

February 5, 2013

Comments from Brazil on the Approval by Mail: International Reference Group Proposal

Dear Patricia,

First, we would like to thank the Evaluation Oversight Committee for the efforts to present this list of nominees to the International Reference Group. The experts selected by the EOC hold impressive qualifications, and we appreciate their willingness to contribute to the improvement of the activities of the Climate Investment Funds.

However, we cannot approve the decision. We believe that, in order for the IRG to provide adequate support to the independent evaluation of the CIF, the Group should include experts with a broad regional expertise, particularly on African and Latin-American issues. A more inclusive membership can strengthen the ability of the IRG to consider CIF impacts on the different regional contexts, and could also facilitate the dialogue between the EOC and expert groups worldwide, as well as a range of stakeholders and views relevant to the independent evaluation.

We fully support the speedy operationalization of the IRG. In that regard, we would suggest a revision of this proposal by the EOC as soon as possible, taking into account the comments above.

Best regards,



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Comments from United Kingdom on the Approval by Mail: International Reference Group Proposal

Dear Patricia,

Many thanks to you and to the Evaluation Oversight Committee for their work in putting together such a distinguished International Reference Group. It was also very welcome to see that the EOC had managed to put together a IRG with a balance of gender and experience in a variety of climate change themes and of course with development experience. We would be happy to endorse this IRG as it stands.

However, given the comments from Brazil below a few further comments to help move this decision forward:

- It is important to get the International Reference Group in place as soon as possible. Putting together the IRG has already been delayed beyond the intention to have this place at the start of November. There is a risk that any further significant delays are either likely to hold up the evaluation or possibly reduce the credibility of the evaluation to a wider audience.
- It is worth noting that the IRG (among other reasons) is to be put in place (according to the approach paper) “to assist in making connections to a range of stakeholder views” – as such while it was set up to have a balanced developed/developing country balance it can’t reproduce the country representation of the TFC, but it certainly should ensure the views from the significant and important stakeholder groups in Latin America and Africa are being taking on board.
- However the approach paper also allowed for 4-6 members, so to help resolve this issue there is a possibility that 1 or 2 additional members could be added as long as they meet the criteria as set out in the approach paper for IRG membership.
- The UK would be happy to take part in an informal teleconference to help resolve any issues with Brazil, the EOC and any other interested TFC members.

Regards,

Ben

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**Comments from India on the Approval by Mail: International Reference Group
Proposal**

Dear Ms Patricia,

Thanks to CIF Administrative Unit and EOC for their efforts to put in place a very distinguished panel for the International Reference Group. On the comments from our colleague in Brazil, this Chair agrees with the suggestion therein, and supports the proposal made by UK and Switzerland and wish that the IRG is put in place at the earliest.

Regards



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**Comments from Switzerland on the Approval by Mail: International Reference
Group Proposal**

Dear Patricia,

Thank you for your update.

We also thank the EOC for its efforts to find the additional experts with experience in Africa and Latin America.

We think the slate of experts is now quite complete and well balanced and have no objection to the proposed International Reference Group.

Best regards

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Dear Patricia,

Like Switzerland we would like to thank you and the EOC for your quick work in identifying additional experts with experience in Africa and Latin America. We agree this enhances the regional balance of the group and will ensure connections are made to important stakeholder groups in Africa and Latin America.

We will be happy to see the decision below approved so the International Reference Group can proceed with their important work.

Regards,

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For decision by the joint trust fund committees:

Revised nomination of the International Reference Group for the Independent Evaluation of the CIFs

Feb 18, 2013

The Evaluation Oversight Committee earlier proposed a slate of four individuals for the International Reference Group. Members of the CIF Trust Fund Committees declined to approve that slate. While each of the nominees was highly regarded, members of the Trust Fund Committees sought a group with greater breadth of regional experience and perspective with emphasis on Latin America and/or Africa.

The EOC has been fortunate to recruit two additional distinguished nominees: Dr. Youba Sokona and Dr. Alvaro Umaña and nominates them in addition to the earlier group, who are retained. Brief biographies of all six nominees follow.

Nominees

Dr. Qwanruedee Chotichanatawong is President of the Thailand Environment Institute (TEI) and until recently was Executive Director of the Thailand Business Council for Sustainable Development. She has spent much of her professional career at TEI, an NGO which works in a participatory manner with the private sector, communities and government to promote environmental improvement. She has a D.Eng. from the Asian Institute of Technology in energy technology and has directed a wide range of projects in the areas of energy conservation, renewable energy, pollution management, environmental economics, climate change, and natural resources management.

Dr. Kirit Parikh is currently Chairman, Integrated Research and Action for Development, New Delhi. He was the founding Director and Vice-Chancellor of the Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research, While on the Planning Commission of the Government of India, he formulated an integrated energy policy for the country and oversaw a report on groundwater. He has held the positions of Senior Economic Advisor to the Administrator of UNDP, and program Leader of the Food and Agriculture Program of IIASA. He was awarded the Padma Bushan by the President of India and is a Fellow of the National Academy of Sciences of India. He holds MS and ScD degrees from MIT.

Prof. Martin Parry is currently visiting Professor, Centre for Environmental Policy, Imperial College London, and Visiting Research Fellow at the Grantham Institute. A leading expert on climate adaptation, he was Co-Chair of Working Group II (Impacts, Adaptation and Vulnerability) of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and Founding Chair, Scientific Steering Committee of the UNEP Programme for Research on Vulnerability, Impacts, and Adaptation. He was appointed OBE, for services to the environment and to climate change, and received the Gerbier-Mumm International Award from the World Meteorological Organisation and the Cuthbert Peek Award from the Royal Geographical Society. He holds a PhD in Geography from the University of Edinburgh.

Ms. Frances Seymour was until recently Director-General, International Center for Forestry Research (CIFOR), an international organization that is part of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research. As Director-General she positioned CIFOR to contribute to the global discussions on forests and climate change and authored numerous papers on REDD. Previously she was Director of the Institutions and Governance Program of the World Resources Institute and Director, Development Assistance Policy, WWF. She has a Masters degree in public policy from Princeton University.

Dr. Youba Sokona is co-chair of Working Group III of the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report. He was until recently Coordinator of the African Climate Policy Centre. From 2004 until 2010 he was Executive Secretary of the Observatory of the Sahara and Sahel, and prior to that was Coordinator of the ENDA-TM Energy Program. His expertise includes energy, desertification, land management and community development. He has held numerous advisory and board membership positions in government, academia and international organizations and has participated in international negotiations related to the Climate Change, Desertification, and Biodiversity Conventions. He holds a doctorate from the Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines de Paris and Université Pierre et Marie Curie.

Dr. Alvaro Umaña is a Senior Research Fellow at CATIE, the Tropical Agronomic Center for Research and Higher Education in Turrialba, Costa Rica. He is also Costa Rica's Ambassador for Climate Change and was also Chief Negotiator during the past Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen. Dr. Umaña was Costa Rica's first Minister of Energy and Environment from 1986-1990, where he oversaw the creation of the National Biodiversity Institute (INBIO) and the implementation of innovative financial instruments like debt-for-nature swaps. Umaña was a founding member and Chairman of the World Bank Inspection Panel. He chaired an Independent Panel that oversaw the evaluation of the Pilot Phase of the Global Environment Facility. He has a Masters degree in economics and a PhD in environmental engineering from Stanford University.