

THE WORLD BANK MONTHLY OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

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Entries for Projects in the Pipeline are organized by region, country and economic sector. Entries preceded by (N) denote new listings; (R) indicates a revision or update from the previous month's listing. The portions of the entry that differ appear in italic type. A sample entry is included in the User's Guide, which begins on the next page.

SECTOR DEFINITIONS

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry
 Education
 Energy and Mining
 Finance
 Health and Other Social Services
 Industry and Trade
 Information and Communications
 Public Administration, Law, and Justice
 Transportation
 Water, Sanitation, and Flood Protection

GUIDE TO THE WORLD BANK MONTHLY OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

The *World Bank Monthly Operational Summary* reports on the status of projects in the World Bank's pipeline from the time the operation is identified to the signing of the Loan, Credit, or Grant Agreement. It is a detailed accounting of the projects included in the country lending programs that are actively being prepared for implementation. The lending programs reflect the Bank's strategy for each member country as set out in the Country Assistance Strategy (CAS) papers and notes presented to the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank. On average, it takes about 13 months for the Bank to process a project from concept document to approval. After a financing agreement is signed or a project removed from the program, the project entry is dropped from this Summary.

Each issue of the Summary contains a list of projects being reported for the first time and a list of projects for which financing agreements have been signed or that have been dropped from the current program.

By becoming familiar with the Bank's project cycle, which is summarized in the following paragraphs, consultants or suppliers of goods and works can gauge when the timing is right to pursue business opportunities with Bank borrowers. Each entry in the Monthly Operational Summary shows what point in the cycle a particular project has reached.

Project Cycle

During **IDENTIFICATION**, the client government and the Bank identify a specific operation as being likely to support the country's development strategy and the Bank's CAS.

During **PREPARATION**, the client government identifies and discusses the technical and institutional alternatives for achieving the objectives of a project. Preparation usually requires feasibility studies followed by more detailed studies of the alternatives that promise to yield the most satisfactory results. An environmental assessment is usually carried out during this phase. (See below for more information on environmental assessment.)

In the preparation stage of the project cycle, clients often supplement their own efforts by hiring consultants to carry out a major part of the work. Contractors and suppliers of equipment and goods need to start making contacts with country officials during this stage.

During **APPRAISAL**, the Bank conducts a comprehensive review of all aspects of the project (technical, institutional, economic, and financial), laying the foundation for implementing the project and evaluating it when completed. Conducted by Bank staff, project appraisal may be supplemented by individual experts. The preparation of the Project Appraisal Document concludes this stage.

During **NEGOTIATIONS**, discussions are held with the client government, and the agreements reached are written into the loan documents. Upon completion of negotiations, the project is presented to the Executive Directors for approval. After approval, the financing agreement is signed.

Project **IMPLEMENTATION** normally starts within a few months after the project financing agreement is signed. Countries, through their implementing agencies, have full responsibility for executing of World Bank-financed projects, including

hiring consultants and procuring goods and works. Contractors and suppliers, therefore, should contact appropriate officials of the implementing agency to express their interest in specific projects and obtain information on what goods and services will be needed and when and how to submit bids and proposals.

During implementation, consultants are often used to provide technical assistance and other project implementation support. Unlike contracts for goods and works, those for consulting services are not usually advertised. Therefore, consultants in particular should contact the responsible implementing agency early in the project preparation period to express their interest. Contracts for consulting services, as well as some for goods and works, may also be procured prior to loan/credit/grant approval. This is known as advance contracting.

The information contained in *The World Bank Monthly Operational Summary* is intended to enable companies to assess their interest in supplying Bank-financed projects. Further information should be requested from the country's project implementing agency. The likelihood of a timely response is greater if the queries are brief and to the point. When possible, travel to the country and direct contact with relevant agency officials is recommended.

Firms should contact the World Bank only if they are unable to obtain a response to their queries from the implementing agency. General information about business opportunities under Bank loans, credits, and grants may be obtained from the World Bank's Procurement Policy and Services Group's website at <http://www.worldbank.org/procure> (click on bidding and consulting opportunities).

Business opportunities arising from World Bank projects after they have been approved, including invitations to bid and to submit proposals on Bank projects and notices of contract awards, appear twice a month in UN Development Business and are available via the internet at **UN Development Business Online** at <www.devbusiness.com>.

Environmental Categories

The type, timing, and scope of environmental analysis to be performed by Bank clients are confirmed when a given project is identified. Projects are assigned one of the following categories, depending on the nature, magnitude, and sensitivity of environmental issues:

Category A: The project may have adverse and significant environmental impacts. Full environmental assessment is normally required.

Category B: The project may have specific environmental issues. Partial environmental assessment is normally required.

Category C: Likely to have minimal or no adverse environmental impacts. Beyond screening, no further EA action is required.

Category FI: Involves investment of Bank funds through a financial intermediary, in subprojects that have adverse environmental impacts. An environmental framework may be required.

Category U: No category given.

A typical summary entry looks like this:

<p>Viet Nam ←</p> <p>→ (R) Payment Systems and Bank Modernization:</p> <p>The project will establish a computerized payments system in order to improve efficiency and modernize the banking sector. Technical assistance to strengthen the institutional capacity of participating commercial banks will also be provided. <i>Preappraisal mission completed.</i> Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P123456.</p> <p>→ US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for project management and commercial bank institutional studies. Project Management Unit, Payment System and Bank Modernization Project, State Bank of Viet Nam, 49 Ly Thai To, Viet Nam, Fax: (84-4) 258-385, Contact Mr. Nguyen Van Binh</p>	<p>• Name of borrowing country</p> <p>• (R) = revised; (N) = new entry</p> <p>• Project description</p> <p>• Italics indicate change from last month's listing</p> <p>• PID = Project identification number.</p> <p>• Amount of financing in US\$ millions (source)</p> <p>• Name/address of implementing agency</p>
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GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

In addition to projects financed by the World Bank, the World Bank Monthly Operational Summary reports on projects financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The GEF provides grants and concessional funding to recipient countries for projects and programs that protect the global environment and promote sustainable economic growth.

The facility, set up as a pilot program in 1991, was restructured and replenished with over US\$ 2 billion in 1994, and replenished with another US\$ 4 billion in 1998, to cover the agreed incremental costs of activities that benefit the global environment in four focal areas: climate change, biological diversity, international waters, and stratospheric ozone. Activities concerning land degradation, primarily desertification and deforestation, as they relate to the four focal areas, are also eligible for funding. Both the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity have designated the GEF as their funding mechanism on an interim basis.

GEF projects and programs are managed through three implementing agencies: the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), and the World Bank. The GEF Secretariat, which is functionally independent from the three implementing agencies, reports to and services the Council and Assembly of the GEF.

The GEF is striving for universal participation, and currently 168 countries are participants. Countries may be eligible for GEF funds if (a) they are eligible for financial assistance through the financial mechanism of either the Climate Change Convention or the Convention on Biological Diversity; or (b) they are eligible to borrow from the World Bank (IBRD and/or IDA) or receive technical assistance grants from UNDP through a Country Programme. A country must be a party to the Climate Change Convention or the Convention of Biological Diversity to receive funds from the GEF in the relevant focal area.

GEF projects must be country-driven, incorporate consultation with local communities, and, where appropriate, involve nongovernmental organizations in project implementation.

For additional information on the GEF, contact the GEF secretariat or visit its website: www.gefweb.org

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Education

Quality of Education:The objective is to support the Government to pilot and develop interventions for quality improvement in early grades of primary education. Bank Approval completed on 26 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P122700. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Street Cde Gika Central Building, 1 Floor Largo, Luanda, Angola, Tel: (224-222) 322-466, Fax: (224-222) 322-651, E-mail: narcisobenedito@gmail.com, Contact: Narciso Benedito dos Santos, Vice-Minister of Education

Health and Other Social Services

Local Development Additional Financing:The objectives, a continuation, are to: (a) improve access of poor households to basic services and economic opportunities; and (b) enhance local institutional capacities among Angola's municipalities. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 38.6 (AFRH). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Benin

Education

Global Partnership for Education Program:The objectives are to: (a) improve access and equity to basic education in deprived districts; and (b) improve the quality of classroom instruction at the basic education level, with particular emphasis on deprived districts. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 13 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 42.3 (EFAF). Consultants will be required. Government of Benin, Benin; Ministry of Preschool and Primary Education, Benin, Tel: (229-9) 787-2564, Contact: Mr. Maoudi Johnson

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Multisectoral Food Health Nutrition Project (Cr. 53370-BJ): The objective is to increase access to food and nutrition security enhancing services. *Appraisal completed on 22 October 2013. Negotiations scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 28.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Conseil de l'Alimentation et de la Nutrition, Cotonou, Benin, Tel: (229) 9705-5040, E-mail: tossa_jean@yahoo.fr, Contact: Jean Cokou Tossa, Technical Advisor Agriculture

(R) Youth Employment:The objectives are to improve access for youth employment and self-employment. *Appraisal scheduled for 11 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 35.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Microfinance and Employment of Youth and Women, Benin

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Decentralized Community Driven Services Project Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) support the scale up to decentralized basic social services; and (b) mainstream the community driven development approach for such services. *Negotiations scheduled for 22 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Secretariat for Decentralized Community Driven Services, Benin, Tel: (229) 9003-3601, E-mail: sepsdccc@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr Germain Ouin Ouro

Ninth Poverty Reduction Support Credit:The objective is to accelerate real economic growth and reduce the incidence of poverty in Benin by supporting Benin's Third Growth Strategy for Poverty Reduction (SCRIP 2011-2015). Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, BP 302, Cotonou, Benin, Tel: (229) 2130-0217, Fax: (229) 2130-5096, E-mail: gadsoon@hotmail.com

Botswana

Industry and Trade

Economic Diversification Operation:The objective is to increase export diversification, measured by the share of non-diamond merchandise exports in total exports, by providing comprehensive support to SMEs in exporting sectors. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Trade and Industry, Botswana

Burkina Faso

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Forest Investment Program (FIP) Decentralized Sustainable Forest Management:The objectives are to: (a) reduce deforestation and forest degradation; and (b) increase carbon sequestration capacity by reducing pressure on forest ecosystems through improved governance, green socio-economic local development and sustainable management of forest and woodland resources. *Appraisal completed on 25 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 22 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143993. US\$ 16.5/9.8 (CSCF/ECEU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

Social Safety Net:The objective is to assist the Government to develop a productive safety net that addresses the needs of chronic poor. Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P124015. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(N) Burkina Faso Mining Growth Pole:The objective is to create a growth pole in the North/Sahel region that improves the economic situation of mining communities. Identification scheduled for 17 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 113.2 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Growth and Competitiveness Credit 3 (Cr. H8950-BF, Cr. 53270-BF):The objective is to catalyze private sector growth and employment, improve governance and public resource management, and build resilience and reduce vulnerability. *Negotiations completed on 31 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 5 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P146640. US\$ 50.0/50.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Finance and Economy, B.P. 579, Conakry, Burkina Faso, Tel: (224-30) 451-795

(R) Public Sector Modernization:The objective is to support the Government to: (a) mobilize resources and deliver services to the poor; and (b) strengthen civil services. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 18 October 2013. Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Civil Service, Burkina Faso

Burundi

Energy and Mining

Jiji and Mulembwe Hydropower:The objectives are to: (a) develop two run-of-river hydropower sites at Jiji and Mulembwe; and (b) construct a transmission line from Jiji to Bujumbura that will provide reliable electricity supply and displace expensive thermal generation. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 70.0/70.0 (IDA Credit/EUIB). Consultants will be required. REGIDESO, BP 660, Bujumbura, Burundi, Tel: (257-2) 222-3412, Fax: (257-2) 222-6563

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Seventh Economic Reform Support Grant (Cr. H8910-BI):The objective is to strengthen the Government's transition from

a post conflict to a more stable economy that will: (a) promote greater transparency and efficiency in public finance management; (b) promote private sector development and economic diversification; and (c) improve social protection of vulnerable groups to shocks. *Negotiations completed on 23 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 26.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development Planning, PO Box 1830, Bujumbura, Burundi, Tel: (257-2) 222-2022, Fax: (257-2) 222-3827, E-mail: reforme_mpbdi@yahoo.fr

Cameroon

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Agriculture Investment and Market Development Project: The objective is to increase productivity and competitiveness of cassava, maize and sorghum value chains led by target beneficiaries Producer Organizations in order to meet the market demand (buyers), especially that of private Agribusinesses. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143417. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MINADER), Cameroon, Tel: (237) 2223-1190, E-mail: mnemenye@yahoo.com, Contact: Essimi Menye, Minister

Education

(R) Quality for Improved Learning Project: The objective is to finance equity in access to quality basic education. *Bank Approval scheduled for 28 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P133338. US\$ 53.3 (EFAF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Kribi Gas Power Project Additional Financing: The objective is a continuation to assist Cameroon's first IPP with a production capacity, which will be operated by Kribi Power Development Corporation (KPDC). Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 40.0 (GUID). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Sector Support Investment: The objective is to support the increase utilization and improve the quality of health services with a particular focus on child and maternal health and communicable diseases. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health (MOH), Cameroon, Tel: (237-2) 222-3525

Social Safety Nets: The objective is to strengthen the social safety net system in Cameroon by setting up a permanent system that is financially sustainable and can be scaled up during crises, such as the current food crisis. Bank Approval completed on 21 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128534. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Contact: Roberto Albino Mito, Director

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Community Development Program Support Project-Phase III: The objectives are to: (a) support the Community Development Program to enhance the opportunities and livelihoods of rural people in Cameroon by improving the delivery of specified basic social services (health, education, water and sanitation); and (b) enhance economic opportunities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 13 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

