

SREP pilot countries meeting

*Monday, 20 June, 2011
Cape Town, South Africa*

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

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Guide to the program of the meeting

The second meeting of pilot countries participating in the Scaling-up Renewable Energy Program (SREP) will take place on Monday, 20 June, 2011 at the Cape Town International Conference Center, Cape Town, South Africa.

Pilot countries participating in the SREP are advancing towards the preparation of investment plans, with some joint missions having already taken place. The objective of this meeting is to provide technical input to countries in support of the preparation of investment plans.

A poster exhibition has been organized to provide a space for pilot countries to share information relating to their implementation of the SREP with participants of the pilot country meetings and the Partnership Forum. All pilot countries will prepare posters that highlight their progress towards low-emissions and climate-resilient development through the CIF.

1 Opening and updates

1.1 Registration will start at 8.30 a.m. and the meeting at 9 a.m. It will be moderated by the African Development bank, the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank.

1.2 As an introduction to the meeting, each pilot country will be invited to provide a 5 minute update on progress achieved towards the development of investment plans.

2 Reporting on results

2.1 The objective of this segment will be to initiate a dialogue on the approach to implement the SREP results framework. In particular, this segment aims to:

- Seek feedback from pilot countries on the process to use the results framework in their investment plans and in designing and implementing individual projects
- Provide a space for pilot countries to inform each other of their existing national monitoring and evaluation (M&E) systems
- Discuss roles and responsibilities with regards to the implementation of results frameworks
- Discuss approaches to be applicable across pilot countries to establish baselines for their investment plans

2.2 This segment will start with a 15 minute presentation of the SREP Results Framework and the M&E guidelines, followed by questions from the audience.

2.3 After this presentation, three break-out groups will be established. Each break-out group will be requested to discuss the M&E guidelines, in particular, roles and responsibilities, and how to incorporate the results frameworks in the investment plan, taking into account national M&E systems.

Participants will also be invited to share their experiences with national M&E systems. To facilitate this discussion, pilot country representatives will be invited to come prepared with a brief summary of their own M&E systems.

- 2.4 Break out groups will meet for 45 minutes. This will be followed by a report back of the discussion. A rapporteur from each group should provide a 5 minute summary of the discussions.

3 A strategic approach to formulating investment plans

3.1 Pilot countries are already in the preparation stage of developing their investment plans. This session has the objective of reaching a common understanding of the next programming steps in the implementation of the SREP and the role of SREP investments within the broader national development context

3.2 The meeting will start with a brief presentation by the CIF Admin Unit. This presentation will be focused on the stage of the programming process which pilot countries are currently in and will present the near term steps that need to be taken in the process of developing investment plans. Pilot countries will have an opportunity to clarify issues relating to the SREP programming modalities, operational guidelines and financing modalities.

3.3 After the presentation, pilot countries will be invited to discuss how investment plans could be formulated with a view to supporting a broader national development agenda:

- What should the scope of investment plans be to ensure that they initiate transformational change?
- How do pilot countries see their investment plan fitting into their longer term goals?
- What analyses could be undertaken so that investment plans respond, not only to the need for increasing electricity access, but also for promoting economic opportunities for the poor?

4 Gender aspects of renewable energy investments

4.1 Adequately addressing gender issues is essential for the success of the investment plans. Trust Fund Committee and Sub-committee members have stressed the importance of addressing opportunities and challenges relating to gender within the SREP. As most pilot countries are in the process of preparing their investment strategies, this session will provide a forum for countries and MDBs to discuss how best to integrate gender considerations within their investment plans.

4.2 The objective of this session will be to exchange views, and ask questions on, how to integrate practical gender-mainstreaming approaches and instruments in the development of SREP investment plans and projects.

4.3 This segment will start with a presentation by the United Nations Development Program and the International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy (ENERGIA) to provide an overview of the gender and energy linkages in low-income countries and to share practical tools and materials on how

to effectively consider gender and involve women in the design and implementation of renewable energy programs and projects.

