

CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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SREP INVESTMENT PLAN FOR RWANDA

WORLD BANK RESPONSE TO UK COMMENTS

1. We would like to see the IP contain a section that explains explicitly how the SREP investment criteria are met and that note the points made by the independent reviewer.

Response: Attached is the revised Rwanda IP, which incorporates a new section on responsiveness to SREP criteria. The points made by the independent reviewer are addressed on Appendix 8.

2. We note the points made about the institutional arrangements being hosted “under existing financing arrangements” and note that the final decision regarding the institutional structure will be made at a later date. We would like to see a timeframe for this decision and details of the criteria and process that will guide this decision.

Response: The process and criteria for selecting a hosting financial institution and/or mechanism for the Renewable Energy Fund (REF) will be developed, discussed and agreed by the Government and relevant stakeholders during project preparation stage. The objective will be to identify among existing financial institutions and/or mechanism (e.g., Development Bank of Rwanda, FONERWA) the host that will be most capable of delivering the objectives envisioned for the REF. In determining the criteria, the Government will incorporate lessons learned from other countries in the region while implementing and managing similar funds (e.g., Uganda, Tanzania). The Government intends to use SREP project preparation grant funds to conduct capacity assessment of existing financial institutions and/or mechanisms, complete lessons learned assessment, and develop the above-mentioned criteria.