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PPCR PROGRESS REPORT

Proposed Trust Fund Committee Decision

The Trust Fund Committee reviewed the *PPCR Progress Report*, document SCF/TFC.3/3, and takes note of the important progress that had been made in selecting the countries to be invited to participate in the pilot program. The Trust Fund Committee recognizes with appreciation the countries that have responded positively to the invitation to participate by completing an *Acceptance of Offer to Participate* template.

The Committee notes that the expert group will be submitting additional recommendations to the Sub-Committee on the selection of a pilot country from the MENA region as well as on the cluster of countries to be invited to participate in the regional programs for the Caribbean and the South Pacific. The Committee requests that the expert group report be made public once the group finalizes its work.

The Trust Fund Committee notes that the PPCR Sub-Committee at its meeting this May will consider the main programming documents for the PPCR and encourages the countries and the MDBs, on the basis of the approved documents, to move forward as expeditiously as possible to begin operations under the program.

Introduction

1. At its meeting in November 2008, the SCF Trust Fund Committee approved the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) as a target program for the Strategic Climate Fund. A first progress report was submitted to the Strategic Climate Fund- Trust Fund Committee at its meeting in January, 2009. The present report describes activities undertaken during the period from February 1 to April 25, 2009.

Selection of Pilot Programs

2. As reported in the previous progress report, the PPCR Expert Group presented its draft report and provided recommendations on the selection of pilot programs to the PPCR-SC at the meeting in January 2009. Based on the PPCR Expert Group recommendations and discussions of the PPCR-SC, the PPCR-SC selected the following eight countries to be invited to participate in the PPCR: **Bangladesh, Bolivia, Cambodia, Niger, Mozambique, Nepal, Tajikistan, and Zambia.**

3. Two regional pilot programs and one additional country pilot are still to be selected. As recommended by the Expert Group, the two regional programs will comprise a cluster of countries to be selected from within the **Caribbean and South Pacific regions**, and an additional country pilot is to be selected from the **Middle East and North Africa Region** (MENA) region. The PPCR Expert Group is undertaking additional analytical work and will provide its recommendations to the PPCR-SC which is expected to complete its selection of pilot programs at its meeting in May.

Country Confirmation

4. Governments of all eight selected pilot countries were invited to indicate their interest to participate in the PPCR by submitting a completed *Acceptance of Offer to Participate* template. It will be recalled that the template was approved by the PPCR-SC at its meeting in January 2009.¹ The completed templates for Bangladesh, Bolivia, Mozambique, Nepal, Niger and Zambia have been forwarded to the PPCR-SC for confirmation of the respective pilot country. After being confirmed, the country governments and the MDBs will be informed. The governments of confirmed countries together with the relevant MDBs may then start to prepare for a joint mission to the country to initiate work (see section on Joint Mission Note below).

5. It is expected that the two remaining templates (Cambodia and Tajikistan) will be presented shortly to the PPCR-SC confirmation, possibly at its meeting in May.

¹ See document PPCR/SC.2/3, *Country Acceptance of Offer to Participate in the PPCR*.

Joint Mission Note

6. *Guidelines for Joint Missions to Design PPCR Pilot Programs* have been prepared by the CIF Administrative Unit in collaboration with the MDB committee and forwarded to the PPCR-SC for approval by mail.

Guidance Note on PPCR Regional Programs

7. To assist the Expert Group in developing recommendations for the selection of countries to participate in the regional programs for the Caribbean and South Pacific, the Administrative Unit, working with the MDB Committee, was requested to prepare further guidance to clarify the proposed objectives, organization and modalities of regional programs, indicating what kinds of activities or program components could best be undertaken at the regional level, what kinds of activities and program components would be better suited to implementation at the country level, and what would be the benefits, synergies and potential lessons to be learned from a regional approach. A *Guidance Note on PPCR Regional Programs* was reviewed by the PPCR-SC and approved in April, 2009. This note was submitted to the Expert Group to guide its work in recommending countries to participate in the regional programs.

Next Steps

8. The provisional agenda for the PPCR-SC meeting on May 14-15 includes the following:

- (a) election of PPCR-SC Co-chair from recipient countries;
- (b) presentation of the additional report by the PPCR Expert Group;
- (c) Programming Guidance Note for the PPCR;
- (d) PPCR Results Framework (based on a working group chaired by Canada);
- (e) selection of three remaining pilot programs (MENA country based program and two regional programs, for the Caribbean and South Pacific);
- (f) Note on role of expert advisors in the PPCR;
- (g) Update on the self selection of observers.