La Communauté Économique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC) Transport and Transit Facilitation-Phase II: The objective will complement the ongoing CEMAC Transport/Transit Facilitation Project to scale up the project's impact and effectiveness along Cameroon's section of the Douala, N'Djamena

corridor. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Works, Yaounde, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 2222-2294, E-mail: michelmbella2009@yahoo.fr, Contact: Jean-Michel Mbella, Project Coordinator

Cape Verde

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Fourth Development Policy Loan Eighth Poverty Reduction Support Credit (PRSC): The objective is to support the implementation of the Government's Third Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy (GPRSP III) for the period 2011-15. Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Praia, Cape Verde, Tel: (238) 260-7611, Fax: (238) 261-5844, E-mail: sandrodebrito@gov1.gov.cv, Contact: Sandro de Brito, National Director of Planning

Central African Republic

Education

Second Education Sector Development Project: The objectives are to: (a) support expansion of equitable access to primary education; and (b) improve the teaching and learning environment. Appraisal scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133580. US\$ 4.0/19.2 (IDA Grant/EFAF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

CAR Rehabilitation and Reinforcement of the Electricity Sector: The objectives are to: (a) increase efficiency and quality of electricity services in the power sector; and (b) support ENERCA's improvements in governance and operational performances. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 17.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Economic Management and Governance Reform Grant: The objective is to support the Government to implement a reform program that will: (a) improve transparency and efficiency in the management of public resources; and (b) enhance private sector development. Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 8.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

National Social Cohesion Program: The objective is to support community recovery and improve community resilience in rural areas. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Chad

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Agriculture Production Support-GEF: The objective is to support rural communities and producer organizations in increasing production of selected food crops and livestock species in targeted zones while increasing the use of sustainable land and water management practices in climate vulnerable ecosystems. *The loan was signed on 13 July 2012.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131019. US\$ 4.6/4.6 (GEFU/LDC). Consultants will be required. Contact: Dr. Shreeranjana, Joint Secretary

Education

(R) Learning for All (Cr. H8620-TD): The objectives are to: (a) improve the pupil-to-permanent classroom ratio in targeted basic schools; and (b) increase allocated and engaged learning time in targeted primary and secondary schools. *The grant was signed on 11 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132617. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Project Coordination Unit, Chad, Tel: (235-66) 266-696, E-mail: barka_ad

ams@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mahamat Al-boukhari Adam Barka, Project Coordinator, MEFA

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Services Result for Women and Children:The objective is to strengthen the delivery of health services to women and children, particularly in rural and underserved areas. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 26 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 16.6 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Private Sector and Value Chain Support:The objectives are to: (a) improve the business environment; and (b) support the private sector, especially SMEs, in selected value chains. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 22 October 2013.* Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Comoros

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Economic Governance Technical Assistance Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) stabilize the economy and establish a strong and equitable growth; (b) strengthen key sectors; (c) strengthen governance and social cohesion; (d) improve the general public health status; (e) promote education and vocational training while developing human capital; and (f) promote environmental sustainability and civilian security. *Bank Approval completed on 12 November 2013. Signing scheduled for 8 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 3.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Economic and Governance Project (ABGE), Tel: (263) 773-9900, E-mail: moinacharani@yahoo.fr, Contact: Moinafatima Charani, Coordinator, ABGE

(R) Economic Governance and Public Sector reforms:The objective is to support the Government to: (a) strengthen transparency in operations and access to information; (b) improve public finance management; and (c) transparency in human resource. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 6 November 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 3.8 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. ABGE Projet d'Appui la Bonne Gouvernance Economique, BP 6988, Comoros, Tel: (269) 773-9900, E-mail: abge2010@yahoo.fr

Democratic Republic of Congo

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Forest Investment Program:The objectives are to: (a) reduce GHG emissions from deforestation and forest degradation; and (b) enhance forest carbon stocks in DRC. Appraisal scheduled for 21 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128887. US\$ 36.9 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Tourism, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-9) 9100-0663, E-mail: vangulutete@gmail.com, Contact: Clement Vangu Lutete

Energy and Mining

(R) Inga 3 Development Technical Assistance:The objectives are to support the cost-effective development of Inga 3 and mid-size hydropower projects under balanced public-private partnerships. Appraisal scheduled for 26 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131027. US\$ 73.1/33.4 (IDA Grant/AFDB). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Energy, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-8) 1700-9568, E-mail: vikadi-panzu@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Vika di Panzu, Chief of Staff

Finance

Financial Infrastructure and Markets:The objective is to support the establishment of an integrated payment system architecture and increased access to finance for MSMEs. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145554. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Human Development Systems Strengthening:The objective is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government programs in social protection, education and health/nutrition/population sectors in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145965. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Eastern Recovery Project:The objective is to improve community resilience and livelihoods of conflict-affected populations in the Eastern provinces of DRC. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health System Strengthening Project:The objectives are to: (a) improve the utilization and quality of maternal and child health services; and (b) strengthen the health sector. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 5 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) National Parks Network Rehabilitation Project (PRE-PAN) Additional Financing (Cr. H8980-ZR):The objective is to enhance the capacity of the Congolese Institute for Nature Conservation (ICCN) for management of targeted protected areas. Bank Approval scheduled for 12 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 3.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (ICCN), Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-82) -102-9800, E-mail: wicosma@yahoo.fr

(R) Catalytic Project to Strengthen the Institut National de la Statistique (INS):The objective is to strengthen the capacity of INS to generate and disseminate statistical information. This will support the planned National Statistical Development Strategy, which will provide quality data for DRC's PRSP, MDG, and sector strategy monitoring. *Appraisal scheduled for 25 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125509. US\$ 11.8 (SRTF). Consultants will be required. Institut National de la Statistique (INS), Batiment de la Fonction publique, Aile droite, rez de chaussée, Democratic Republic of Congo

(R) Establishment of a Conservation Trust Fund:The objective is to support the establishment and capitalization of a Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) that improves the sustainability of DRC's national protected area system. *Negotiations completed on 4 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 12 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127437. US\$ 6.5/11.3/20.0 (BELG/GEFU/KFW). Consultants will be required. Ministry of environment, nature conservation and tourism, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-81) 451-0594, E-mail: kaseyamak@yahoo.fr, Contact: Vincent Kasulu, Directeur du Développement Durable

(R) Strengthening Public Financial Management (PFM) and Accountability:The objective is to enhance the credibility, transparency, and accountability in the management and use of central government and selected sub-national governments' finances. *Negotiations scheduled for 21 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145747. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Democratic Republic of Congo

(R) Public Service Rejuvenation:The objective is to support the Government's civil service rejuvenation by: (a) providing retirement indemnities to civil servants over the legal retirement age/length of service; and (b) supporting relevant reform and rehabilitation plans. *Negotiations scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P122229. US\$ 77.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Public Service, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-9) 9564-3128, E-mail: ministrefp@fonctionpublique.gouv.cd, Contact: Jean-Claude Kibala, Minister

Second Governance:The objectives are to: (a) enhance transparency and efficiency in central and sub-national public finance and human resource management; and (b) establish and consolidate an equitable resource sharing mechanism between central and sub-

national government. Bank Approval completed on 9 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P126115. US\$ 67.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Interior, Boulevard Colonel Tshatshi, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-99) 290-5743, E-mail: prcgrdc@gmail.com, Contact: Popaul Kizungu Chihiza, Project Coordinator

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Strengthening Hydro-Meteorological Services in DRC:The objective is to support the Government in strengthening the hydrological, meteorological and climate services which will help: (a) the economic development, (b) reduce the human and economic losses of extreme water and weather events, and (c) build resilience against the negative impacts of climate change. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 10 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144712. US\$ 6.0 (GEFS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Republic of Congo

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Sector Project:The objectives are to improve: (a) access and quality of primary health services; and (b) maternal and child health. *Negotiations completed on 14 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 20 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143849. US\$ 10.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consultants will be required for preparation and design. Ministry of Health, BP 545, Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, Tel: (242) 678-6738, Fax: (242) 836-802, E-mail: actionsocialecongo@yahoo.fr

(R) Lisungi Safety Nets System:The objectives are to: (a) establish the key building blocks of a national safety net program; and (b) pilot a cash transfer program to improve access to health and education services of poorest families in participating areas. *Negotiations completed on 11 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 5 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145263. US\$ 2.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Social Affairs, Republic of Congo, Tel: (242) 814-0266, E-mail: emiraoul@hotmail.com, Contact: Emilliene Raoul, Minister of Social Affairs

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Urban Development and Poor Neighborhood Upgrading Project:The objective is to improve the lives of people in the precarious neighborhoods of Brazzaville and Pointe Noire. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 December 2013. *Environmental Assessment Category A.* US\$ 30.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Statistics for Governance:The objective is to support the improvement of statistics in the Republic of Congo to produce reliable and timely data for policy formulation and evaluation. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 2.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Electricity and Urban Development SIL Additional Financing:The objective is to increase sustainable access to basic infrastructure and safe drinking water for the inhabitants of Brazzaville and Pointe Noire. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Agricultural Development and Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project Additional Financing:The objective is to assist the Republic of Congo to increase the ability of the rural poor to raise their income through the generation and promotion of improved agricultural technologies, the provision of market infrastructure, and the formulation and implementation of poverty-focused agricultural policies and expenditure programs. *Decision Meeting completed on 11 November 2013. Appraisal scheduled for 2 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 2.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Cote d'Ivoire

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Pesticides Management:The objective is to reduce adverse health and environmental impacts in Côte d'Ivoire of POPs pesticides by reducing or eliminating their ongoing use and managing existing stockpiles. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131778. US\$ 5.0 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Post Conflict Assistance Project:The objective is to improve opportunities for conflict-affected communities' and individuals' for economic reintegration and access to social services. *Appraisal completed on 28 October 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 19 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144762. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Grant). *Consultants will be required.* Contact: ,

(R) Results Based Financing Project:The objective is to support the Government in developing and implementing a results-based financing project with specific attention to reproductive and child health and other high priority interventions. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0/5.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Productive Social Safety Net:The objective is to set the foundations of an effective and productive type of safety net system capable of responding to the country's needs both in normal times and during times of crisis. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Territorial Governance and Local Development:The objectives are to contribute to rural/urban development and poverty reduction through: (a) supporting provision of priority public goods and services at the commune level; and (b) promoting good local governance through decentralized and deconcentrated participatory local governance systems at the commune and provincial/district levels. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 6 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Agriculture Sector Support (Cr. H8750-CI, Cr. 52970-CI):The objective is to promote commercialization and diversification of the Ivorian agriculture sector. *The credit and grant were signed on 15 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P119308. US\$ 23.8/26.2 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministère de l'Agriculture, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, Tel: (225-20) 218-526, E-mail: coul@n@yahoo.fr, Contact: Nouhoun Coulibaly, Directeur General, DPPS

Infrastructure Renewal Project:The objectives are to: (a) support the rehabilitation of basic infrastructure facilities; and (b) enhance the access to social services in targeted urban areas. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 13 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Ethiopia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Third Pastoral Community Development Project (Cr. 53350-ET):The objectives are to: (a) enhance growth and stability of incomes; (b) increase asset base; and (c) improve access to public services among pastoral communities through the operationalization of demand driven models of investment and service delivery throughout Ethiopia's pastoral and agro-pastoral woredas. *Negotiations completed on 23 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 12 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130276. US\$ 110.0/85.0 (IDA Credit/IFAD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Federal Affairs, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-91)

444-357, E-mail: oseedhaik@yahoo.com, Contact: Seid Omer, PCDP Coordinator

Second Sustainable Land Management Project:The objectives are to: (a) reduce land degradation in agricultural landscapes; and (b) improve the agricultural productivity, incomes and resilience of small holder farmers. Bank Approval scheduled for 30 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133133. US\$ 50.0/42.7 (IDA Credit/NORM). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 1646-2353, E-mail: melak635@gmail.com, Contact: Melaku Tadesse, National Coordinator

Sustainable Land Management Project:The objectives are to: (a) reduce land degradation in agricultural landscapes; and (b) improve resilience of small holder farmers. Bank Approval scheduled for 22 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133410. US\$ 13.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required.

