

CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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June 7, 2011

Meeting of the SREP Sub- Committee
Cape Town, South Africa
June 21, 2011

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT ON SREP OPERATIONS

Proposed Decision by SREP Sub-Committee

The Sub Committee reviewed document SREP/SC.5/3, *Semi-Annual Report on SREP Operations*, and welcomes the progress that has been made in advancing the work of the SREP in the pilot countries. The Sub-Committee urges countries participating in the program and the MDBs to move expeditiously to advance the work to develop high quality investment plans as a basis for SREP investments.

INTRODUCTION

1. The purpose of this note is to provide the SREP Sub-Committee with an update on the status of SREP activities. This is the first operational report presented to the SREP Sub-Committee, and it covers the period from November 2011 to June 2011. Updates will be presented to the committee on a semi-annual basis. The report summarizes the status of the pilots under the SREP. Annex 1 summarizes contact details for pilot country focal points as well as the status of SREP activities by SREP pilot countries.

STATUS OF ACTIVITIES IN SREP COUNTRY PILOTS

2. The SREP has the following pilot countries in the initial phase: Ethiopia, Honduras, Kenya, Maldives, Mali and Nepal. All six pilot country governments have confirmed in writing their interest in being a pilot supported under the SREP. The confirmation letters as well as completed questionnaires are posted on the CIF website:

http://www.climateinvestmentfunds.org/cif/srep_pilot_programs

Scoping missions

3. Work has been initiated in all six country pilots through the scoping missions. The MDBs are supporting the pilot countries in their planning process through country visits and on-going support activities. Scoping missions have taken place in each of the pilot countries. Preparatory work has been launched to conduct joint missions towards the development of the SREP Investment Plans.

4. Extensive consultation work was carried out during the scoping missions. While initially the scoping missions were intended to be limited to informal discussions on next steps with respective national task forces, the scoping missions actually included wide ranging of consultations with stakeholders, including private sector and development partners, organization of workshops, meetings with various government agencies and other activities.

Preparation of grant requests

5. A key outcome of the scoping missions is a clearer idea of whether governments will require resources for the elaboration of their investment plans. Honduras, Maldives, Mali, and Nepal have requested an advance of the preparation grant in order to conduct early activities such as capacity building, advisory services, stakeholder consultations and planning sessions. The request for an advance preparation grant were reviewed and approved by the SREP MDB Committee and approved proposals are posted on the CIF website.

6. The following table presents the approved preparation grant requests by SREP pilot country and MDB.

Table 1: Approved preparation grants by SREP pilot country and the MDB through which the grant is being disbursed

Name of Country	Amount of Grant [US\$]	Approval date	MDB disbursing grant
Ethiopia			
Honduras	375,000	3/31/2011	IDB
Kenya			
Maldives	315,500	4/5/2011	IBRD
Mali	200,000	3/23/2011	AfDB
Nepal	375,000	4/5/2011	ADB

Joint missions

7. Two SREP pilot countries have advanced in conducting joint missions towards the development of the investment plans. Kenya, Maldives, Mali and Nepal have submitted Terms of Reference (TORs) indicating the scope of activities to be conducted during the joint mission, contact details of people participating, a schedule of activities, expected consultations with civil society and private sector, and coordination among development partners. In an effort to effectively support governments in the preparation of the investment plans, roles and responsibilities of each MDB and other stakeholders during the joint mission have been agreed so as to avoid duplication of skills.

8. Joint mission for Maldives will take place in September 2011 and for Nepal in July 2011. Tentative dates for the next joint missions for Ethiopia and Honduras fall within the third and fourth quarter of 2011. Joint technical missions for Nepal and Maldives are planned for June 2011. Consistent with the *SREP Programming Modalities and Operational Guidelines*, the CIF Administrative Unit will notify the SREP Sub-Committee of an agreed joint mission four weeks in advance and post this information and the terms of reference for the joint mission on the CIF website.

9. The CIF Administrative Unit will continue to make available on the SREP website, and notify the SREP Sub-Committee of, all detailed information about dates of scoping missions, scoping mission reports, terms of reference for the joint missions and joint mission dates.

Tracking system for delivery of investment plans, programs and projects

10. The SREP MDB Committee agreed on a simple tracking system to enable early identification of potential risks to the timely delivery of investment plans, and the development and implementation of projects and programs. This tracking system will be further developed once all investment plans have been endorsed and additional information on investments becomes available.

11. As part of the monitoring and evaluation process, there will be an annual monitoring report submitted by the MDBs to the SREP Sub-Committee on implementation and progress towards achieving results. This annual monitoring report will complement the information that will be provided in the Semi-Annual Operations Report on SREP and in this tracking system.

12. The following “traffic light” system is proposed to flag the delivery status of investment plans, projects and programs:

Green MDB SREP Committee confirms that delivery dates will be met or delays will not exceed [5] months

Yellow MDB SREP Committee acknowledges delays between [6] and [8] months but is reasonably confident that no further delays will occur

Red MDB SREP Committee acknowledges delays of more than [8] months with uncertainties whether delivery will occur within 1 year of first anticipated delivery date

13. In addition to the delivery status, information will be provided on reasons for any delays and proposed corrective measures that governments and MDBs may agree on in order to avoid further delays in submitting the investment plans, or in developing and implementing projects and programs. The SREP Sub-Committee may use the provided information as a basis for discussion during its meeting.

14. The following table presents the expected submission dates of SREP investment plans. In this regard, it is important to point out that the *SREP Programming and Operational Guidelines* as well as the *SREP Financing Modalities* were only approved by the SREP Sub-Committee in November 2010 and it is too early to identify expected delays. Information about the expected date of submission of investment plans is provided based on the findings of scoping mission in the six pilot countries and the two joint missions in Kenya, Mali.

15. Once an investment plan has been endorsed, more detailed information will become available on delivery dates for projects and programs, including targeted and actual SREP Sub-Committee and MDB Board approval dates.

Table 1: Expected submission dates of SREP investment plans

SREP pilot country	SREP delivery product	Anticipated date
Ethiopia	Investment plan	November 2011
Honduras	Investment plan	November 2011
Kenya	Investment plan	July 2011
Maldives	Investment plan	November 2011
Mali	Investment plan	November 2011
Nepal	Investment plan	November 2011

Annex: Status of Activities in SREP Pilot Countries

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Expected submission date for Investment Plan:	FY 2012
Date of scoping mission:	February 2011
Tentative dates for first joint mission:	July/August 2011

Honduras

Country Focal Point:	Ms. Gabriela Salgado, Secretaria de Finanzas, Ministry of Finance, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, gsalgado@sefin.gob.hn
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Expected submission date for Investment Plan:	October 2011
Date of scoping mission:	February 2011
Tentative date for first joint mission:	July 2011

Tentative date for final joint mission:

September 2011

Kenya

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Expected submission date for Investment Plan:

June 2011

Date of scoping mission:

February 2011

Dates for first joint mission:

May 2011

Maldives

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Expected submission date for Investment Plan:

November 2011

Date of scoping mission:

January 2011

Tentative date for first joint mission:

September 2011

Mali

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Expected submission date for Investment Plan:

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Date for scoping mission:

February 2011

Date for first joint mission:

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Nepal

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