

Approved my Mail on March 26, 2014

**Approval of Revised Note on Disclosure of Documents Prepared for purposes of the  
Climate Investment Funds**

The CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees approve the technical editorial revisions incorporated in the *Revised Note on Disclosure of Documents Prepared for purposes of the Climate Investment Funds*, dated March 6, 2014.

March 26, 2014

**Approved by mail: Revised Note on Disclosure of Documents Prepared for purposes of the Climate Investment Funds**

Dear CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committee members:

We are writing to you regarding the *Revised Note on Disclosure of Documents Prepared for purposes of the Climate Investment Funds*, dated March 6, 2014 ("Revised Note on Disclosure"), submitted for your review and approval on March 12, 2014.

The time period provided for submission of comments and any objection to the decision has now expired. No objections were received.

We are, therefore, pleased to inform you that the following decision is approved:

**The CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees approve the technical editorial revisions incorporated in the *Revised Note on Disclosure of Documents Prepared for purposes of the Climate Investment Funds*, dated March 6, 2014.**

A copy of the approved document is attached below.

Sincerely,

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March 12, 2014

**Approval by mail: Revised Note on Disclosure of Documents Prepared for purposes of the Climate Investment Funds**

Dear Joint CTF-SCF Trust Fund Committee members:

Please find attached a the *Revised Note on Disclosure of Documents Prepared for purposes of the Climate Investment Funds* dated March 6, 2014 ("Revised Note on Disclosure"). The *Note on Disclosure of Documents prepared for the purposes of the CIF- (CTF-SCF/TFC.2/4)*, was approved by the Joint meeting of the CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees on May 12, 2009.

The World Bank adopted a new Policy on Access to Information, which came into effect on July 1, 2010 and replaced the 2002 Disclosure Policy. In order to reflect this change and accommodate all future changes, the specific reference to the 2002 Disclosure Policy was changed to a general reference to the World Bank's policy on disclosure of information that is currently in force.

Under the 2002 Disclosure Policy, the World Bank's approach has been to explicitly spell out what documents the World Bank discloses to the public ("positive list"). The 2010 Access to Information Policy is a pivotal shift in the World Bank's approach to making information available to the public. Under the new policy, the World Bank will disclose any information in its possession that is not on a list of exceptions ("negative list"). Since none of the exceptions apply to CIF-related documents, analogies between disclosable World Bank documents and CIF-related documents are not necessary anymore to justify the disclosure of CIF-related documents. Hence, these analogies were deleted to avoid redundancies.

The Note on Disclosure has been revised in order to:

- (i) change the specific reference to the outdated World Bank Policy on Disclosure of Information (June 2002) ("2002 Disclosure Policy") to a general reference to the World Bank's new policy ("2010 Access to Information") on disclosure of information to ensure that the latest version of the World Bank's policy on disclosure of information is applied at all times; and
- (ii) delete several analogies between disclosable World Bank documents and CIF-related documents, which were included to justify the disclosure of CIF-related documents under the 2002 Disclosure Policy, but are not necessary anymore under the new World Bank Policy on Access to Information (July 2010).

**It is important to note that the current proposed amendment changes the reference but does not affect the content of the CIF Note on Disclosure**, as the original CIF Note on Disclosure already incorporated the "negative list" approach from the outset. It is also fully in line with the CTF and SCF Procedures providing that any information or documents provided to the Administrative Unit for submission to the CTF/SCF Trust Fund Committee may be made available to the public, unless the document or information is provided with explicit indication that it will not be disclosed to third parties or that it may not be disclosed without the consent of the provider of the document or information.

We would like to invite you to review the attached document and to approve the following decision:

**The CTF and SCF Trust Fund Committees approve the technical editorial revisions incorporated in the *Revised Note on Disclosure of Documents Prepared for purposes of the Climate Investment Funds* dated March 6, 2014.**

If we do not receive an objection to this proposed decision by close of business on **March 25, 2014**, we will consider the decision to be adopted and will confirm the final decision in writing.

Subsequent to your approval of the revised note, we will post the revised document on our website and will make it available as an information document at the Joint meeting of the Committees in June, 2014.

Sincerely,

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