Education

(R) General Education Quality Improvement II (Cr. 53150-ET):The objective is to improve the quality of general education (grade 1-12) throughout the country. *Bank Approval completed on 12 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P129828. US\$ 130.0/20.0/185.6/100.0/26.7/10.0 (IDA Credit/AID/DFID/EFAF/FINN/ITAL). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, PO Box 1367, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-11) 155-3135, Fax: (251-11) 155-0877

Energy and Mining

(R) Geothermal Development Project:The objective is to diversify Ethiopia's electricity generation mix and increase electricity generation capacity. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133613. US\$ 198.0/24.5/3.3/55.0 (IDA Credit/CSCF/ICEI/JBIC). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

Competitiveness and Job Creation Project:The objective is to support job creation, enhance competitiveness and increase investments within selected industrial zones in Ethiopia. Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P143302. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Statistics for Results Facility:The objectives are to: (a) improve the national dialogue and partnership between data users and producers; and (b) deliver more efficient and effective aid and technical assistance to strengthen statistical systems and results measurement. *Decision Meeting completed on 14 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 30 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (SRTF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second Local Government Development Project:The objective is to support the planning, delivery, and sustained provision of priority municipal services and infrastructure. Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133592. US\$ 350.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Second Transport Sector Project to Support the Fourth Road Sector Development Program:The objective is to upgrade selected trade corridor and road links. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131118. US\$ 320.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Second Water Supply Sanitation Project:The objective is to support the government's program focusing on rural and small towns and adapting the water supply, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). *Decision Meeting completed on 23 October 2013. Appraisal scheduled for 9 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment

Category B. Project: P133591. US\$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Gabon

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Support to Critical Wetlands Ecosystems:The objective is to increase the knowledge base and to strengthen capacities of the national entities to sustainably manage critical wetlands ecosystems. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143914. US\$ 8.5 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Rural Electrification and Capacity Building Project:The objectives are to: (a) increase access to modern energy services in rural areas; (b) improve end-use energy efficiency; and (c) enable future investments in hydropower. Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Economic Diversification and Competitiveness:(formerly Industry and Trade Sector) The objectives are to: (a) establish a "One Stop Shop" for assistance to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and investors along the line; and (b) expand upon the Maison de l'entreprise concept. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Finance, Libreville, Gabon, Tel: (241-05) 087-284

CAB4 E-Government Applications Project:The objectives are to: (a) scale-up the e-government strategy; and (b) create an action plan to leverage the new connectivity. This E-gov Applications project will support selected eGovernment and flagship ICT applications. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 6 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

The Gambia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Commercial Agriculture and Value Chain Management:The objectives are to: (a) increase agricultural productivity in selected value chains through improved input and output markets access and technology; (b) increase private investment in commercial agriculture, agricultural processing and marketing industries; and (c) improve market linkages between small-holders and larger commercial entities. Decision Meeting scheduled for 7 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 14.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, The Quadrangle, Banjul, The Gambia, Tel: (220) 422-9817, Fax: (220) 422-4278, E-mail: aaajobe@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Abdou Rahmane Jobe, Permanent Secretary

Education

Results for Education Achievement and Development Project:The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality of teaching; (b) increase access for hard to reach children; and (c) enhance system monitoring. Negotiations scheduled for 6 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 11.7/6.9 (IDA Grant/EFAF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, Willy Thorpe Place Bldg. Banjul, The Gambia, Tel: (220) 422-8522, Fax: (220) 422-5066, E-mail: sherifyunus@yahoo.com, Contact: Sherif Yunus Hydrara

Health and Other Social Services

Community-Based Nutrition and Primary Health Care Project:The objective is to increase the coverage of community-based nutrition and primary health care services. Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143650. US\$ 3.0/5.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consultants will be required during preparation. National Nutrition Agency (NaNA), The Gambia, Tel: (220) 449-8851, E-mail: nana@gamtel.

gm; Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Government of The Gambia, The Gambia, Tel: (220) 422-8624, Fax: (220) 422-9325

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Integrated Financial Management and Information System (IFMIS) Project Additional Financing:The objective is a continuation to support the Government of The Gambia to: (a) expand the existing IFMIS system and automate the National Records Service; (b) to strengthen national statistical capacity; and (c) to support an energy sector strategy. Bank Approval completed on 20 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, Quadrangle, Banjul, POB. 3296, The Gambia, Tel: (220) 422-5713, Fax: (220) 422-7954

Second Economic Governance Reform Grant:The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the government's capacity in public financial management; and (b) improve public sector management in the agriculture, energy and telecommunications sectors. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Ghana

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Forest Investment Program:The objective is to increase forest stocks and reduce deforestation and forest degradation in Ghana by supporting reforms and investments on forest related policies and practices. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category A

(R) Natural Resources and Environmental Governance Technical Assistance (Cr. H8510-GH):The objective is to provide targeted technical assistance to conceptualize, plan and implement institutional actions and policy reforms that will promote growth and poverty reduction through sustainable, inclusive and socially responsible natural resource management. *Bank Approval completed on 6 June 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129769. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology, PO Box M 232, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-24) 863-9270, Fax: (233-30) 268-8913, E-mail: fredua_agveman@yahoo.com, Contact: Fredua Agveman, Technical Director. Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Ministries, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-24) 436-2510, E-mail: majuamuk@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Musah Abu-Juam, Technical Director

Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Local Communities:The objective is to enhance the capacity and support specific initiatives of local communities in Ghana to strengthen their participation in the Forest Investment Program and other REDD+ processes at the local national, and global levels. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.5 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sustainable Land and Water Management Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) improve sustainable land and water management practices to reduce land degradation and enhance maintenance of biodiversity in selected micro-watersheds; and (b) strengthen spatial planning for identification of linked watershed investments in the Northern Savannah region of Ghana. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 8.7 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment Science and Technology, Ghana, Contact: Nicholas Iddi, Project Coordinator

Education

(R) Secondary Education Project:The objective is to increase access and improve equity and quality of secondary education in Ghana. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 22 October 2013. Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145741. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

Financial Sector Support Project:The objective is to support the development of Ghana's financial sector and the implementation of

Ghana's 'Financial Sector Strategic Plan II' by addressing key issues in priority areas such as banking and pensions. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

Health Insurance and Nutrition:The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the financial and operational management of the National Health Insurance Scheme; and (b) finance activities related to community-based health and nutrition services for children under the age of two and pregnant women in the entire Ghana population. Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 90.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Maternal and Child Health Improvement Project:The objective is to improve reproductive, maternal and child health. Negotiations scheduled for 7 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 68.0/5.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, PO Box M-44, Ghana, Tel: (233-020) 887-6172, E-mail: salasung2@yahoo.com, Contact: S. Alasung

Social Opportunities Project Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) improve social protection spending; (b) increase access to cash transfers nationwide; (c) increase access to employment and cash-earning opportunities for the rural poor during the agricultural off-season; and (d) improve economic and social infrastructure in target districts. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Youth Employment:The objective is to enhance the employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for youth, especially disadvantaged youth, through intermediary services for job training and start up schemes provided by the private and public sector. Decision Meeting scheduled for 3 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P132248. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

Ghana Competitiveness:The objective is to support improved competitiveness of high potential sub-sectors of Ghana's economy, particularly manufacturing. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and Communications

(R) Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for Social Transformation (Cr. 53040-GH):The objective is to support ICT applications to transform strategic government agencies and improve citizens' access to information. *Bank Approval completed on 24 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P144140. US\$ 97.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Communication, Ghana, E-mail: ofosuadarkwa@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Kwaku Ofosu-Adarkwa, Chief Director

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Macro Stability for Competitiveness and Growth:The objectives are to support: (a) the need for macroeconomic stabilization and greater executive efficiency; and (b) transparency and accountability to provide adequate funding for the reduction of poverty by improving resource allocation efficiency and setting an environment more supportive of a competitive economy. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Statistics Development Program:The objective is to modernize and streamline the Ghana National Statistical System to ensure that it is sufficiently equipped in terms of human resources, essential tools and infrastructure to produce and disseminate reliable and timely statistics. Bank Approval completed on 25 August 2011. Environ-

mental Assessment Category C. Project: P118858. US\$ 30.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/SRTF). Consultants will be required. Ghana Statistical Service, PO Box GP 1098, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 682-647/657, Fax: (233-21) 664-304, E-mail: Grace.bediako@gmail.com, Contact: Humayun Kabir, Secretary

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Greater Accra Metropolitan Area (GAMA) Sanitation and Water:The objectives are to: (a) increase access to water supply and improve sanitation, particularly in peri-urban areas; (b) enhance the sustainability of service provision; and (c) improve information on the access, quality and sustainability of water and sanitation services. Bank Approval completed on 6 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P119063. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ghana Water Company Ltd. (GWCL), PIU, Ghana, Contact: Yuba Raj Pandey, Vice Chairman

Guinea

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Agricultural Support Project:The objective is to support the diversification of activities beyond traditional rice farming, and contribute to the rebuilding of Guinea's agricultural research and technology transfer capabilities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Power Sector Recovery Project:The objective is to help improve the technical, commercial and financial performance of Guinea's power utility, with a special focus on the funding of a management contract, end-user meters and other support to commercial operations, and power transmission investments. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

Health System Strengthening:The objective is to initiate a results based financing approach in the Guinea Health system that will strengthen the health system. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Guinea-Bissau

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Emergency Food Security Support Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) improve food security for the most vulnerable population, including children; and (b) increase smallholder rice production in project areas. Bank Approval to be scheduled. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.0 (GFDR). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Rui de Principe, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 205-904, E-mail: Rdjata@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Rui Nene Djata, Project Coordinator

Education

(R) Education for All Fast Track Initiative Program:The objective will contribute to improve the delivery of basic education services with a focus on greater and more equitable access, better quality and improved local governance. *First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P114115. US\$ 12.0 (EFAF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of National Education, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 320-5481, Contact: Alfredo Gomes, Coordinator, Project Preparation Team

(R) Rural Community-Driven Development Project Additional Financing:The objective is to increase access to priority basic social and economic infrastructures and services in participating communities in at least two regions of Guinea-Bissau. Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 January 2014. Environmental Assessment

Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Emergency Electricity and Water Rehabilitation Additional Financing:The objective is to assist the Government of Guinea-Bissau in the rapid restoration and improvement of electricity and water services in the capital city of Bissau. Bank Approval completed on 17 May 2011. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125374. US\$ 2.2 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Regional Integration, 37 Ave. Amilal Cabral, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 320-7286, Fax: (245) 320-4846, E-mail: hembalo@hotmail.com, Contact: Luis Alberto Gomes, Coordinator

Industry and Trade

Agribusiness Development and Private Sector Rehabilitation:The objectives are to: (a) improve investment climate and entrepreneurship development; and (b) support cashew agribusiness development. Negotiations scheduled for 4 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 4.0/4.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Regional Integration, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 320-7286, Fax: (245) 320-4846, E-mail: pmri@orange-bissau.com

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Development Policy Operation:The objective is to support the four pillars of the Government second Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper and follow a similar structure of the previous EGRGs series. *Decision meeting scheduled for mid-December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 7.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Av A. Cabral No. 67, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 666-6668, Fax: (245) 320-5156, E-mail: jocava@hotmail.com, Contact: Carlos Casimiro, Secretary of Treasury and Accounting

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Electricity and Water Reform:The objective is to meet the electricity and water supply needs of the country in an economically and environmentally sustainable manner in order to contribute to economic growth and well-being of the population of Guinea-Bissau. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P120917. US\$ 7.0/9.0 (IDA Credit/ZMUL). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Regional Integration, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 320-7286, Fax: (245) 320-4846, E-mail: pmri@orange-bissau.com, Contact: Luis Cruz Gomes, Coordinator

Kenya

Education

(N) Global Partnership for Education (GPE) Education Sector Support Project:The objective is to improve the quality of early childhood and basic education service delivery in Kenya for increased learning achievement for all. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 88.4 (EFAS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Electricity Modernization Project:The objective is to improve the risk profile of Kenya Power and Lighting Company Ltd. (KPLC) for commercial lenders and support KPLC obtain commercial loans for longer tenors at competitive interest rates. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (GUID). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Menengai Geothermal:The objectives are to: (a) develop geothermal resources in the Menengai field and make them available for electricity generation; and (b) establish transmission lines to connect Menengai to the national grid. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 115.0/170.0/120.0/40.0/36.0 (IDA Credit/AFD/AFDB/CIF/EUIB). Consulting services to be determined. Geothermal Development Company (GDC), Taj Tower, Upper Hill PO Box 100746-00101,

Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 242-7516, E-mail: md@gdc.co.ke, Contact: Dr. Silas M. Simiyu

Power System Development:The objective is to ensure that access to reliable, cost effective, and high quality supply of electricity is sustained to business enterprises and households. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P120014. US\$ 200.0/50.0 (IDA Credit/FRDE). Consultants will be required. Kenya Power and Lighting Co. Ltd. Stima Plaza, Kolobot Road, PO Box 30099, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 243-366, Fax: (254-20) 310-336, Contact: John Njoroge, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. Ministry of Energy, Nyayo House, PO Box 30582, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 255-0680, Fax: (254-20) 222-8314, E-mail: ps@energymin.go.ke, Contact: Patrick Nyoike, Permanent Secretary

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Cash Transfers for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Additional Financing:The objective is to increase social safety net access for extremely poor OVC households, through an effective and efficient expansion of the CT-OVC program and building the capacity of the National Safety Net Program (NSNP) *Bank Approval completed on 31 October 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146161. US\$ 10.0/56.4 (IDA Credit/DFID). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Services, E-mail: mwasiawf@yahoo.com, Contact: Winnie Mwasi, Social Protection Secretariat Coordinator

(R) Health Sector Support Project Additional Financing:The objective is to support scaling-up of the Results Based Financing (RBF) initiative. *Appraisal completed on 6 November 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 25 November 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144197. US\$ 41.0/20.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). *Consultants will be required*. Ministry of Health, Afya House, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 717-077; Ministry of Public Health and Sanitation; and Ministry of Medical Services, Afya House, PO Box 30016-00100, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 271-7077, Fax: (254-20) 271-3234, E-mail: head.ddpc@domkenya.or.ke, Contact: Dr. Willis Akwhale

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Petroleum Technical Assistance Project (KEPTAP):The objective is to strengthen the capacity of the government to manage its petroleum sector for sustainable development impacts. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145234. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy, Kenya

Transportation

Transport Sector Support Project Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) increase the efficiency of road transport along the Northern Corridor and the Tanzania-Kenya-Sudan road corridor; (b) enhance aviation safety and security to meet international standards; and (c) improve the institutional arrangements and capacity in the transport sector. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Urban Water and Sanitation OBA Fund for Low Income Areas:The objective is to increase the number of people in low income areas with access to improved water supply and sanitation services in Kenyan towns and cities. *Bank Approval scheduled for 11 March 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 11.7 (GPBA). Consulting services to be determined. Water Services Trust Fund, CIC Plaza, Mara Road, Upperhill, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-02) 0272-0696, E-mail: musyoki@wstfkenya.org, Contact: Jacqueline Musyoki

Second Kenya Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (KWSCR-2):The objective is to improve water security and build climate resilience in the Coastal Region. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145559. US\$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Lesotho

