Summary of the Co-Chairs Meeting of the SREP Sub-Committee May 1, 2013

Co-Chairs Mr. Erastus Wahome, Kenya Mr. Frank van der Vleuten, Netherlands

## **AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING**

1. Mr. Frank van der Vleuten from the Netherlands opened the meeting on behalf of Mr. Jacob Waslander, the outgoing co-chair from the Netherlands.

## **AGENDA ITEM 2. ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS**

- 2. The Sub-Committee elected Mr. Erastus Wahome, the Sub-Committee member from Kenya, and Mr. Jacob Waslander, the Sub-Committee member from the Netherlands, to serve as the co-chairs of the SREP Sub-Committee for an eighteen month term, from May 1, 2013, until the first Sub-Committee meeting after the 2014 Partnership Forum scheduled for November 2014.
- 3. In the absence of Mr. Jacob Waslander, it was agreed that Mr. Frank van der Vleuten from the Netherlands would co-chair the meeting.

## AGENDA ITEM 3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. The Sub-Committee reviewed and approved the provisional agenda set forth in document SREP/SC.9/1 and noted the request by Kenya to discuss coordination meetings of recipient countries under *Other Business*.

#### AGENDA ITEM 4. SEMI-ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT

- 5. The SREP Sub-Committee reviewed the *SREP Semi-Annual Operational Report* (document SREP/SC.9/3) and takes note of the progress that has been made in advancing the work of the SREP in the pilot countries as well as reserve countries. The Sub-Committee requests that members send comments to the CIF Administrative Unit on the format and content of the report so as to continue to improve the clarity of the information provided.
- 6. The Sub-Committee welcomes the information provided by the African Development Bank and the World Bank on the status of the Mali Investment Plan and takes note of their assurances that project development is proceeding. The Sub-Committee requests the MDBs to keep it informed if any further delays should arise.
- 7. The Sub-Committee notes that a significant number of projects scheduled for submission to the Sub-Committee during FY13 were not submitted as proposed. The Sub-Committee further notes the project approval calendar for FY14 and urges the MDBs to work closely with the countries to expedite the preparation and implementation of the projects and to submit project proposals to the Sub-Committee for funding approval in the proposed timeframes.
- 8. The Sub-Committee agrees that steps should be taken to enhance the strategic and effective management of SREP resources similar to efforts under the CTF. In this regard, the Sub-Committee requests the CIF Administrative Unit, in collaboration with the MDB

Committee, to put forward proposals to enhance pipeline management, and in particular to consider: (a) means to speed up preparation and implementation of projects in the pipeline; (b) over-programming; and (c) inclusion of more pilot countries, providing flexibility in relation to the list of reserve countries. These proposals should be submitted to the Sub-Committee for consideration at its meeting in November 2013.

# AGENDA ITEM 5. PROPOSAL FOR REPORTING ON ENABLING ENVIRONMENTS FOR PROMOTING ENERGY INVESTMENTS

- 9. The SREP Sub-Committee welcomes the *Proposal for Reporting on Enabling Environments for Promoting Energy Investments* (document SREP/SC.9/4) and notes its relevance to the agreed SREP Results Framework. The Sub-Committee:
  - a) invites members to submit their written comments on the proposal to the CIF Administrative Unit by May 24, 2013; and
  - b) requests the CIF Administrative Unit and the MDB Committee, taking into account the comments made at the meeting and subsequent written comments, to prepare a revised proposal for circulation and approval by mail. The revised proposal should, among other things, be focused on the SREP countries, including countries on the SREP reserve list, take into account remarks by the Sub-Committee on the tentative list of indicators, clarify the process for engagement of CIF partners and stakeholders in the finalization of the indicators, and should clarify the costing of the proposed activities in SREP countries with a range of funding options. Upon approval of the revised proposal, a request for approval of additional funding in the FY14 country programming allocation should be submitted to the SCF Trust Fund Committee for approval by mail.

## AGENDA ITEM 6. OTHER BUSINESS

- 10. As proposed by the co-chair, the Sub-Committee requests the CIF Administrative Unit to facilitate the organization of a coordination meeting among the recipient country members a day in advance of any Sub-Committee meeting to consult on agenda items to enhance the effectiveness of their participation in the meeting.
- 11. Recognizing that the SREP investment plan for Tanzania is expected to be ready for review by the Sub-Committee in June 2013, and that the Sub-Committee prefers to expedite its endorsement, the Sub-Committee requests the CIF Administrative Unit to consult with the co-chairs on how best to organize the Sub-Committee's process to endorse the investment plan.

# AGENDA ITEM 7. CLOSING

12. The meeting was closed on May 1, 2013.