

CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

November 7, 2013

Summary of the Co-Chairs
Meeting of the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience Sub-Committee
November 1, 2013

Co-Chairs

Mr. Ilhom Rajabov, Tajikistan
Ms. Abigail Demopulos, United States

AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING

1. The meeting of the PPCR Sub-Committee was opened by the co-chairs, Mr. Ilhom Rajabov, the Sub-Committee member from Tajikistan, and Ms. Abigail Demopulos, the Sub-Committee member from the United States.

AGENDA ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

2. The PPCR Sub-Committee approved the provisional agenda, document PPCR/SC.13/1.

AGENDA ITEM 3. PPCR SEMI-ANNUAL OPERATIONAL REPORT

3. The PPCR Sub-Committee reviewed document, PPCR/SC.13/3/Rev.1, *PPCR Semi-Annual Operational Report*, and welcomes the progress that has been made in advancing the work of the PPCR in the pilot countries and regional components. The Sub-Committee particularly appreciates the progress that has been made in: (a) completing the programming phase of the PPCR, (b) submitting projects and program proposals to the Sub-Committee for approval of PPCR funding, and (c) moving towards realistic projections for project and program development.

4. The Sub-Committee welcomes the work that has been initiated to assess the process, experience and lessons learned from the preparation of investment plans and related capacity building by the PPCR and notes that the outcome of the work will be presented to the Sub-Committee for discussion at its next meeting.

5. The Sub-Committee also requests the CIF Administrative Unit to include in the next semi-annual operational report a section on how gender considerations have been included in PPCR projects and programs. In addition, the Sub-Committee requests information on how the five PPCR core indicators are linked to the PPCR investment plans.

6. The Sub-Committee further requests IFC to provide, at the end 2013, an update on the feasibility of the IFC investments which have been in the PPCR pipeline for more than 24 months.

7. The PPCR Sub-Committee takes note of the changes in Cambodia's Strategic Program for Climate Resilience and invites the Government of Cambodia to submit its revised investment plan for endorsement through a decision-by-mail.

AGENDA ITEM 4. REVIEW AND SELECTION OF CONCEPTS TO BE FINANCED FROM THE PPCR PRIVATE SECTOR SET ASIDE

8. The PPCR Sub-Committee reviewed document PPCR/SC.13/4/Rev.1, *Review and Selection of Concepts to be Financed from the PPCR Private Sector Set Aside*, and notes with appreciation the work of the expert group.

9. The PPCR Sub-Committee:

- a) endorses the following project concepts to be further developed for PPCR funding approval:
- i. *Enhancing the Climate Resilience of the Energy Sector (EBRD) in Tajikistan; and*
 - ii. *Small business climate resilience financing facility (EBRD) in Tajikistan.*

The Sub-Committee invites the EBRD to prepare, in collaboration with the project proponents and taking into account any written comments submitted by Sub-Committee members by November 15, 2013, project proposals for approval by mail of PPCR funding.

- b) also endorses, subject to incorporation of conditions set forth in the expert review and resolution of concerns raised by the Sub-Committee in its written comments to be submitted by November 15, 2013, the following project concepts to be further developed for PPCR funding approval:
- i. *Support for the building of a climate resilient sorghum supply chain, (IDB) in Haiti;*
 - ii. *Financing water adaptation in Jamaica's new urban housing sector, (IDB) in Jamaica;*
 - iii. *Lurio Green Resources Forestry Project, (AfDB) in Mozambique; and*
 - iv. *Supporting climate resilient investments in the agricultural sector: provision of small to medium sized loans to farmers, farmer associations, distributors/ wholesalers and processing companies, (IDB) in St. Lucia.*

The Sub-Committee invites the MDBs to prepare, in collaboration with the project proponents, project proposals for approval by mail of PPCR funding.

10. The Sub-Committee requests the CIF Administrative Unit and the MDB Committee to review and revise the procedures, and in particular to elaborate on steps and required administrative resources to communicate the opportunity for funding more effectively, and criteria used for reviewing project concepts, taking into account the comments from the Sub-Committee and the expert group as well as any written comments submitted by members by November 15, 2013. The CIF Administrative Unit is requested to circulate the revised procedures and criteria for Sub-Committee review and approval by mail by the end of November 2013.

11. The Sub-Committee agrees that a second round for selecting project concepts to be developed for funding under the PPCR set aside should be organized after the approval of the

revised criteria. The CIF Administrative Unit is requested to organize the second round in accordance with the agreed revised procedures with a view to the selection of project concepts at the next Sub-Committee meeting. The concepts to be reviewed by the expert group for the second round may include revisions of the two concepts referred back for further development and resubmission (the concept for a regional project: *Supporting adaptation and resilience in Africa*¹, and the concept for Dominica: *Community climate change adaptation projects: coastal zone protection, slope stabilization and livelihood enhancement*) and any new proposals submitted by the end of April 2014. The Sub-Committee notes that at least \$30 million in concessional lending is available for the second round.

AGENDA ITEM 5. APPROACHES AND CRITERIA FOR CONSIDERING POTENTIAL NEW PILOT COUNTRIES

12. The PPCR Sub-Committee welcomes document PPCR/SC.13/5, *Approaches and Criteria for Considering Potential new Pilot Countries*. While the Sub-Committee agrees that it is not timely to consider new countries under the PPCR at this meeting, the Sub-Committee would welcome a broader discussion of how funding could be used effectively should new funds become available.

13. The Sub-Committee also agrees that in addition to new countries or regional pilots, consideration could be given to: (a) deepening existing pilot programs; (b) using existing pilot countries as a “hub” on which to expand to a regional program; (c) more private sector engagement and the use of a different mix of financial instruments, and (d) further rounds under the private sector set aside.

14. The CIF Administrative Unit, in collaboration with the MDB committee, is invited to prepare a paper exploring possibilities for the use of new funds, should they become available under the PPCR, for consideration by the Sub-Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 6. PRESENTATION BY BELIZE

15. The Sub-Committee welcomes the presentation by the Government of Belize on its National Climate Resilience Investment Plan and congratulates the Government of Belize for the high quality plan.

AGENDA ITEM 7. OTHER BUSINESS

16. The Sub-Committee welcomes the presentation of the highlights from the workshop on *Strengthening the Business Case for Climate Resilience*, held on October 31, 2013, in Washington D.C., takes note of the key messages and requests the CIF Administrative Unit to share the proceedings of the workshop as soon as they become available.

¹ The Sub-Committee requested AfDB to consider whether it would be more effective to divide the regional project into a number of smaller projects based in a single country.

17. The Sub-Committee welcomes the updates on the elaboration of operational procedures and modalities of the GCF (document PPCR/SC.13/Inf.5, *Update on the Work of the Board of the Green Climate Fund*).

18. The Sub-Committee notes the request from recipient country members that MDBs seek to maintain staff continuity in their country teams to enable a successful implementation of PPCR projects and programs.

AGENDA ITEM 6. CLOSING

19. The meeting was closed on November 1, 2013.