Industry and Trade

(R) Second Private Sector Competitiveness and Economic Diversification (Cr. 53090-LS):The objectives are to support business environment reforms, improve access to finance for SMEs and increase private investment in targeted sectors. *Bank Approval completed on 31 October 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144933. US\$ 13.1 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Trade and Industry, Cooperatives and Marketing, Tel: (22) 317-454, E-mail: moahlolimpaka@yahoo.com, Contact: Minister Mr. Moahloli Mphaka, Principal Secretary

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Financial Management Reform Support Program:The objectives are to: (a) improve public expenditure efficiency; and (b) effectiveness by strengthening the internal controls, accounting, reporting and oversight of government finances at the central and decentralized levels in MDAs and districts in Lesotho. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 November 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143197. US\$ 5.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Second Growth and Competitiveness Development Policy Credit (DPC):The objective is to support Government's reforms to improve: (a) private sector competitiveness; (b) sustainability and efficiency of public spending; and (c) social protection and monitoring systems. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 14 November 2013. Preparation is underway*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 16.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, (Physical Address), Maseru, Lesotho, Tel: (266-22) 310-826, Fax: (266-22) 310-157

Liberia

Health and Other Social Services

Youth Employment Social Safety Net:The objective is to support the development of social protection programming focused on increasing resilience among poor and vulnerable households, particularly through improved employment opportunities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 29 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Public Sector Modernization Project:The objective is to improve the performance of civil servants in participating ministries, and strengthen pay and payroll management in the Civil Service in Liberia. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143064. US\$ 2.0/5.3/3.8 (IDA Credit/AID/SIDA). Consultants will be required. Civil Service Agency, Liberia, Tel: (231-886) 566-514, E-mail: wellehsanyon@hotmail.com, Contact: George Werner

Second Poverty Reduction Support Credit:The objectives are to: (a) sustain and deepen government-owned efforts to reform governance and civil service; and (b) support the broadening of reforms to include economic transformation and human development. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 23 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Minister of Finance, Liberia, Tel: (231-886) 578-921

Transportation

(R) Urban Rural Infrastructure Rehabilitation Additional Financing:The objective is to support the Government to improve: (a) road access in Monrovia and targeted rural roads; and (b) institutional structure for technical management of the road sector. *Appraisal scheduled for 18 November 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144435. US\$ 18.8/10.3 (IDA Grant/LRTRF). *Consultants will be required*. IIU/PFMU, Liberia

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Emergency Monrovia Urban Sanitation 2 Additional Financing:The objective, a continuation, is to increase access to solid waste collection service in Monrovia, Liberia. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 15.3 (LRTF). Consulting services to be determined. MCC PIU, Liberia, Tel: (231-886) 144-849, E-mail: poasumadu@yahoo.com, Contact: Peter Ofori-Asumadu, Project Director

Madagascar

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Emergency Food Security and Nutrition Project:The objective is to enhance agricultural production capacity and protect vulnerable populations from food insecurity in project areas. Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 65.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Irrigation and Watershed Management:The objective is to establish a viable basis for irrigated rice production and natural resources management in selected irrigation sites and their surrounding watersheds. *Bank Approval scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128831. US\$ 12.7 (PHRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Madagascar, Tel: (261-2022) 474-385, E-mail: cpnbvpi@blueline.mg, Contact: Lantonirina Ramaroson, National Coordinator

Education

(R) Education For All Global Partnership for Education Fund (GPEF):The objective is to improve access to, and quality of, education especially in vulnerable areas. *First Grant Funding Request Approval completed on 16 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 85.4 (FTIE). Consulting services to be determined. Unite d'appui technique- Education pour Tous, UAT-EPT Anosy, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 222-8295, E-mail: uat_ept@moov.mg, Contact: Josiane Rabetokotany, Technical Coordinator, UAT

Energy and Mining

Second Power/Water Sectors Recovery and Restructuring APL:The objective is to lay the foundation for the sustainable expansion of a commercially-oriented utility in a most cost-efficient way by investing in strategically important areas: (a) HV interconnections of the main load-centres; (b) preparation of the next large scale hydro facility; and (c) investments and TA necessary. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 23 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 50.0/50.0/64.0/70.0 (IDA Credit/AFDB/ZBIL/ZPCO). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Growth and Infrastructure:The objectives are to: (a) consolidate and deepen the impacts in the three existing sub-regions (growth poles); and (b) extend the interventions to adjacent sub-regions with high growth potential to establish growth corridors. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 4 November 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 7 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Malawi

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Malawi Fourth Social Action Fund APL III (MASAF IV) (Cr. 53430-MW):The objective is to improve and reform MASAF into the National productive safety net program for direct cash and other safety nets benefits in the country. *Negotiations completed on 6 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 18 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133620. US\$ 32.8 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Malawi Third Social Action Fund, Malawi

Shire Valley Irrigation Support:The objectives are to: (a) raise agricultural productivity and profitability for agricultural producers, including small-holders, in the Lower Shire Valley; and (b) broaden Malawi's export base by establishing market-driven productive ventures and providing efficient and sustainable irrigation services. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125473. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MOAFS), PO Box 30134, Capital City, Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 789-033, Fax: (265-1) 789-218, E-mail: xtluhanga@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Sandram Maweru, Principal Secretary

Education

Higher Education and Skills Development:The objectives are to: (a) develop a skilled and flexible labor force including engineers, technicians, basic artisans and business leaders; (b) create and disseminate new ideas and technologies; and (c) enhance capacity to access existing stores of global knowledge and adapt this knowledge to local use. Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131660. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

Business Enabling Environment Project:The objective is to improve the business enabling environment in Malawi. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.2 (AFRF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Economic Recovery Development Policy Operation:The objectives are to strengthen macroeconomic and public finance management and lay the foundation for stronger growth and protection of the poor. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Capital Hill, PO Box 30049, Capital City, Lilongwe 3, Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 789-355, Fax: (265-1) 789-173, E-mail: finance@finance.gov.mw, min-finance@finance.gov.mw

Mali

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Natural Resources Management in a Changing Climate:The objective is to expand the adoption of sustainable land and water management practices in targeted Communes in Mali. *Negotiations completed on 17 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 6 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129516. US\$ 8.4 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Agency for the Environment and Sustainable Development (AEDD), Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223-20) 235-867, E-mail: mgkou@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mamadou Gakou, General Manager

(R) Natural Resources Management in a Changing Climate (Cr. H8900-ML):The objective is to expand the adoption of sustainable land and water management practices in targeted communes in Mali. *Negotiations completed on 16 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 6 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145799. US\$ 12.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Agency for the Environment and Sustainable Development (AEDD), Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223-20) 235-867, E-mail: mgkou@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mamadou Gakou, General Manager

(R) Reconstruction and Economic Recovery (Cr. H9010-ML):The objective is to rehabilitate basic infrastructure and restore productive activities of communities impacted by the crisis in Mali. *Negotiations completed on 30 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 6 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144442. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Government of Mali, Quartier du Fleuve, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223-20) 225-858, Fax: (223-20) 231-654

Energy and Mining

(N) Kenie Hydropower Project:The objective is to expand renewable generation to better serve domestic power demand. Identification scheduled for 1 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 30.0/70.0 (GUID/ZPCO). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Banda Gas to Power Guarantee:The objective is to enable production of natural gas to increase reliable, competitive and environmentally sustainable electricity supply for Mauritanian, Senegalese and Malian households and industry. *Appraisal scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 32.0 (GUID). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Rural Electrification Hybrid System Project (Cr. 53560-ML):The objective is to scale-up the scope and effectiveness of hybrid mini-grid schemes in isolated off-grid areas in Mali. *Negotiations completed on 25 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 11 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131084. US\$ 25.0/15.4/5.0 (IDA Credit/CSCF/GPBA). Consultants will be required. Agence Malienne pour le Developpement de l'Energie Domestique et d' Electrification Rurale (AMADER), Mali, Tel: (223-2) 238-567, Contact: Ismael Toure, PDG AMADER

(R) Rural Electrification Hybrid System Project GPOBA:The objective is to increase access to modern energy for 13,800 low income rural households (150,000 individuals) in rural areas in Mali. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (GPBA). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

(R) Skills for Employability and Growth:The objective is to support higher youth productivity and employability and stronger skills for key sectors of the economy by improving the effectiveness of skill development in the formal and informal sector. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 14 November 2013. Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Seventh Mali DPO:The objective is to support the Government's efforts to: (a) expand the executive accountability; and (b) consolidate the economy. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Bamako Water Supply:The objective is to support the Government's efforts to increase access to sustainable water services in Bamako. Bank Approval scheduled for 21 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122826. US\$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Societe Malienne de Patrimoine de l'Eau Potable (SOMAPEP), Siege Social Bamako, Quartier Magnamboug, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223-20) 220-026, Fax: (223-20) 220-200, E-mail: atdiarra56@yahoo.fr, Contact: Adama Tiemoko Diarra, Chevalier de l'Ordre National

Mauritania

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Irrigation Project:The objective is to support the Government with the new strategy and its policy implications for the irrigation sector. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit).

(R) Sustainable Land Management under SAWAP:The objective is to support the Government's effort in operationalizing its biodiversity strategy and the Great Green Wall Initiative in Mauritania. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 4.8 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

Second Education for All Fast Track Initiative:The objective is to improve access to, and quality of, basic education, maintain equity and increase learning outcomes. Signing scheduled for 10 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126902. US\$ 12.4 (EFAF). Consultants will be required. Direction des Projets Education et Formation (DPEF), BP 6541, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Tel: (222) 525-2063, Fax: (222) 525-1513, E-mail: chrif@dpef.mr, Contact: Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud Ould

Skills Development Project Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality and efficiency of training institutions; and (b) create an enabling environment for a more market-driven Technical and Vocational Education Training System. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 8.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Gas to Power:The objective is to use natural gas discovered offshore for a power station to be built near Nouakchott. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 130.0 (GUID). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy, BP 199, Rond-Point Sebkhia, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Tel: (222-46) 431-537, Fax: (222-44) 297-456, E-mail: kane@acces.mr, kane@hydraulique.gov.mr, Contact: Mamadou Amadou Kane, Directeur General de l'Electricite

Mauritius

Finance

(R) Finance and Private Sector Competitiveness Development Policy Lending:The objective is to support the development of financial sector competitiveness that will help Mauritius in fostering the resilience and competitiveness of its economy as enablers for the implementation of its Africa strategy. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 30 October 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Government House, Port Louis, Mauritius, Tel: (230) 201-1146, E-mail: gbussier@mail.gov.mu, Contact: Gerard Bussier, Deputy Director

Transportation

(R) Road Asset Management and Safety:The objectives are to: (a) reduce the user's cost on the priority sections of the primary and secondary road network; (b) improve the institutional framework for road safety; and (c) strengthen asset management in the road sector. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 6 November 2012. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129015. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Government House, Port Louis, Mauritius, Tel: (230) 201-1146

Mozambique

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Second Agriculture Development Policy Operation (DPO):The objective, the second in a series of three DPO, is to support the Mozambique agriculture sector investment plan (PNISA). Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning and Development, Av. Ahmed S. Toure, 21, 4th floor, Mozambique, Fax: (258) 21 49-26-25

Conservation Areas for Biodiversity and Development:The objective is to support the development and management of Mozambique's Conservation Areas system in order to improve biodiversity conservation, economic growth and sustainable livelihoods. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131965. US\$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Conservation Areas for Biodiversity and Development-GEF:The objective is to support the development and management of Mozambique conservation areas' system in order to improve biodiversity conservation, economic growth and sustainable livelihoods. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.2 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Higher Education Science and Technology Project Additional Financing: (formerly under Country: Regional) The objectives are to: (a) increase the number and raise the quality of graduates at the undergraduate and graduate levels; and (b) strengthen the national research capacities to produce research outputs of relevance to the Country's strategic economic sectors. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Early Child Development and Nutrition:The objective is to assist the Government to: (a) pilot various types of community-based ECD interventions; (b) include provision of nutrition services for pregnant mothers and young children; and (c) create an ECD unit within the Ministry of Education. Bank Approval completed on 1 May 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P124729. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Government of Mozambique, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 480-700, Fax: (258-21) 490-979, Contact: HE Said Baragoita, Minister

Energy and Mining

Second Climate Change DPO:The objective is to support the Government to cross-cutting reforms and sector reforms in agriculture, social protection, health, water, roads and energy. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

(R) Financial Sector Development Policy Operation:The objective is to support the Government's policy measures emanating from the Financial Sector Development Strategy 2012-2020, especially those that promote access to finance while maintaining financial sector stability and resilience. *Appraisal scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Economic Governance:The objectives are to: (a) promote the efficiency, transparency and accountability in the use of public resources through improving public financial management and national statistics systems; and (b) enhance the effectiveness of the justice system to improve the investment climate. Bank Approval scheduled for 6 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P124615. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required.

