

CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

February 5, 2009

Summary of the Co-Chairs
PPCR Sub-Committee Meeting
January 27-28, 2009

Co-Chairs
Robin Davies, Australia
Sami Sofan, Yemen

Agenda Item 1. Opening of the Meeting

1. The meeting was opened by the Co-Chairs, Robin Davies (Australia) and Sami Sofan (Yemen).

Agenda Item 2. Adoption of the agenda

2. The meeting approved the provisional agenda proposed in document PPCR/SC.2/1/Rev.1.

Agenda Item 3. Acceptance of offer to participate: Template to be submitted for Pilot Programs

3. The Sub-Committee reviewed and approved document PPCR/SC.2/3, *Country Acceptance of Offer to Participate in the PPCR*, subject to comments made by the Sub-Committee.

4. In approving the document, the following observations were highlighted:

- (a) it was recognized that the template would need to be adjusted for regional programs,
- (b) it should be clarified that the private sector should be involved in the PPCR process,
- (c) the MDBs should be prepared to provide assistance to countries to complete the country acceptance, if so requested, and
- (d) It is expected that the time required for completing the template would be between six to eight weeks.

Agenda Item 5. Report of the PPCR Expert Group: Proposal for Selection of Pilot Programs

5. Document PPCR/SC.2/5, *Report of the PPCR Expert Group: Proposal for Selection of Pilot Programs*, was introduced by three experts from the PPCR Expert Group: the Expert Group Co-Chairs, Saleemul Huq and Ian Burton, and Nick Brooks, a member of the group.

6. After the introduction of the report, the Sub-Committee held a question and answer session with the experts. The Sub-Committee expressed its appreciation for the high quality, substantive work that had been carried out by the group, noting that it provided a solid, analytical basis for selecting the pilot programs.

7. The Sub-Committee agreed to focus its attention on the priority list proposed by the Experts Group. On the basis of the recommendations of the Expert Group, the Sub-Committee agreed to invite the following countries to participate in the PPCR:

1. Bangladesh,
2. Bolivia,
3. Cambodia,
4. Mozambique,
5. Nepal,
6. Niger,
7. Tajikistan,
8. Zambia.

8. With regard to the recommendation of the Expert Group that regional programs be developed for the Caribbean and South Pacific regions, the Sub-Committee requested the expert group to undertake further analysis, in collaboration with the MDBs and relevant regional organizations, with a view to recommending which cluster of countries should be included in each regional program. To assist the Expert Group in this work, the Administrative Unit, working with the MDB Committee, is requested to prepare further guidance to clarify the proposed objectives, organization and modalities of regional programs, indicating what kinds of activities or program components could best be undertaken at the regional level, what kinds of activities and program components would be better suited to implementation at the country level, and what would be the benefits, synergies and potential lessons to be learned from a regional approach.

9. The Sub-Committee also agreed that it is important to ensure an appropriate regional balance in the selection of pilots, and it requested the Expert Group to undertake further analysis of the countries in the Middle East and North Africa region with a view to adding a priority country from that region to the pilot program.

10. The Expert Group was invited to come back to the Sub-Committee with additional recommendations as early as possible. It was agreed that the Expert Group should finalize its report once the Sub-Committee had completed its selection of the pilot programs. The final report should be published on the website of the Administrative Unit.

11. The Sub-Committee agreed that for the purposes of initial discussions with proposed pilot countries it could be indicated to each country pilot country that the median level of funding available to pilot countries would be approximately \$US50 million, approximately half of which was likely to be available in grant form. It was reiterated that no country would be obliged to accept concessional loan financing as a condition of receiving grants.

Agenda Item 4. Programming design and financing for PPCR

12. The Sub-Committee was presented a power point, *PPCR Programming Design and Financing*, document PPCR/SC.2/4, as a basis for an exchange of views on the programming modalities and financing for the PPCR.

13. The Sub-Committee agreed that the programming principles presented on the power point provided a sound basis for elaborating upon the programming and financial modalities for

the PPCR. The Sub-Committee raised the following comments to be taken into consideration in the further development of the programming paper:

- (a) the PPCR should be country-led, and should be undertaken in the broader context of sustainable development and poverty reduction;
- (b) a primary objective of the PPCR is to mainstream climate resilience in development planning with a focus on the upstream planning process: the time and effort required to achieve successful high level policy coordination should not be underestimated;
- (c) reporting requirements under the PPCR should be clarified;
- (d) implementation of the PPCR will need to be country specific, and the programming paper will need to be sufficiently flexible to adapt to country circumstances; and
- (e) more consideration is required to guide resource allocation, and in particular, what activities/components are suitable for grants and what activities may usefully be supported by highly concessional loans.

14. The Sub-Committee recognized that the programming paper is closely related to the performance measurement framework that is being developed by a working group chaired by Canada for consideration by the Sub-Committee at its meeting in May 2009. The Sub-Committee agreed that the two papers should be elaborated in parallel.

15. The Sub-Committee requested the Administrative Unit to prepare guidance for the initial joint missions to the identified pilot countries for review and approval by mail so as not to delay the launching of such missions to countries that complete their Acceptance of the Offer to participate in the PPCR.

Agenda Item 6. Other Business

16. In light of the excellent work that had been achieved by the PPCR Expert Group tasked with preparing recommendations for the selection of pilot programs, the Administrative Unit was requested to prepare a note for consideration at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee on the use of expert advisors. The note should address the scope of future work that might benefit from such advisory services, options for obtaining expert advice (e.g., on an ad hoc basis or through a standing committee) and the budget implications of each option.

17. The co-Chairs invited the Sub-Committee Members to elect two co-chairs for the next six month period (beginning April 15). In accordance to the design of the PPCR approved by the SCF Trust Fund Committee, “the PPCR Sub-Committee will elect its own co-chairs from among the PPCR Members for a six month term; provided that one co-chair will be a representative of a contributor country, and the other co-chair will be a representative of a recipient country.” The Trust Fund Committee Members agreed that the Sub-Committee Members should carry out further consultations with a view to proposing candidates for the co-chairs for approval by mail.

Agenda Item 7. Closing of the meeting

18. The meeting was closed on January 28.