

Summary of the Co-Chairs
Meeting of the SREP Sub-Committee
June 27, 2014

Co-Chairs
Mr. Erastus Wahome, Kenya
Mr. Jacob Waslander, Netherlands

AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING

1. The meeting was opened by the Co-Chairs of the SREP Sub-Committee, Erastus Wahome, the SREP member from Kenya, and Jacob Waslander, the SREP member from the Netherlands.

AGENDA ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2. A *Provisional Agenda* for consideration by the meeting of the Sub-Committee was circulated as document SREP/SC.11/1.Rev.2. In approving the agenda, the Sub-Committee added an agenda item, “Rules and Procedures, including Administrative and Logistical Issue”.

AGENDA ITEM 3. SREP SEMI-ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT

3. The SREP Sub-Committee reviewed document SREP/SC.11/3, *SREP Semi-Annual Operational Report*, takes note of the progress that has been made to advance work in the SREP pilot and reserve countries, and requests that the report be revised to capture corrections made during the meeting. The Sub-Committee noted its concerns about the slow rate of disbursement and urges the MDBs to work closely with governments and other stakeholders in the SREP countries to expedite the preparation and implementation of SREP-funded projects and programs.

4. The Sub-Committee members are invited to submit comments and ideas to the CIF Administrative Unit regarding a more helpful presentation of SREP data and project information, and the Sub-Committee requests the CIF Administrative Unit to report back at the next Sub-Committee meeting.

5. Sub-Committee members are invited to submit written comments to the World Bank on the presentation made on the Readiness for Investment in Sustainable Energy (RISE), and the Sub-Committee invites the World Bank to make a fuller presentation of the RISE outcomes at its meeting in November 2014, with a view to a more in-depth discussion and a consideration of next steps.

AGENDA ITEM 4. SREP INVESTMENT PLAN FOR ARMENIA

6. The SREP Sub-Committee, having reviewed document SREP/SC.11/4, *SREP Investment Plan for Armenia*, dated June 2014:

- a) endorses the investment plan as a basis for the further development of the projects and programs foreseen in the plan and takes note of the request for USD 40 million in SREP funding. The Sub-Committee requests the Government of Armenia, in the further development of the proposed projects and programs, to take into account comments made at the meeting and any additional written comments submitted by Sub-Committee members by July 11, 2014, and to respond in writing to questions raised during the meeting and in subsequent written comments.

- b) re-confirms its decision on the allocation of resources, adopted at its meeting in November 2010, that all allocation amounts are indicative for planning purposes and that approval of funding will be on the basis of high quality investment plans and projects.
- c) approves a total of USD 2,300,000 in SREP funding as preparation grants for the following projects to be developed under the investment plan:
 - i. USD 300,000 for the project entitled, *Geothermal Development* (World Bank); and
 - ii. USD 2,000,000 for the project entitled, *Development of Utility-Scale Solar PV* (ADB and World Bank).¹
- d) takes note of the estimated budget of USD 300,000 for MDB project preparation and supervision services for the project entitled, *Geothermal Development* (World Bank), and approves USD 100,000 as a first tranche of funding for such services.
- e) further takes note of the estimated budget of USD 640,000 for MDB project preparation and supervision services for the project entitled, *Development of Utility-Scale Solar PV* (ADB and World Bank), and approves USD 200,000 as a first tranche of funding for such services (USD 100,000 for ADB and USD 100,000 for the World Bank).

AGENDA ITEM 5. REPORT OF THE EXPERT GROUP TO THE SREP SUB-COMMITTEE ON SELECTION OF NEW PILOT COUNTRIES

7. The Sub-Committee welcomes the very strong response shown by 40 countries in responding to the invitation to submit an expression of interest to benefit from SREP. The Sub-Committee reviewed the *Report of the Expert Group to the SREP Sub-Committee on Selection of New Pilot Countries* (document SREP/SC.11/6) and based on the recommendations proposed by the SREP Expert Group, the Sub-Committee approves the following countries to be selected as new SREP pilot countries (listed in alphabetical order):

1. Bangladesh
2. Benin
3. Cambodia
4. Ghana
5. Haiti
6. Kiribati
7. Lesotho
8. Madagascar

¹ The USD 2,000,000 grant for project preparation, feasibility studies, site measurement and monitoring will be implemented by ADB.

9. Malawi
10. Nicaragua
11. Rwanda
12. Sierra Leone
13. Uganda
14. Zambia

8. The Sub-Committee further agrees that up to USD 300,000 may be provided to each of the selected countries to enable them to take a leadership role in working with the MDBs to develop their full investment plans.

9. The Sub-Committee recognizes that at present there is not sufficient funding under SREP to finance the projects and programs that may be proposed in the investment plans but notes its expectation that there will be climate finance available to fund high-quality projects and programs.

10. The decision does not prejudice the discussion of the CIF sunset clause scheduled for the Joint Meeting of the CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees in November 2014.

11. The Sub-Committee agrees to continue the preparation of an independent technical review of each investment plan and asks the CIF Administrative Unit, in consultation with the MDBs, to propose steps to make them more effective in light of the findings of the independent evaluation.

AGENDA ITEM 6. SREP INVESTMENT PLAN FOR SOLOMON ISLANDS

12. The SREP Sub-Committee, having reviewed document SREP/SC.11/5, *SREP Investment Plan for Solomon Islands*:

- a) endorses the investment plan as a basis for the further development of the projects and programs foreseen in the plan and takes note of the request for USD 14 million in SREP funding. The Sub-Committee requests the Government of Solomon Islands, in the further development of the proposed projects and programs, to take into account comments made at the meeting and any additional written comments submitted by Sub-Committee members by July 11, 2014, and to respond in writing to questions raised during the meeting and in subsequent written comments.
- b) re-confirms its decision on the allocation of resources, adopted at its meeting in November 2010, that all allocation amounts are indicative for planning purposes and that approval of funding will be on the basis of high quality investment plans and projects.
- c) approves a total of USD 1,500,000 in SREP funding as preparation grants for the following projects to be developed under the investment plan:

- i. USD 500,000 for the project entitled, *Regional Energy Access* (World Bank); and
 - ii. USD 1,000,000 for the project entitled, *Solar Power Development* (ADB).
- d) takes note of the estimated budget of USD 428,000 for MDB project preparation and supervision services for the project entitled, *Regional Energy Access* (World Bank) and approves USD 170,000 as a first tranche of funding for such services.
- e) further takes note of the estimated budget of USD 428,000 for MDB project preparation and supervision services for the project entitled, *Solar Power Development* (ADB), and approves USD 170,000 as a first tranche of funding for such services.

AGENDA ITEM 7. SREP SET-ASIDE

13. The Sub-Committee takes note of the challenges and lessons learned in the implementation of the current modalities of the set-aside program and looks forward to a fuller discussion at its meeting in November 2014 based on the assessment of the SCF set-asides currently under preparation.

AGENDA ITEM 8. RULES AND PROCEDURES, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL ISSUES

14. The Sub-Committee requests the CIF Administrative Unit to circulate to all Sub-Committee members information on the World Bank travel rules and procedures and how these are applied to travel of Sub-Committee members funded by the CIF Administrative Unit.

AGENDA ITEM 10. CLOSING

15. The meeting was closed at 8:00 p.m. on June 27, 2014.