Tenth Poverty Reduction Support Credit (PRSC X):The objective is to assist the Government to: (a) improve the business climate and to increase transparency in extractive industries; (b) strengthen social protection; and (c) strengthen public financial management by enhancing effectiveness of internal audits, developing a public investment management process, and improving public debt management. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 22 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 110.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Finance, Praca da Marinha, 929 Popular, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 315-000

Transportation

Roads and Bridges Management and Maintenance Program Phase III:The objective is to improve access of the population to all-season roads through maintenance, rehabilitation and upgrading of the classified road network. Preparation scheduled for 8 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0/16.0/5.0

(IDA Credit/CIF/NDF). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Roads and Bridges Management and Maintenance Project Phase 2 Additional Financing:The objective is to stimulate growth and contribute to poverty reduction through improved road infrastructure, better sector policies, and enhanced roads sector management. Negotiations completed on 30 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 19 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146402. US\$ 3.2/6.5/9.3/15.0 (IDA Grant/CSCC/CSCF/GFDR). Consultants will be required. Administracao Nacional de Estradas (ANE), Av.de Mocambique No. 1225, Caixa Postal 403, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 305-589, Fax: (258-21) 305-069, E-mail: amugunhe@ane.gov.mz, Contact: Atanasio Mugunhe, Director General. Road Fund, 1st Floor 170 Martires de Inhaminga Ave. Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 305-589, Fax: (258-21) 305-069, Contact: Cecilio Granthane

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Cities and Climate Change Pilot Project for Climate Resilience (PPCR) Additional Financing:The objective is to reduce current and future weather induced impacts on poor population and on Mozambique's fragile economy. Specifically, supporting the green infrastructure investments in the City of Beira, aiming at protecting existing natural drainages courses to increase the city resilience to floods. *Decision Meeting completed on 31 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 20 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.5/9.3 (CSCC/CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Administration for Water Supply and Sanitation Infrastructure (ALAS), Mozambique

Greater Maputo Water Supply Expansion:The objectives are to: (a) increase the production and treatment capacity of water to assist in meeting the water demand in the Greater Maputo Area; and (b) promote the sustainable operation of the existing water supply system. Bank Approval completed on 25 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125120. US\$ 178.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. FIPAG (Water Supply Investment Fund), Rua Pereira d'Eca, Nr. 241, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 491-529, Fax: (258-21) 498-881; CRA (Water Regulatory Council), Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 312-825, Fax: (258-21) 312-826

Water Resources Development Flood Response Additional Financing:The objective, same as the parent project, is to strengthen the management of national water resources and increase the yield from Corumana dam to augment water supply for the Greater Maputo Metropolitan Area. Bank Approval completed on 27 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 32.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Direccao Nacional de Aguas/Ministerio das Obras Publicas e Habitacao, Av. 25 de Setembro, 942, 30 Andar, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 312-568/570, Fax: (258-21) 312-571, E-mail: jalferes@dnaguas.gov.mz, Contact: Juliao Alferes, National Director

Niger

Education

Basic Education Support:The objective is to support the Government's Education Sector Program for the period of 2013-2016 by improving equitable access to and learning outcomes in basic education. Appraisal scheduled for 30 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132405. US\$ 15.8/84.2 (FRDE/FTIE). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

Population and Health Support Project:The objective is to strengthen the health services delivery and the improvement of the reproductive health in Niger. Identification scheduled for 27 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 126.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Health, Ministere de la Sante, Niamey, Niger, Tel: (227-20) 722-782, Fax: (227-20) 733-570

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Sector Capacity and Performance for Service Delivery:The objective is to contribute to more effective service delivery and public policy implementation in Niger. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145261. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Third Shared Growth Credit:The objective is a continuation to improve the business environment for investment and trade, increase agricultural productivity, and strengthen public financial management. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 14 November 2013. Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Disaster Risk Management and Urban Development Project:The objectives are to: (a) assist with flood protection infrastructure; and (b) support local governance to improve land use practices to foster more effective service delivery in line with existing urban development plans and regulations. *Negotiations completed on 7 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 11 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145932. US\$ 6.6 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Niger

(R) Disaster Risk Management and Urban Infrastructure Development Project (Cr. 53400-NE):The objective is to strengthen the local governments through technical assistance and investments in land-use planning, urban development and disaster risk management. *Negotiations completed on 7 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 11 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145268. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Niger

Nigeria

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Staple Crop Processing Zones Support Project:The objectives are to: (a) create wealth for farming communities by boosting competitiveness of the agro-industrial production and attracting and engaging youth in agriculture; and (b) channel investments into rural agricultural communities. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 9 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Commercial Agricultural Development Additional Financing:The objective, same as the parent project, is to increase: (a) growth rates in targeted commodities in each state; (b) value processing and commercialization of targeted commodities; and (c) farm and non-farm incomes among project beneficiaries. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit).

(R) Irrigation and Water Resources Management:The objective is to improve the performance and financial sustainability of irrigation service delivery and water resource management in pilot States. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 24 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P123112. US\$ 400.0/100.0 (IDA Credit/FRDE). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Selected States

(R) Second Agriculture Sector Development Policy Operation:The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the policy environment and institutional capacity to enhance agricultural productivity and market access among farmers; and (b) improve agriculture sector management. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Nigeria

Education

(N) Lagos Eko Secondary Education Project Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality of public junior and senior secondary education in Lagos State; and (b) support

over half a million public school students in 637 secondary schools, over 7,000 teachers and school administrators and will strengthen the capacity of district, state and education institutions. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 42.3 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Lagos State Ministry of Education, Office of the Commissioner of Education, Lagos State Ministry of Education, Alausa, Ikeja, Nigeria, E-mail: ronkeazeez@aol.co.uk, Contact: Ms. Ronke Azeez, Project Coordinator

(R) Global Partnership for Education Fund Grant:The objective is to improve access to and quality of basic education in selected States with particular attention to girls' participation. *Negotiations scheduled for 22 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (EFAS). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Education, c/o STEP-B Project, Plot 245, Samuel Adesujo Adeulegun St. Nigeria, Tel: (234-803) 385-4351, E-mail: stepbfme@yahoo.com

Energy and Mining

(R) Electricity Transmission and Access Project:The objective is to support the Government to increase the capacity of the Nigerian Grid and reduce the system losses. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 700.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Electricity and Gas Improvement Additional Financing-GUID (Cr. G2140-NG):The objective is a continuation to support the Nigeria Electricity and Gas Improvement project to power three of the NIPP plants in Sapele, Olorunsogo and Alaoji. *Signing scheduled for 10 July 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126190. US\$ 200.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Power Holding Company of Nigeria, Plot 441 Zambezi Crescent, Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 413-6684, Fax: (234-9) 413-6685, E-mail: maganiyu@nepapmu.org, Contact: Mansuru A. Ganiyu, Project Manager

(R) Power Sector Guarantees:The objective is to increase the supply of electricity to the Nigerian consumers. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P120207. US\$ 700.0 (GUAR). Consultants will be required. Nigeria Bulk Electricity Trading PLC, Nigeria, Tel: (234-803) 685-6383, E-mail: rumundaka.wonodi@nbet.com.ng

Electricity and Gas Improvement Additional Financing:The objective is to continue to support the Government to enable unconstrained transmission of power generated from power plants where PRGs are guaranteeing gas supply. *Bank Approval completed on 19 June 2012.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126182. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Power Holding Company of Nigeria, Plot 441 Zambezi Crescent, Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 413-6684, Fax: (234-9) 413-6685, E-mail: maganiyu@nepapmu.org, Contact: Mansuru A. Ganiyu, Project Manager

Finance

(R) Reform of the Nigerian Development Finance Sector:The objective is to adopt a restructuring strategy for the development finance sector in Nigeria, which would encompass rethinking and redesigning the Nigeria. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 26 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 400.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Housing Finance Development Program:The project development objective is to increase access to housing finance by deepening primary and secondary mortgage markets in the Federal Republic of Nigeria. *Bank Approval completed on 26 September 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131973. US\$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Central Bank of Nigeria, PMB 0817, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 6163-8053, E-mail: oafabamwo@cbn.gov.ng, Contact: Olufemi Fabamwo, Head of Other Financial Inst. Dept

Health and Other Social Services

Program to Support Saving One Million Lives: The objective is to support the Government's "Saving One Million Lives" (SOML) initiative, which focuses on saving the lives of mothers and children. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Community and Social Development Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) increase access of poor and vulnerable households to social and economic services; and (b) strengthen social capital and partnership with local level administrative mechanisms. Project Concept Note scheduled for 24 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 140.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Public Sector Governance Reform and Development Project: The objective is to finance the costs associated with completing the implementation and provision of post-implementation support for the Government Integrated Financial Information Management System (GIFMIS) at the federal tier of government in Nigeria. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 8.2 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Office of the Accountant General of Nigeria, Opposite Old Central Bank of Nigeria, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 234-0949, Fax: (234-9) 234-443, E-mail: ksarjius@yahoo.com

(R) Second Lagos State Development Policy Credit: The objective is to support the policy and institutional reforms being implemented by the Lagos State Government. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 30 October 2013. Appraisal scheduled for 31 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P123352. US\$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) State Employment and Expenditure for Results Project: The objectives are to support: (a) youth employment and access to socio-economic services; and (b) reforms of the public financial management systems, processes and institutions in the participating states. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133071. US\$ 0.1 (ECD). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Finance, Central Area, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 8336-6661, E-mail: turakibatta@hotmail.com; National Planning Commission, Plot 421 Constitution Avenue, Central Business District, Abuja, Nigeria

(R) State and Local Governance Reform Project: The objective is to improve transparency, accountability and quality in public financial management in the participating states. *Negotiations scheduled for 6 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 73.1 (ECD). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Finance, Nigeria

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Ibadan Urban Flood Management Project: (formerly Ibadan Emergency Floods and Infrastructure Rehabilitation) The objective is to support city management through undertaking priority investments to reduce flooding risks and improve the urban sanitation environment in selected areas of Ibadan City. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 24 October 2013. Appraisal scheduled for 27 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Third National Urban Water Sector Reform Project: The objectives are to increase access to improved water supply service in selected States of Nigeria and to improve the financial viability of existing water utilities in those States, and b) to increase the investment planning capacity of selected States of Nigeria. Appraisal scheduled for 13 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123513. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Nigeria, Tel: (234-0803) 373-8149, E-mail: bajisegiri@yahoo.com

Enhancing Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change: The objective is to strengthen the ability of federal and state govern-

ments to respond to current climate related disasters, and to build resilience to future climate change. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 23 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 400.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Regional

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in East and Central Africa (ECA) Multi Donor Trust Fund: The objective is to enhance access and utilization of agricultural research technologies and innovations in the regional agricultural systems of ECA. *First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (CDP4). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa MDTF Additional Financing: The objective is to align African agricultural institutions at the national, regional and continental levels with CAADP Pillar IV FAAP Principles for effective research, extension, and training and education. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 8 November 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 5 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 20.0 (CDP4). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Fourth Comprehensive Agricultural Development: The objective is to support the creation of a regional institution for Southern Africa with the mandate to support and coordinate regional programs in agricultural research, agricultural extension, and agricultural training and education. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P113629. US\$ 26.0 (CDP4). Consulting services to be determined. FARA Secretariat, PMB CT 173, Cantonments, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233) 2177-2823/9421, Fax: (233) 2177-3676, E-mail: mjones@fara-africa.org, Contact: Dr. Monty P. Jones, Executive Secretariat. Southern Africa Development Community, Private Bag 0095, SADC House, Khama Crescent, Gaborone, Botswana, Tel: (267) 395-1863, Fax: (267) 397-2848, E-mail: ptawonezvi@sadc.int, Contact: Dr. Patrick Tawonezvi, Coordinator

(R) Regional Pastoral Livelihoods Recovery and Resilience: The objective is to build resilience for pastoral and agro-pastoral communities' in drought prone areas, with a focus on addressing trans-boundary challenges to resilience. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129408. US\$ 192.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MOARD), Ethiopia; Ministry of Livestock Development (MOLD), Kenya; Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda

(R) Sahel Regional Pastoralism Support: The objective is to develop and implement regional approaches to enhancing pastoral communities' resilience to weather shocks and long term climate change in drought prone areas in selected countries in the Sahel. *Project Concept Note scheduled for 22 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Second African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS) Multi-Donor Trust Fund: The objective is to provide support to AFAAS to enable it to carry out its Strategic and Operational Plan. *The loan was signed on 31 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143367. US\$ 6.5/1.0 (CDP4/IFAD). Consulting services to be determined. African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS), Plot 22A Nakasero Road, PO Box 34624, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-312) 313-400, Fax: (256-414) 347-843, E-mail: msnahdy@afaas-africa.org, Contact: Dr. Silim Nahdy, Executive Director

(R) South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth: The objective is to increase the shared benefits from economic growth based on sustainable fisheries and coastal marine resources. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132123. US\$ 47.1 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) West Africa Agricultural Productivity Program 2A Additional Financing: The objective is to scale-up the generation, dissemination and adoption of improved technologies in the participating countries' priority agricultural commodity areas that are aligned with the sub-region's top agricultural commodity priorities, as outlined in the ECOWAP. *Bank Approval completed on 28 June 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145160. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Comite National de la Recherche Agricole (CNRA), Rue Mohamed V, Centre Commercial, BP E19, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 2023-6290, Fax: (223) 2022-7165, E-mail: rejane.kone@cnra-mali.org, Contact: Dr. Anne-Réjane Koné Dembélé, Coordinator

South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth: The objective is to increase the shared benefits from economic growth based on sustainable fisheries and coastal marine resources. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.5 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

West Africa Mauritania Fish APL: The objective is to sustainably increase the overall wealth generated by the exploitation of the marine fisheries resources of West Africa and the proportion of that wealth captured by West African countries. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131327. US\$ 7.0 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

West Africa Regional Fisheries Program APL C1: The objective is to sustainably increase the overall wealth generated by the exploitation of the marine fisheries resources of West Africa, and the proportion of that wealth captured by West African countries to include the coastal nations from Mauritania through Ghana. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126773. US\$ 30.0/12.0/7.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit/GFIA). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) African Centers of Excellence: The objective is to support efforts to build centers of excellence and knowledge networks in tertiary education (science, technology, engineering, mathematics or STEM, health, and agriculture) in Africa, leveraging regional collaboration. Appraisal scheduled for 6 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126974. US\$ 158.3 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Association of African Universities (AAU), PO Box 5744, Accra-North, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233) 302-774495/761588, Fax: (233) 302-774821, E-mail: aapedoe@aaui.org, Contact: Prof. Etienne Ehouan Ehile, Secretary General

