

**SECOND ROUND  
PPCR PRIVATE SECTOR SET-ASIDE PROJECT  
CONCEPTS REVIEW REPORT**

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## THE REVIEW PROCESS

- Experts independently Reviewed and Scored the concepts prior to their meeting in Washington DC
- Secondly, the Team interviewed the MDBs to clarify issues that needed further insight
- The Experts then sat to discuss and score the proposals
- Experts then agreed on the Final recommendations for submission
- Finally, the Chair prepared the Final Report which was then reviewed, verified and endorsed by all the Team Members before submitting it to the CIF.

## THE SCORING METHODOLOGY

- In the Report of the First Round of the PPCR Private Sector Set Aside Programme, the Experts Group recommended for the Score Card to be reviewed to increase its effectiveness. The recommendation was subsequently approved by the Sub-Committee and the score card was revised. This report is based on the revised procedures and criteria.
- The specific scoring methodology used, worked as follows, the Experts Group assigned a rating of 1-5, for each project criterion, which was then weighted according to the specifications given in the procedures. The maximum total score for each proposal was 5.

## EXPERT GROUP'S FURTHER COMMENT ON THE SCORING METHODOLOGY

In general, the method seems to work well. The weighting, vulnerability indicator, and other adjustments implemented by the CIFs AU since Round 1 have been very helpful. Notwithstanding the improvements that were made, the Experts Team was of the view that the Scorecard could perhaps improve further.

In particular, the first indicator created some confusion for the Team, and perhaps for project proponents as well. On the one hand, the indicator refers to the projects' links to the countries' SPCRs, but its sub-indicators refer primarily to global-level PPCR priorities.

It seemed, to the Team that creating an indicator around implementation arrangements, for instance, could likely help improve the effectiveness of the methodology. At the very least, it might prompt project proponents to pay greater attention to this important point in the development of their proposals.

# CONCEPT PROPOSALS REVIEWED BY THE EXPERTS

COUNTRY	CONCEPT PROPOSAL	SCORE ACHIEVED	DECISION TAKEN
<b>BOLIVIA</b>	Financial Risk Management for climate Resilience in the Agriculture Sector	<b>4.45</b>	<b>Recommend with Conditions</b>
<b>CAMBODIA</b>	Integrated Climate-resilient Rice Value Chain Community Project	<b>4.40</b>	<b>Recommend with Conditions</b>
<b>CAMBODIA</b>	Rainwater Harvesting and Drip Irrigation for High-Value Crop Production in Cambodia	<b>4.40</b>	<b>Recommend with Conditions</b>
<b>BOLIVIA</b>	Microfinance and Climate Resilience for Smallholder Farmers in Bolivia	<b>3.80</b>	<b>Recommend with Conditions</b>
<b>BOLIVIA</b>	Building Climate Resilience in Small Livestock Producers in the Bolivian Chaco Region	<b>3.35</b>	<b>Refer Back for further Development</b>
<b>BOLIVIA</b>	Inclusive Finance to Improve Climate Resilience of Bolivian Agricultural Producers	<b>3.25</b>	<b>Refer Back for further Development</b>
<b>JAMAICA</b>	Climate-Resilient Power Infrastructure	<b>3.15</b>	<b>Refer Back for further Development</b>
<b>AFRICA REGIONAL</b>	Africa SME Climate Resilience Program	<b>1.85</b>	<b>Not Recommended; but with a <i>Call</i> for CIF to reflect on suitable criteria to use in this case.</b>

# SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

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## FOCUSED RECOMMENDATIONS/OBSERVATIONS

Based on the number of proposals received; and on conversations with the MDBs, the experts group felt that the PPCR private-sector set-aside remains less appealing to the private sector than it should. Recommendations to address these challenges include:

- Better alignment and integration of the private sector part of the program with the public sector side
- Use of technical assistance and training to raise awareness of climate change in the private sector and build capacity to make use of PPCR funding
- Better communication and engagement among the full spectrum of the CIFs actors with the private sector.



**THANK YOU**