

Comments from WRI on Approval by Mail: Chile Large-Scale Photo-Voltaic Program (IDB/IFC)

Dear Patricia,

Many thanks for sharing the public information document for this Program and for the opportunity to comment. The World Resources Institute (WRI) has prepared some reactions in its capacity as the developed country CSO Observer on the Clean Technology Fund Committee - please find them attached.

Kind regards,
Milap Patel

Addressing Structural Barriers

- The program identifies several financial and institutional barriers for solar projects in Chile but it only addresses financial barriers without clarify how the institutional barriers, which are important for replication and longer term sustainability, will be addressed
- Descriptions of support for advisory services and knowledge management initiatives targeting local financing institutions or capacity building of project sponsors could demonstrate how such structural, institutional barriers are addressed¹
- While it is not necessary for the LSPVP program to address these technical and capacity building elements within the program itself, it needs to clarify whether these barriers are being adequately addressed elsewhere to demonstrate longer-term sustainability and reduced need for subsidies

Development Impact

- The program does not demonstrate how the proposed interventions will help accelerate access to energy services, specifically for the poorest and most vulnerable sections of society²

Performance Indicators

- It remains unclear which performance indicators in the CTF Results Framework will be tracked particularly outcome indicators: (B1) avoided GHG emissions and (B2) increased finance for low carbon development mobilized that are required for all projects and programs³

¹ Point (iii) under paragraph 10, page 3 of the [CTF Private Sector Operations Guidelines](#) requires that such information is included; Paragraph 3 of Annex C - Principles of Using Concessional Funding of the Clean Technology Fund of the Operational Guidelines states that project-related technical assistance is often the most effective and least distortionary way of removing institutional barriers to projects and reduce the need for investment subsidies

² Paragraph 20, page 8 of the [CTF Investment Criteria for Public Sector Operations](#) – to which the Private Sector Operational Guidelines refer on Development Impact

³ Point (xii) of the CTF Private Sector Operational Guidelines