Energy and Mining

(N) 3A-Ruzizi Hydropower Partial Risk Guarantee: The objective is to provide a Partial Risk Guarantee to support private sector investors to develop the Ruzizi hydropower project. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (GUID). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program (NELSAP) Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric and Multipurpose (Cr. 52960-TZ, Cr. 52950-RW, Cr. H8720-BI, Cr. H8730-RW): The objective is to build a dam (15 m in height and 470 million m³ in reservoir capacity) and hydropower plant (60-80 MW) as well as transmission lines (360 km estimate) linked to all three countries (i.e. Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania). *The credit and grant were signed on 11 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P075941. US\$ 170.0/170.0/88.2/27.8 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/AFDF/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. Ministère de l'Énergie et des Mines, Bujumbura, Burundi, Tel: (257-2) 222-9555, Fax: (257-2) 222-3337, E-mail: dgee@cbinf.com, Contact: Idi Buhanga Pressadi, Directeur General. REGIDESO, BP 660, Bujumbura, Burundi, Tel: (257-2) 222-3412, Fax: (257-2) 222-6563, Contact: Celestin Nduwamung, Managing Director. Ministry of Infrastructure Kigali, PO Box 24, Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: (250) 0830-1890, Fax: (250) 585-755, E-mail: olikab@yahoo.fr, Contact: Alexis Karani, Director of Planning. Ministry of Energy and Minerals, 754/33 Samora Avenue

PO Box 2000, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 213-9455, Fax: (255-22) 211-1749, E-mail: ecmaswi@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Eng. Bashir J. Mrindoko, Commissioner Energy and Petroleum. Electrogaz, PO Box 537, Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: (250-788) 307-149, Contact: Yves Muyange, Director General

(R) Organisation de Mise en Valeur du fleuve Gambie (OMVG) Energy Project: West African Power Pool (WAPP) APL 4 - Phase 2: The objective is to increase access to electricity supply to Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Senegal through expanding regional transmission infrastructure that will enable to exchange renewable generation resources in the region. Identification scheduled for 16 December 2013. *Environmental Assessment Category B.* US\$ 173.0/20.0/100.0/27.0/112.0/50.0/168.0/35.0/30.0 (IDA Credit/ADFA/AFDB/EBID/EUIB/GFRC/ISDB/KFW/WADB). *Consultants will be required.* Consultants will be required for technical studies for new hydropower developments, for promoting those projects with a regional approach, and provide project management support to the Implementing Agency. OMVG - Gambia River Basin Development Organisation, Tel: (221-33) 822-3159, Fax: (221-33) 822-5926, E-mail: omvg@omvg.sn

(R) Southern Africa Power Pool and Regional Electricity Regulators Association of Southern Africa Regional Energy: The objectives are to: (a) promote regional trading through lending operations for several major transmission and generation projects; and (b) provide assistance to create and enforce the technical, economic and regulatory "rules of the road" for the regional interconnected grid. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Tanzania-Kenya Interconnector: The objectives are to connect Tanzania's electrical grid with Kenya's and later Zambia, create power-sharing between the two countries, reduce energy costs, promote sustainable and renewable power generation, protect the region's environment and pave the way for dynamic regional cooperation between the countries of East Africa. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 13 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Adjarala Hydroelectric West Africa Power Pool APL Phase 3: The objectives are to: (a) establish a well-functioning, cooperative, power pooling mechanism for West Africa; and (b) increase access for the citizens of ECOWAS to reliable and stable electricity at affordable costs. Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P115063. US\$ 120.0/165.0/100.0 (IDA Credit/ZBIL/ZMUL). Consultants will be required. Communauté Électrique du Bénin (CEB), Rue de la Kozah, BP 1368, Lomé, United States, Tel: (228) 221-6132, Fax: (228) 221-3764, E-mail: dg@cebnet.org, Contact: Djibril Salifou, Managing Director

Mozambique-Malawi Transmission Interconnection: The objective is to interconnect the Malawi power system with the Southern African Power Pool via Mozambique. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 120.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required during preparation for feasibility study and procurement. Electricidade de Moçambique (EdM), Ave Agostinho Neto 70 - 8 Andar, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 353-632; ESCOM, PO Box 2047, Blantyre, Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 822-000, 824-274, Fax: (265-1) 823-560

Regional Transmission Development Adaptable Program Loan: The objective is to support the development of the transmission backbone linking Tete Province with the south of Mozambique. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P108934. US\$ 150.0/50.0 (IDA Credit/GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Electricidade de Moçambique (Electricity of Mozambique), Av. Zedequias Manganhela, N-267, Predio Zat, 4th Floor, PO Box 938, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 304-407, Fax: (258-21) 328-233, E-mail: cyum@edmdipla.co.mz, Contact: Mr. Carlos Yum, Director and Project Coordinator

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Great Lakes Emergency Women's Health:The objective is to expand utilization of a package of high impact health and nutrition interventions and the provision of specialized health services targeted to vulnerable women and children under five in the Great Lakes region. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 31 October 2013. Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Productive Safety Nets Program IV:The objective is to reduce household vulnerability, improved resilience to shocks and sustainable community development in food insecure areas of rural Ethiopia. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 500.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture Ethiopia

(R) West Africa Disease Surveillance and Response:The objective is to develop a modern multi-disease surveillance and response network in West Africa. *The loan was signed on 24 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P125018. US\$ 10.0 (ACGF). Consulting services to be determined. ECOWAS/West African Health Organization, 175 Av. Ouezzin Couilbaly, Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso, Tel: (226-20) 975-775, Fax: (226-20) 975-772, E-mail: pcardoso@wahooas.org, Contact: Dr. Placido M. Cardoso, Director General

Industry and Trade

(R) Accelerated Program for Economic Integration (APEI) Regional Development Policy Operation:The objective is to support the governments of the five countries to implement reforms that will: (a) remove barriers to trade in goods, (b) promote trade in services, (c) further facilitate trade, and (d) improve the business environment. Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) West Africa Road Transport:The objective is to provide a regional budget support to those West African countries that jointly agree to common road transport reforms. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and Communications

(R) Central Africa Backbone APL5:The objective is to ensure seamless regional connectivity or national links to deliver broadband Internet to all provincial capitals, leveraging infrastructure established by other utilities such as power companies. *Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132821. US\$ 91.5/46.5 (IDA Credit/ZPCI). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Fifth Regional Communications Infrastructure Program APL:The objectives are to: (a) lower prices for international capacity and extend the geographic reach of broadband networks; and (b) improve the Government's efficiency and transparency through eGovernment applications. Decision Meeting scheduled for 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Regional Communications Infrastructure Phase 4 (Cr. H8780-KM):The objectives are to: (a) contribute to lower prices for international capacity; (b) extend the geographic reach of broadband networks (the connectivity development objective); and (c) contribute to improve Government efficiency and transparency through e-Government applications for Comoros. *The grant was signed on 24 September 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P118213. US\$ 22.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Appui a la Bonne Gouvernance Economique (ABGE), Bâtiment ASYTEL, Moroni Hamramba-Avenue, BP 6988, Moroni, Comoros Tel/Fax: (269) 773-9900, E-mail: moinacharani@yahoo.fr, Contact: Moinafatima Charani, Coordinator, ABGE

(R) West Africa Regional Communications Infrastructure APL 2 (Cr. 52530-TG, Cr. 52550-MR):The objective is to in-

crease the geographic reach of broadband networks and lower cost of communications in Mali and Togo. This project is part of West Africa Regional communications Infrastructure Program. *Credit 52550 was signed on 20 June 2013. The credit was signed on 12 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123093. US\$ 60.0/19.2 (IDA Credit/EUIB). No consultants are required. Ministry of Employment, Professional Education and New Technologies (MEFPNT), Villa no. 090 TVZ, BP 5758, Nouackchott, Mauritania, Tel: (224) 452-43681, Fax: (224) 452-43736, E-mail: medah@emploi.gov.mr, Contact: Mohamed Ahmed M Mahmoud Abderahmane, Coordinator. Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications (MPT), 798 Rue de Nimes, 01 BP Lome 3679, Lome, Togo, Tel: (228) 221-2528, Fax: (228) 220-4425, E-mail: atafeitom.tagba@postel.gouv.tg, Contact: Atafeitom Tagba, Acting Coordinator

West Africa Regional Communications Infrastructure APL 3:The objectives are to: (a) increase the geographical reach of broadband networks; and (b) reduce costs of communications services in the territories of Guinea Bissau and Niger. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 33.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) AUC Institutional Transformation and Capacity Building Program Support:The objective is to support the senior management to lead the internal transformation process of establishing a strategic and program results-based performance standards. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 42.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. African Union Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) Regional Capacity Building Strategic Medium Term Plan (SMTP) III:The objective is to support the ACBF in the implementation of SMTP III during the period 2012-2016 in order to build sustainable human and institutional capacity for development in Africa. Bank Approval scheduled for 5 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 65.0/10.0 (IDA Grant/ACBF). No consultants are required. African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), PO Box 1562, Intermarket Life Towers, Cnr. Jason Moyo Ave, Sam Nujoma Street, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 700-208, Fax: (263-4) 702-915, E-mail: f.leautier@acbf-pact.org, Contact: Frannie Leautier, Executive Secretary

Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in East and Central Africa Multi-Donor Trust Fund:The objective is to enhance access and utilization of agricultural research technologies and innovations in the regional agricultural systems of Eastern and Central Africa. First Grant Funding Request Approval to be scheduled. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.6 (CDP4). Consulting services to be determined. Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA), Plot 15 John Babijha Road, PO Box 765, Entebbe, Uganda, Contact: Seyfu Ketema, Executive Director

East African Community Development Policy Operation:The objective is to support EAC to: (a) benefit from the global demand for manufactured goods; (b) promote employment; and (c) generate substantial demand for services and agricultural goods produced inland, amplifying the benefits of the customs union. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. East African Community, Arusha International Conference, Kilimandjor Wing, 5th floor, Arusha, Tanzania, Tel: (255-27) 250-4253

Transportation

(R) Roads Development Support:The objectives are to: (a) upgrade interstate and regional roads; (b) enhance good governance in the transport sector; (c) legislate the establishment of a road maintenance fund; and (d) create a body that will be responsible for the administration of the funds. *Appraisal scheduled for 25 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131426. US\$ 80.0/150.0 (IDA Credit/EXCN). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Southern Africa Trade and Transport Facilitation Program APL 2: The objectives are to: (a) improve the road infrastructure; (b) mitigate the social costs of increased transport; and (c) improve trade facilitation together with necessary implementation assistance and institutional support. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 15 November 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145566. US\$ 60.0/2.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Sahel Disaster Risk Management and Hydro-Meteorological Services: The objectives are to: (a) increase resilience to extreme weather and climate events in the Sahel region through fostered regional and national collaboration for disaster risk management; and (b) improve delivery of national hydrological and meteorological information and services. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 5 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) River Basin Climate Change Adaptation: The objective is to improve the management of the Senegal River Basin's land and water resources through: (a) climate change adaptation on environmental management in Guinea as a new riparian country to OMVS; and (b) ensuring sustainability of the water resources base which originates in Guinea. *Negotiations completed on 28 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 5 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131353. US\$ 4.0/12.0 (GEFU/LDC). *No consultants are required.* Organisation pour la Mise en Valeur du Fleuve Senegal (OMVS), Rocade Fann Bel-Air Cerf-Volant, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 33-859-8181, Fax: (221)33-864-0163, E-mail: komarak@hotmail.com, Contact: Kabine Komara, Haut Commissaire

(R) Second Senegal River Basin Multi-Purpose Water Resources Development APL: The objective is to enhance regional integration among the riparian countries of the Senegal River Basin through OMVS for multi-purpose water resources development. *Negotiations completed on 28 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 5 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131323. US\$ 212.5 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Organisation pour la Mise en Valeur du Fleuve Sénégal (OMVS), Rocade Fann Bel Air, Cerf Volant, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 33-859-8182, Fax: (221) 33-864-0163, E-mail: komarak@hotmail.com, Contact: Kabine Komara, Haut Commissaire

(R) Zambezi River Basin Development Project: The objective is to strengthen cooperative management and development within the Zambezi River Basin to facilitate sustainable and climate resilient growth. *Bank Approval scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133380. US\$ 6.0 (CIWA). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Nel Transboundary River Basin Management and Development Project: The objective is to strengthen participatory transboundary river basin planning, management and development for improved water and food security in the NEL region. Bank Approval scheduled for 17 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 13.0 (CIWA). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sustainable Groundwater Management in SADC Member Countries: The objective is to support the sustainable management of groundwater resources within the SADC Member States and enhance resilience to climatic variability and change. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127086. US\$ 9.0/16.5 (GEFU/ZMUL). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Rwanda

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Land Husbandry, Water Harvesting and Hillside Irrigation Additional Financing (Cr. 53290-RW): The objective, a continuation, is to increase the productivity and commercialization of hillside agriculture in target areas. *Appraisal completed on 25*

October 2013. Negotiations scheduled for mid-November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 35.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI), BP 621 Kigali, Rwanda, Rwanda, Tel: (250-252) 586-104, Fax: (250-252) 584-644

Landscape Approach to Forest Restoration and Conservation (LAFREC): The objective is aligned with the Multi-Focal Area/Sustainable Forest Management's core objective around a landscape approach which will bring the forest ecosystems into better management, including rehabilitation of degraded areas and generate multiple benefits. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131464. US\$ 5.5/4.1 (GEFU/LDC). Consulting services to be determined. Rwanda Environmental Management Authority, Kacyiru District, BP 7436 Kacyiru, Kigali City, Rwanda, Tel: (250-2) 5258-0101, Fax: (250-2) 5258-0017

