

# CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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**[APPROVAL BY MAIL] RWANDA: RENEWABLE ENERGY FUND PROJECT  
(WORLD BANK) (SREP)-- XSRERW058A  
COMMENTS FROM SWITZERLAND**

## **Objection:**

We thank the WB and the GoR for their responses to our comments. Unfortunately these brought no improvement in key areas of the identified issues, including the co-financing (lev-erage factor) and the focus on mini-grids/productive use of energy.

As the project does thus not hold up to expectations created by the endorsed Investment Plan, Switzerland objects to the approval of the proposed financing.

Switzerland would be ready to support the project under the following conditions:

1. The grant allocation is reduced to a maximum of USD 10 million. As a grant-only contributor, Switzerland does not comment on the non-grant allocation. The expected lev-erage factor should be recalculated, including expected reflows over a period of 5 years (or the period over which the SREP funding is expected to be absorbed) and the Results Framework should be adjusted accordingly.
2. A mechanism is introduced in the REF design to allow a stronger focus on mini-grids and larger off-grid systems allowing productive uses of energy (i.e. by businesses) with a target (not earmarking) of 30% of the SREP funding in the REF going to these activities. The expected outcomes in the Results Framework should be adjusted according to this target.

In order to find a way forward for the approval of this project, Switzerland suggests that the CIF Administration Unit brings the subject in front of the SREP Sub-Committee and requests the sub-committee to address it, preferably in an inter-sessional virtual meeting.