4.4 After the presentation, pilot countries will have an opportunity to share examples of specific activities they have planned or implemented to identify and address gender and energy linkages in their investment plans. Pilot countries and MDBs will be invited to discuss the following questions:

- What are women's practical, productive, and strategic energy needs, and how can SREP investments help in meeting them?
- What are some specific approaches and instruments for empowering women through potential SREP activities?

5 Knowledge management and lessons learned

5.1 At the last meeting, a representative from Bangladesh was invited to brief the SREP on lessons learned during the preparation of their Strategic Program for Climate Resilience. This South-South exchange across CIF programs was perceived by pilot countries as an effective means to learn from each other.

5.2 In view of the relevance of lessons learned in the PPCR to the SREP, further exchanges between these two programs will continue to take place. A learning brief compiling main lessons learned across PPCR countries during the design and early implementation phases was recently completed. This short segment will start with a presentation of this brief by Erik Winter Reed. The presentation will focus on lessons relating to country programming, program and investment financing, and collaboration with other stakeholders.

5.3 After a questions and answer session, participants will be invited to discuss the following questions:

- What type of country leadership is necessary for achieving effective SREP results?
- Is inter-ministerial cooperation a prerequisite for succeeding in the SREP? What Ministries should be involved in the programming and implementation phase?
- What capacity is required at the government level for a successful implementation of the SREP?

6 Consideration of technical issues

6.1 In view of the need to support pilot countries in the development of their investment plans, a series of discussions on technical issues relevant to the planning of renewable energy investments has been organized.

Part I: Assessing climate risk of renewable energy investments

6.2 The objective of this part is to raise awareness among pilot countries on the potential implications of climate change over the sustainability of renewable energy investments. The CIF Administrative

Unit will introduce this topic and will present to pilot countries an approach and tools to assess and manage climate change risk of renewable energy.

- 6.3 After this introduction, pilot countries will be invited to share views on the value of assessing climate risk of renewable energy technologies as part of the process of developing their investment plans. The Global Support Program is in a position to assist countries with methodologies and data to undertake their own climate risk assessments of renewable energy investments.

Part II: Renewable energy technologies

- 6.4 In defining the envelope of projects to be financed through their investment plans, pilot countries will need to have a clear idea of the potential for implementing and scaling-up renewable energy technologies in line with their development agendas.
- 6.5 The second part of this segment has the objective of providing technical information to pilot countries on this topic. An expert on renewable energy technologies will deliver a presentation on the potential of renewable energy to secure energy supply in least developed countries and will describe cutting-edge technologies with the potential to be scaled-up in these countries.
- 6.6 The expert will be available for about 45 minutes to answer questions from countries relating to renewable energy technologies.

Part III: Policies for promoting renewable energy

- 6.7 Some pilot countries may decide to use SREP resources to develop policy frameworks to provide incentives and create the capacity to implement and scale-up renewable energy. UNDP/UNEP has been invited to deliver a presentation on this topic.
- 6.8 Pilot countries will have an opportunity to ask questions to the representative from UNEP/UNDP, with a view to having a clear view on whether, and how, to include policy formulation and institutional capacity building as components of their investment plans.

Part IV: Financial tools for scaling-up renewable energy

- 6.9 The final part of the last segment will be devoted to understanding financial tools that could be used to implement and scale-up renewable energy technologies with an emphasis on the potential of SREP resources, including for attracting co-financing. MDBs will deliver a presentation on this topic.
- 6.10 In developing investment plans, pilot countries need a general vision of the financial tools available to channel SREP resources into concrete investments. MDBs will be at the disposal of pilot countries to answer any questions relating to available and innovative financial tools that could become part of their investment plans.

7 Closing

At the closing segment, the moderators will provide a summary of main points raised. Participants will be invited to provide additional comments to this summary and to elect a representative to report on the results of the meeting to the SREP Sub-Committee and the Partnership Forum.