Health and Other Social Services

(N) Second Demobilization and Reintegration Project Additional Financing: The objective is to scale-up the development effectiveness of the original project through extending demobilization and reintegration services for additional ex-combatants from AG repatriating from Eastern DRC. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 8.8 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Rwanda Third Support to the Social Protection System (SSPS-3): The objective is to support the Government at reducing social vulnerability and increasing resilience of the vulnerable Rwandans. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 31 October 2013. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Third Rural Sector Support Project Additional Financing: The objectives, a continuation, are to: (a) increase the agricultural productivity of organized farmers in marshlands and hillsides of sub-watersheds targeted for development in an environmentally sustainable manner; and (b) strengthen the participation of women and men beneficiaries in market-based value chains. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.4 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Feeder Roads Development: The objective is to rehabilitate and construct selected feeder roads. Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P126498. US\$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Rwanda Transport Development Agency, 4th floor, Kucukiro Pension Plaza, African Union Boulevard, Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: (250) 7886-3410, E-mail: ericant007@yahoo.com, Contact: Eric Ntegengerwa, Director of Planning

Sao Tome and Principe

Education

(R) Quality Education for All: The objective is to improve quality of in-service teacher training in primary education in Sao Tome and Principe. *Negotiations completed on 12 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 20 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 0.9/1.1 (IDA Grant/EFAF). Consultants will be required.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Third Governance and Competitiveness Development Policy Operation: The objective is to support the Government to: (a) strengthen economic governance with transparent and monitor public and natural resources, manage and report public finances, promote fiscal stability, and strengthen public debt management; and (b) support broad-based growth by improving the business climate. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 7 November 2013.*

Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 2.2 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Senegal

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Agribusiness Development and Finance (Cr. 53340-SN):The objective is to increase private investment in agribusiness in Senegal in specific sub-sectors. *Negotiations completed on 31 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 19 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P124018. US\$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, BP 4005, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221-33) 849-7577, Fax: (221-33) 823-3268, E-mail: diop.sadibou@gmail.com, Contact: Cheikh Sadibou Diop, Directeur de Cabinet

(R) Casamance Integrated Growth Pole (Cr. 53050-SN):The objective is to provide key community economic infrastructures and basic social services to local communities while supporting the creation of jobs and skills for unemployed youth and women. *Signing scheduled for 22 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125506. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Agence Regionale de Developpement (ARD), Rue 21 No.550 Santhiaba Ouest, Ziguinchor, Senegal Tel/Fax: (221-33) 938-8290, E-mail: sonkos@hotmail.com, Contact: Boubacar Sonko, Director

(R) Community-based Sustainable Land Management:The objectives are to: (a) support rural communities in areas vulnerable to desertification and land degradation through community based activities targeting women and through sustainable land management; and (b) pilot a climate smart agriculture and its potential to implement nationwide. *Negotiations completed on 4 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 19 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130271. US\$ 6.0 (GEFU). *Consultants will be required.*

Education

(R) Skills for Jobs and Competitiveness:The objective is to revamp the Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) system and better align it to the needs of youth to effectively enter the labor market, and also to respond to the needs of enterprises. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 24 October 2013. Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 35.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Quality Basic Education:The objective is to improve early grade learning outcomes and equity in basic education (primary and junior secondary). Bank Approval completed on 13 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133333. US\$ 20.0/2.8/46.9 (IDA Credit/CIDA/EFAF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221-33) 821-0762, Contact: M. Djibril Ndiaye Diouf, Directeur

Energy and Mining

Taiba Ndiaye Independent Power Producer Project:The objective is to increase electricity generation at a lower marginal cost through Independent Power Producer investments in Senegal. Bank Approval scheduled for 19 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P143605. US\$ 40.0/92.0/28.0 (GUID/ZMUL/ZPCI). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health and Nutrition Financing (Cr. 53240-SN): (formerly Health and Social Financing) The objective is to increase utilization and quality of maternal, neonatal and child health and nutritional services, especially among the poorest households in targeted areas of Senegal. Negotiations completed on 31 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 10 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P129472. US\$ 20.0/20.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health and Social Action,

Fann Residence, Rue Aime Cesaire BP 4024, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221-33) 869-4242

(R) Safety Net Operation:The objective is to assist the Government develop building blocks of an efficient safety net system. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0/0.3 (IDA Credit/RSR). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Sixth Development Policy Operation:The objective is to support the Government in strengthening the policy making and institutional capabilities to: (a) accelerate broad-based growth; (b) improve access to social services; and (c) foster good governance. *Negotiations completed on 13 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 19 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P126470. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Rue Rene Ndiaye, BP 4017, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221-33) 889-2100, Fax: (221-33) 822-4195

Public Resource Management Strengthening:The objective is to further strengthen the Government of Senegal's capacity in public resource management to enhance the credibility, transparency, and accountability in the management and use of central government finances. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sierra Leone

Education

Revitalizing Education Development:The objective is to improve the quality of basic education service delivery in Sierra Leone. Bank Approval scheduled for 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133070. US\$ 17.9 (EFAF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology (MEST), New England, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232-76) 618-398, E-mail: manikoroma@hotmail.com, Contact: Mani Koroma, Permanent Secretary

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Access (Cr. 53330-SL):The objective is to improve energy access through generation and transmission and distribution investments. *Appraisal completed on 16 October 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 5 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P120304. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Water Resources, National Power Authority (NPA), Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232-22) 7660-6748, E-mail: gbala2465@yahoo.com, Contact: Mahmood Timbo, Deputy General Manager-Chief Operating Officer

Health and Other Social Services

Safety Nets Project:The objective is to create a comprehensive, efficient, well targeted productive safety net system for the poor and vulnerable areas of the Sierra Leone population. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 13 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143588. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and Communications

(R) Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Transformation Project:The objectives are to: (a) capitalize on improving communications infrastructure, focusing on ICT to improve basic service delivery and accountability, in particular beyond the urban centers; and (b) support selected e-government applications that improve government's efficiency, transparency and accountability. *Negotiations scheduled for 4 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Sixth Governance Reform and Growth Credit:The objectives are to: (a) improve the allocation and efficiency of public spending to support poverty reduction; (b) strengthening domestic

resource mobilization and management; and (c) increase provision of electricity. *Decision Meeting completed on 5 November 2013. Appraisal scheduled for 18 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P133107. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). *No consultants are required.* Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Government of Sierra Leone, George Street, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232-22) 225-612, Fax: (232-22) 228-355, E-mail: minfin@sierratel.sl

Public Financial Management Improvement and Consolidation Project:The objective is to improve the human resources and institutional capacity for a more efficient and transparent PFM system. Bank Approval scheduled for 26 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P133424. US\$ 12.0/3.5/1.8/11.2 (IDA Credit/AFDB/ECEU/UK). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232-22) 222-211, Fax: (232-22) 228-472, E-mail: acole@mofed.gov.sl, Contact: Kaifalah Marah, Minister

Transportation

(R) Transport Sector Project:The objective is to support the Government to: (a) address urban mobility issues in Freetown (institutional and infrastructure); (b) rehabilitate priority areas of regional road network which provides connectivity within ECOWAS; and (c) support investments in the growth poles regions. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

South Sudan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Agriculture and Rural Development:The objective is to enhance the production of major staple crops and increase farmer's income. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Southern Sudan Emergency Food Crisis Response Project Additional Financing III:The objective is to support adoption of improved technologies for food production by eligible beneficiaries, increase storage capacity for staples, and provide cash or food to eligible people participating in public works programs in selected counties in South Sudan. *The loan was signed on 31 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145339. US\$ 7.5 (GFCR). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Cooperatives and Rural Development, Ministry Complex, Kololo Road, Juba, South Sudan, Tel: (211-955) 022-267, E-mail: jtemil@gmail.com, Contact: J. Temil

Energy and Mining

Energy Sector Technical Assistance Project:The objective is to support the Government to facilitate the development of: (a) energy sector planning capabilities, (b) electrical distribution efficiency, and (c) off-grid electrification programs. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145581. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Rapid Results AF:The objectives are to: (a) improve the delivery of high impact primary health care services in the states of Jonglei and Upper Nile; and (b) strengthen coordination and monitoring and evaluation capacities of the Ministry of Health. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 21 October 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 18.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Social Safety Net and Skills Development:The objectives are to support: (a) productive social safety net; and (b) skills development activities to address the needs of at-risk populations by scaling-up existing programming, while simultaneously setting in place the building blocks for an integrated approach to social protection. Bank Approval completed on 21 June 2013. Environmental Assessment

Category B. Project: P143915. US\$ 21.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministries Complex, Kololo Road, Juba, South Sudan, Tel: (211-9) 7710-3357, Contact: Yuba Raj Pandey, Vice Chairman

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Institutional Development and Capacity Building Project:The objectives are to: (a) support targeted institutional development; and (b) enhance capacity for economic governance and human resource management and development. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 25 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143975. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Review Development Policy Operations (DPO):The objectives are to: (a) improve macroeconomic management, and increase the efficiency of PFM and procurement systems; and (b) enhance the transparency and accountability of public finances. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 7 November 2013. Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) STATCAP:The objective is to improve the quality and timeliness of statistical information as well as making data accessible to users. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P144139. US\$ 9.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Southern Sudan Local Governance and Service Delivery Program

The objective is to support the Government of Southern Sudan to strengthen local service delivery and community driven development. Bank Approval completed on 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127079. US\$ 50.0/13.5/25.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/GDEN/GNET/NORW). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, South Sudan, Tel: (211-95) 543-0494, Contact: Alvaro Quine, Executive Director

Sudan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Sustainable Land and Water Management:The objective is to expand Sustainable Land and Water Management (SLWM) practices in targeted landscapes and in climate vulnerable areas in Sudan. *Negotiations completed on 1 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 18 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 8.4 (GEFU). Consultants will be required.

Health and Other Social Services

(N) Social Safety Net Project:The objective is to improve the living conditions of selected extreme poor and vulnerable families through income support and work opportunities with a special focus on children and women. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (MDNS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Tanzania

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Agricultural Sector Development:The objectives are to: (a) enable farmers to have better access to and use of agricultural knowledge, technologies, marketing systems and infrastructure; and (b) promote agricultural private investment based on an improved regulatory and policy environment. Preparation is underway. *Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 220.0 (IDA Credit).* Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives, Kilimo I, PO Box 9192, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 286-2595, E-mail: psk@kilimo.go.tz; Prime Minister Office - Regional Administration and Local Government, Tanzania, Tel: (255-71) 344-8835, E-mail: elikayanda@yahoo.co.uk

(R) Expanding Rice Production:The objective is to strengthen farmers' access and adoption of improved rice production technologies in Tanzania and Zanzibar. Appraisal scheduled for 3 February

2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 22.9 (GAFS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives (Lead Agency), PO Box 9192, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 286-2064, Fax: (255-22) 286-2077

(R) Kihansi Catchment Conservation and Management Project:The objective is to contribute towards achieving an output of 2.2 of GEF BD 2, which links mainstreaming of biodiversity conservation with sustainable land and water use and energy production under changing climate. *Signing scheduled for 2 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126361. US\$ 6.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Vice President's Office, PO Box 5380, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-3857, Fax: (255-22) 211-3856, Contact: Julius Ningu, Director of Environment

(R) Southern Agriculture Growth Corridor Investment Project:The objective is to support increased access to finance for SMEs in the SACGOT area and explore innovative financing instruments to finance SMEs in agribusiness, which could include venture capital support, collateralization through warehouse receipts, and charter banks. Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125728. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-1174, Fax: (255-22) 211-0326, Contact: Ramadhani M. Khijjah, Permanent Secretary

(R) Tanzania Regional Fisheries:The objective is to improve regional coordination and management of tuna and other fisheries, together with nationally-focused activities to promote the sustainable use and economic development of marine fisheries. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Livestock Development, PO Box 9152, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 286-1910, Fax: (255-22) 286-1908

Tanzania Regional Fisheries Project:The objective is to improve regional coordination and management of tuna and other fisheries, together with nationally-focused activities to promote the sustainable use and economic development of marine fisheries. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Livestock Development, PO Box 9152, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 286-1910, Fax: (255-22) 286-1908

Education

(R) Second Science Technology Higher Education Adaptable Program Loan:The objective is to enhance Tanzania's capacity to apply knowledge effectively for its socioeconomic development by strengthening its higher education system. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 120.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Big Results Now in Education Program:The objective is to improve learning outcomes of students at the primary and lower secondary levels by supporting the delivery of the Government's comprehensive package of interventions entitled the Big Results Now in Education (BRNEd) initiative. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0/75.0 (IDA Credit/DFID). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(N) Partial Risk Guarantees in Energy Sector:The objective is to enable the development and expansion of natural gas fields by private developers in several locations, and independent power generation activities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 23 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (GUID). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Second Power and Gas Sector DPO:The objective is a continuation to support the Government to: (a) bridge the financial gap in the power sector with fiscal management; (b) develop additional gas supplies and new power generation capacity; and (c) establish solid policy and institutional foundations for the management of the natural gas. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 7*

November 2013. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Ruhudji HPP Guarantee and SIL:The objective is to support the Government to develop the Ruhudji hydro power project. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125375. US\$ 200.0 (GUID). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Minerals, 754/33 Samora Avenue PO Box 2000, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 213-9455, Fax: (255-22) 211-1749, E-mail: ecmaw@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Eng. Bashir J. Mrindoko, Commissioner Energy and Petroleum

