

# CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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Summary of the Chair

Meeting of the Sub-Committee for the Program for Scaling Up  
Renewable Energy in Low Income Countries

February 3, 2010

Chair

Katherine Sierra, World Bank

### **Opening of the Meeting**

1. The first meeting of the SREP Sub-Committee was opened by the Co-Chair of the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF), Katherine Sierra.

### **Election of the Co-Chairs**

2. The Sub-Committee members noted that since this was the first meeting of the Sub-Committee, they had insufficient experience and knowledge of the Sub-Committee to make an informed decision on the election of Co-Chairs. Instead, the Sub-Committee requested the SCF Co-Chair to chair the meeting. It was agreed that the contributor country representatives and the recipient country representatives would consult among themselves with a view to selecting Co-Chairs who will serve from their selection through the fourth meeting of the Sub-Committee to be held in September/October 2010. The two groups should notify the CIF Administrative Unit of the Members that have been selected to serve as Co-Chairs in advance of the next meeting.

### **Adoption of the Agenda**

3. The meeting adopted the provisional agenda set forth in document SREP/SC.1/2.

### **Proposed 2010 Work Program for the SREP Sub-Committee**

4. The SREP Sub-Committee reviewed document SREP/SC.1/3, *Proposed 2010 Work Program for the SREP Sub-Committee*, and approves the schedule of meetings and the documents proposed for review at each meeting. For the SREP Results Measurement Framework, the Sub-Committee agrees that, consistent with the work that is moving forward under the SCF Trust Fund Committee to harmonize the results measurement frameworks for all the SCF programs, the Sub-Committee may be able to approve the SREP framework at its meeting in March 2010.

5. The Sub-Committee requests the CIF Administrative Unit to circulate to all Members a list of Sub-Committee Members, with contact information, so as to allow them to communicate with each other intersessionally.

6. The Sub-Committee requests the Administrative Unit, when scheduling meetings, to strive to organize meetings in conjunction with other events that Sub-Committee Members are likely to attend so as to minimize travel.

### **Criteria for Selecting Expert Group Members under SREP, Terms of Reference and Working Modalities**

7. The Sub-Committee reviewed document SREP/SC.1/4, *Criteria for Selecting Expert Group Members under SREP*, and requests the CIF Administrative Unit to revise the proposal for establishing the expert group taking into account the comments made at the meeting. The revised document should be circulated to the Sub-Committee for approval by mail. Comments to be reflected in the revised document include, *inter alia*:

- a) The country experience of an expert is an important factor, and the various experts should have experience from different regions.
- b) The Expert Group should include experts with diverse knowledge of various renewable technologies.
- c) Other areas of expertise/experience important to include are: (i) effective donor coordination, (ii) development economics; (iii) private sector experience specific to the energy sector.

8. In preparing a proposal for the composition of the Expert Group, the MDBs are requested to use their best efforts to meet as many of the criteria as possible, recognizing that the skill mix of the group should collectively serve to address the criteria.

### **Criteria for Selecting Country and Regional Pilots under SREP**

9. The Sub-Committee reviewed the criteria for selecting pilots (document SREP/SC.1/5) and requests the CIF Administrative Unit to revise the criteria taking into account the comments made at the meeting. The revised criteria should be circulated to the Sub-Committee for approval by mail. In revising the criteria, the following points should be considered:

- a) In reviewing countries, the Expert Group should consider the criteria from two perspectives: (i) a countries' willingness to achieve the objectives of the SREP, and (ii) a country's potential and capacity to implement a SREP program.
- b) Paragraph 18(a)(ii) should encompass a relatively broad view of a business environment, such as that contained in the *Doing Business* report.
- c) Paragraph 18(b) should include as a criterion that a country has appropriate institutional capacity to implement the SREP program.
- d) In paragraph 18(b) the existence of a track record should not be a strict criterion. A willingness to advance in the area of renewable energy could be sufficient.
- e) A country's potential and natural conditions for developing renewable energy should be considered.

10. Taking into account the level of financing currently available for SREP and the importance of ensuring that the scale of investment for each pilot is sufficient to have a significant impact in a country, the Sub-Committee agrees that the Expert Group should recommend up to six pilot countries. The Expert Group is also invited to propose a list of up to three additional countries to be considered by the Sub-Committee should additional funds become available or should some of the selected pilots prove not to be feasible.

11. In proposing countries, the Expert Group should give priority consideration to countries that have submitted an expression of interest to be considered as a pilot. The Expert Group should also give preference, if other considerations are equal, to least developed countries which

may include fragile states. With respect to regional balance, the Sub-Committee confirmed that it did not expect each of the World Bank regions to be represented in the recommended list of countries, but the Expert Group is requested to recommend countries from at least three different regions. While regional programs are not favored, it was agreed that there should be flexibility for the Expert Group to recommend a regional grouping of a small number of states if a strong case can be made from an operational perspective.

### **Other Business**

12. No items were raised under other business.

### **Closing**

13. The meeting closed at 1pm.