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Agenda Item 4

REPORT OF THE EXPERT GROUP TO THE PPCR SUB-COMMITTEE ON SELECTION OF NEW PILOT COUNTRIES

(EXECUTIVE SUMMARY)

PROPOSED DECISION

The Sub-Committee welcomes the document PPCR/SC.16/4, *Report of the Expert Group to the PPCR Sub-Committee on Selection of New Pilot Countries*. Based on the recommendations proposed by the PPCR Expert Group, the Sub-Committee approves the following countries to be selected as new PPCR pilot countries (listed in alphabetical order):

- a) ...
- b) ...
- c) ...

The Sub-Committee further agrees that up to [USD XX] may be provided to each of the new pilot countries selected to enable them to take a leadership role in working with the MDBs to develop their full strategic program for climate resilience (SPCRs).

**Report of the Expert Group
for the Selection of New Pilot Countries
under the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience**

**Submitted to the Climate Investment Fund
Administrative Unit**

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Executive Summary

In November 2014, the Climate Investment Fund sub-committee responsible for overseeing the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) agreed to begin a selection process for new candidate countries to join the program. The PPCR Sub-Committee suggested criteria for country eligibility and evaluation, and authorized the CIF Administrative Unit to both contact eligible countries and assemble an Expert Group to review Expressions of Interest (EOIs) received from the countries.

The Expert Group met in Washington DC in March 2015 to refine and apply criteria for scoring and ranking of 33 country and 1 regional EOIs against three overall aspects: vulnerability to climate risks and hazards, enabling environment, and the potential capacity for implementation. A robust approach was used combining analyses of global indices and numerical scoring of EOI narratives. The regional EOI was also assessed against supplemental criteria regarding the added value for proposing a regional approach. Following the face-to-face meeting, the Expert Group communicated virtually and in conference calls to refine their ratings, rankings and recommendations. This report provides key findings from this process along with supplemental analyses that could be of value to the PPCR Sub-Committee in its deliberations.

While there are a number of ways to present the results of the Expert Group process, and detail scoring and ranking tables are provided in the body of the report and two Annexes, the 15 countries with the highest aggregate score (combining all the three evaluation criteria: relatively highest vulnerability, best enabling environment, and best potential capacity for implementation) are shown in the following table. With respect to the MDB regions, 9 are in Africa, 3 in Latin America, 2 in East Asia and 1 is in Central Asia (ECA). Do note that while country scores are reported to one decimal place, the Expert Group believes that a difference in score of 2 full points or less is probably not significant.

Country	TOTAL FINAL SCORE*	RANK	Region
Philippines	78.2	1	EAP
Rwanda	77.9	2	Africa
Ethiopia	76.3	3	Africa
Bhutan	76.0	4	EAP
Uganda	74.3	5	Africa
Honduras	73.8	6	LAC
Kyrgyz Republic	73.5	7	ECA
Madagascar	73.3	8	Africa
Malawi	72.0	9	Africa
Gambia	71.7	10	Africa
Guyana	71.5	11	LAC
Guatemala	71.2	12	LAC
Benin	70.9	13	Africa
Kenya	69.8	14	Africa
Burundi	69.2	15	Africa

The Expert Group recognizes that there was only a limited amount of time for countries to submit their EOIs and for the group to review, rate and rank them. Nevertheless, the group appreciates the careful thought given to the criteria by the PPCR Sub-Committee, which greatly helped focus its efforts.

The Expert Group also recognizes that the final decision regarding selection of countries is a complex policy choice that involves balancing multiple objectives and priorities, and the Group hopes that the disaggregated and detailed information presented in this report will support an informed judgment. The group stands ready to further assist the PPCR Sub-Committee in this process as requested within the context of its mission.