country. In addition countries will be asked to share examples of existing and planned efforts to strengthen institutional capacity among agencies for implementing and regulating renewable energy investments, including through their SREP programs.

2:30 – 5:30 pm *SREP Monitoring and Reporting*

One of the core results to be measured by the SREP results framework is “increased access to modern energy services,” but measuring this poses a challenge in the absence of a common agreement as to what constitutes energy access. A representative from the World Bank will introduce the work that the World Bank is leading, in collaboration with other partners, to define and operationalize a set of improved energy access indicators at the outcome level that can be used for project/program reporting by governments and development agencies. Countries will be invited to provide inputs on this work, share the metrics they are using to measure energy access, and discuss how improved indicators can impact efforts to improve the quality of energy services available to their populations.

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm *Reflections and Wrap up*

Thursday, May 30, 2013

Morning session: Joint SREP/Energy+ Learning Event

9:00 - 9:30 am *Update from the Energy+ Technical Working Group*

Presentation and Q&A. Daniel Riley, WWF’s Lead Specialist for Renewable Energy Policy and representing the E+TWG, will present a brief update and key lessons from the Energy+ private sector and civil society consultations over the past year.

9:30 - 10:30 am *The unique challenges of scaling up renewable energy to rural and remote communities*

Experience Sharing Presentations. (30 minutes) Country representatives and their MDB partners from Kenya, Maldives, and Nepal will present their experiences – highlighting specific challenges and lessons learned – in implementing the rural energy projects included in their IPs and more broadly. Country teams should consider: What’s worked well and should be replicated? What’s been more challenging? Are there unique obstacles to addressing rural energy poverty? How do “enabling environment” considerations in rural areas differ from elsewhere? What are the capacity challenges in rural areas? Are there other partners that could help accelerate implementation?

Moderated Group Discussion. (30 minutes) Building off of the presentations, the moderator will moderate a broader discussion among all the workshop participants. Where specifically are things working and why? On the other hand, where have you seen them fail or falter and why? What are the unique challenges to rural poverty? What does a functional energy market look like in rural areas?

10:30 – 11:30 am ***Social enterprise and the provision of energy services in rural areas: scaling good models***

Panel and Q&A. Daniel Riley will moderate a discussion with 3-4 panelists on the role social enterprises in providing energy services in rural areas and how SREP could engage in this sector. In looking at the business models of social enterprises what is relevant/ necessary for providing services at scale? What enabling conditions, local capacity, risk mitigation is relevant/necessary for providing services at scale? What technical as well as business skills are needed to access loans (and capital), run the business and provide services at a reasonable cost? Is there a role for SREP in supporting social enterprises?

11:30 – 12:00pm ***Reactions, conclusion, next steps***

Moderated discussion among all participants on their impressions from the two previous sessions. What if any are the key take-aways? Can social enterprise work in the country context to address challenges in the rural sector? How can social enterprise improve enabling conditions and develop markets? How can new partnerships be fostered? What can this be promoted through SREP and other international financing sources? How can this be reflected in Future SREP IPs?

1:00 pm – 5:45 pm ***Field Visit to Villi-Male’ organized by the Government of Maldives***

Participants will tour solar PV installations at two locations on Villi-Male’ and learn about the Government’s efforts to promote the use of solar power to replace diesel for electricity generation on its many dispersed islands. Participants will also learn about some of the environmental challenges facing residents of the country’s low-lying islands, including waste management, access to safe drinking water and coastal erosion.