Ruhudji Hydropower Project SIL:The objective is to support the construction and operation of the hydropower station and the implementation of transmission line, linking the power station with the main national grid in Southern Tanzania. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0/200.0/1000.0 (IDA Credit/GUID/ZPCI). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Singida Wind Power:The objective is to improve the environment for private sector investment in this project, thereby increasing investment in Tanzanian climate-friendly wind generation capacity. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126432. US\$ 100.0/200.0 (GUID/ZPCI). Consultants will be required. Wind EA, Contact: Mark Gammons

Health and Other Social Services

(N) Basic Health Services Project (BHSP) RBF Additional Financing:The objective is to assist the Government to improve the equity of geographic access and use of basic health services across districts and enhance the quality of health services being delivered. Identification scheduled for 22 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Private Sector Competitiveness Project Additional Financing:The objective is to create sustainable conditions for enterprise creation and growth. *Negotiations completed on 1 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 61.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Office of the Prime Minister, Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Tanzania, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 724-951, Fax: (255-22) 121-981, E-mail: ps@pmo.go.tz

Private Sector Competitiveness Project:The objective is to support the development of private sector enterprises in Tanzania, to build on the results of the current Private Sector Development project. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Tanzania

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Eleventh Poverty Reduction Support Credit:The objective is to support the country's policy reform agenda by improving: (a) regional and global competitiveness of the economy; and (b) the poor's income opportunities. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, PO Box 9111, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-2856/1025, Fax: (255-22) 211-7790, E-mail: ps@mof.go.tz, Contact: Ngosha S. Magonya, Commissioner External Finance

Open Government Partnership Transparency and Public Financial Management Credit:The objective is to support the Open Government Partnership strategy implementation of the government of Tanzania. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 90.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Intermodal and Rail Development Project:The objective is to create an efficient intermodal transport system and strengthen logistics organization by developing an intermodal land-bridge be-

tween the Dar-es-salaam port and Isaka. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127241. US\$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Reli Assets Holding Company (RAHCO), Railways Street Corner, Sokoine Drive, PO Box 76959, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-2695, Fax: (255-22) 211-6525, E-mail: benhadard@yahoo.com, md_tito@trctz.com, Contact: Benhadard Tito, Managing Director

Dar es Salaam Metropolitan Development: The objectives are to: (a) improve municipal and metropolitan management; and (b) deliver urban services in the three Municipal Councils that make up Dar es Salaam. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123134. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. DAR City Council, PO Box 9084, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 212-3346, Fax: (255-22) 212-5589, Contact: Mr. Bakari Kingobi, Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Water Sector Support Project Additional Financing: The objective is to support the Government's poverty alleviation strategy through improvements in the governance of water resources management and the sustainable delivery of water supply and sanitation services. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 6 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Togo

Education

(R) Global Partnership For Education Program: The objectives are to: (a) increase access and equity in basic education; (b) improve teaching and learning conditions; and (c) strengthen institutional and community capacity to deliver quality basic education *Preparation is underway*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 27.8 (EFAF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Community Development and Safety Nets Project Additional Financing: The objective is to provide poor communities with greater access to basic socio-economic infrastructures and social safety nets. Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Technical Secretariat of the Community Development and Safety Nets Project, *Projet de Developpement Communautaire, Rez-de-chaussee de l'Immeuble CENETI*, Togo, Tel: (228) 220-7597, E-mail: pdctogo@yahoo.fr, Contact: Yawavi Agboka-Abalo, Coordonatrice du Secretariat Technique

(R) Selected Maternal and Child Health Services Support Project: The objective is to improve health outcomes and health sector performance in Togo by focusing on solutions to some key factors impeding progress in the sector, notably on improving governance, health care quality, equity of access and the availability of human resources for health. *Decision Meeting completed on 11 November 2013. Appraisal scheduled for 18 December 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143843. US\$ 14.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Seventh Economic Growth and Governance Credit: The objectives are to support the: (a) policy reforms to strengthen governance and transparency in public financial management; and (b) key sectors of the economy (cotton, energy, infrastructure, telecommunications and phosphates). Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 23 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 14.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sixth Economic Recovery and Governance Credit: The objective is to continue to support the Government reforms to improve public financial management as well as structural reforms in cotton, energy, telecommunications, transport, mining and banking. Bank Approval scheduled for 6 December 2013. Environmental

Assessment Category U. Project: P132208. US\$ 14.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Imeuble CASEF, BP 387, Lome, Togo, Tel: (228) 221-5444, Fax: (228) 221-0905

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Emergency Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Energy Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to infrastructure and urban services in Lome; and (b) support the Government's efforts to demonstrate concrete improvements in the lives of its citizens, a critical step for sustaining social and political stability in the country. Bank Approval completed on 4 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 14.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Agence deExecution des Travaux Urbains (AGETUR), 01 BP 2780, Recette Principale, Cotonou, Togo, Tel: (229) 313-645, Fax: (229) 612-166, E-mail: agetur@intnet.bj, Contact: Yuba Raj Pandey, Vice Chairman

Uganda

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Forestry and Natural Resources Management: The objective is to improve management of critical forest and other natural resources in selected areas of Uganda. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water and Environment, Plot 21/28 Port Bell, Luzira, PO Box 20026, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-414) 505-945/029, Fax: (256-414) 505-941, Contact: David Obong Omara Oleke, Permanent Secretary

Agriculture Cluster Development Project: The objective is to increase agricultural exports to the East Africa Community and COMESA markets over the next five years. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145037. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(N) Uganda Post Primary Education and Training Program 2: The objectives are to: (a) improve access to post-primary education; (b) improve the quality of post-primary education and training; and (c) improve efficiency in the delivery of post-primary education. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Albertine Region Sustainable Development Project: The objective is to facilitate the development and competitiveness of the Lake Albert region of Uganda. Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145101. US\$ 145.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Finance Building, Nile Ave. PO Box 8147, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 232-095, Fax: (256-41) 343-023, E-mail: NA

(R) Skilling Uganda: The objective is to strengthening delivery quality of employable skills. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 2 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Global Partnership for Education (GPE) Teacher and School Effectiveness Project:

The objective is to enhance the learning environment in primary schools in order to facilitate improvements in learning outcomes and increase completion rates towards the MDG's goal of universal completion of primary education. Bank Approval scheduled for 10 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (EFAF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Sports, Embassy House, PO Box 7063, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 425-7038, Fax: (256-41) 423-4920, E-mail: flubanga@education.go.ug

Energy and Mining

Energy for Rural Transformation APL Phase 2 Additional Financing: The objective is to support the construction of a transmission line between Lira-Gulu-Nebi-Arua in the Northern part of

the country. Appropriate technical assistance will be included in the project design. There will be room for some cofinancing from other development partners. Bank Approval completed on 22 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133005. US\$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Kampala Road, PO Box 7270, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 434-9342, E-mail: info@energy.go.ug, Contact: NA

Northern Power Transmission Project:The objective is to support the construction of a transmission line between Lira-Gulu-Nebi-Arua in the Northern part of the country. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Amber House, Room B202, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 423-3331, Fax: (256-41) 423-0220, E-mail: baanabe@energy.go.ug

Partial Risk Guarantee for Renewable Energy Development Program:The objective will provide support for counterpart risk guarantee to cover the payment risk from Uganda Electricity Transmission Company. Appraisal scheduled for 13 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133318. US\$ 160.0 (GUID). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Kampala Road, PO Box 7270, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 434-9342, E-mail: info@energy.go.ug

Third Energy for Rural Transformation APL:The objective, of the third and final phase of the APL program, is to build on the implementation experience of the ERT-II and will be based on the reform measures that are being developed under the Uganda Accelerated Rural Electrification project (UAREP). Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133312. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Kampala Road, PO Box 7270, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 434-9342, E-mail: info@energy.go.ug

Third Energy for Rural Transformation-GEF:The objective is to build on the implementation experience of the ERT-2 and on the reform measures that are being developed under the Uganda Accelerated Rural Electrification Project (UAREP). Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 8.9 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Systems Strengthening Additional Financing: The objective is to increase utilization of the Uganda National Minimum Health Care Package (UNMHCP) with a focus on maternal health and family planning. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 90.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Reproductive Health Voucher Project:The objectives are to: (a) provide subsidized vouchers to vulnerable and poor pregnant women to access a package of safe delivery services; and (b) support project management functions and build national capacity to mainstream; and (c) scale-up implementation of the safe delivery voucher scheme in the health sector. *First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144102. US\$ 13.3 (GPBA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, PO Box 7272, Lourdel Road, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-414) 340-872, Fax: (256-414) 231-584, E-mail: ps@health.go.ug,

Industry and Trade

Competitiveness and Enterprise Development Project:The objectives are to: (a) improve access to financial services, business registration, regulation and licensing procedures; and (b) scale-up the land registry reform, stimulate the export of non-traditional commodities and increase youth employment. Bank Approval completed on 9 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130471. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Plot 2-12, Apollo Kaggwa Road 1, PO Box 8147, Shimoni Road, Kampala,

Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 423-2095, Fax: (256-41) 423-0163, E-mail: finance@finance.go.ug, Contact: Roberto Albino Mito, Director

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Second Financial Sector Development Policy Loan:The objective is to support the development of the market for term finance, with a focus on the reform of the public pension system and deepen the access to financial services. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Bank of Uganda, Plot 37/43 Kampala Road, PO Box 7120, Kampala, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 230-051, Fax: (256-41) 258-515, E-mail: jbagyenda@bou.or.ug, Contact: Justine Bagyenda

Transportation

(R) North-Eastern Corridor Road Asset Management Project:The objective is to support the Government with urban transport and rehabilitation of national roads on critical road corridors. Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 255.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Uganda National Road Authority, Plot 11, Yusuf Lule Road, PO Box 28487, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 423-2814, Fax: (256-41) 423-2807

Second Kampala Institutional and Infrastructure Development Project:The objectives are to: (a) extend coverage and quality of service delivery; and (b) deepen institutional reform. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133590. US\$ 175.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Kampala Capital City Authority, Sir Apollo Road, Plot 1-3, PO Box 7010, Kampala, Uganda

Zambia

Health and Other Social Services

Health Systems Strengthening for Results:The objective is to strengthen the health systems by: (a) supply chain management, human resources for health and health care financing; (b) MCH outcomes which includes malaria and nutrition; and (c) the current RBF program could possibly expand before the IE results come in mid-2014. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145335. US\$ 51.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Ndeke House, Haille Selassie Ave. Lusaka, Zambia, Tel: (260-211) 252-989, Fax: (260-211) 253-344, E-mail: ps@moh.gov.zm, Contact: Dr. Peter Mwaba

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Financial Management Reform Program-Phase I:The objective is to improve fiscal discipline and public accountability of the Recipient's finances, which will be assessed through impact on public financial management processes in relevant PEFA performance indicators. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 22 October 2013. *Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P147343. US\$ 6.0/14.0/1.0/9.0 (AFS2/DFID/FINN/KFW). Consultants will be required for internal audit, procurement reforms and integrated financial management system (IFMS). Ministry of Finance, Zambia; Zambia institute of purchasing and supply; Zambia Procurement Authority; Zambia Revenue Authority

Budget Support:The objective is to strengthen economic management and public sector governance in Zambia which strengthens the national budget process and statutory functions including economic management. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and National Planning (MoFNP), Government of Zambia, Zambia

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Water Resources Development (Cr. 52390-ZM):The objective is to support the development of an infrastructure platform and water management framework that: (a) improves water allocation efficiencies; (b) increases the reliability of water available for productive purposes; and (c) strengthens community resilience

to climatic variability. *The credit was signed on 3 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P114949. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Water Development, Sheki Sheki Road, Light Industrial Area, PO Box 50288, Ridgeway, Lusaka, Zambia, Tel: (260-211) 243-543, Fax: (260-211) 248-304, Contact: Adam Hussien, Director

Zimbabwe

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Hwange-Sanyati Biological Corridor Environmental Resource Management and Conservation: The objective is to support sustainable environment and natural resources management in selected ecologically sensitive areas of Zimbabwe focusing on the Hwange Sanyati Biodiversity Corridor (HSBC), by improving protected area management, land and forest management practices, and communities on sustainable land management. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P124625. US\$ 6.4 (GEFU). Consultants will be required for: (a) establishing biodiversity, land degradation and socio-economic baseline data for HSBC; and (b) identification and development of criteria for selection of livelihood activities and feasibility studies, among others. World Wildlife Fund Zimbabwe, PO Box CY 1409, Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (236-4) 703-902, Fax: (236-4) 252-533, E-mail: eshumba@wwf.org.zw, Contact: Enos Shumba, Interim Director

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Expansion of Public Work Program/Productive Safety Net Project: The objective is to provide temporary income support to poor non-labor constrained rural households through their participation in labor-intensive community works, while putting in place the building blocks of a National Productive Safety Net system. *Appraisal scheduled for 19 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145518. US\$ 25.0 (AFRH). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

East Asia and Pacific

Cambodia

Education

Global Partnership for Education Second Education Support: The objective is to support the Government to: (a) expand access to early childhood education for 3-5 year olds; and (b) improve access to and quality of basic education for students, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds. GEF Council Approval scheduled for 4 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144715. US\$ 38.5 (EFAF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, 80 Preah Norodom Blvd. Phnom Penh, Cambodia, E-mail: crsmeys@camnet.com.kh, Contact: H. E. Nath Bunroeun, Secretary of State

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Second Health Sector Support Program: The objective is to support the implementation of the Government's Second Health Strategic Plan (HSP2, 2008-2015) to improve health outcomes through strengthening institutional capacity and mechanisms by which the government and development partners can achieve more effective and efficient sector performance remains unchanged and relevant. *The loan was signed on 31 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 13.5 (KHFS). No consultants are required. Ministry of Health, 151-153 Kampuchea Krom St. Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 722-873, Fax: (855-23) 880-260, E-mail: enghuot@online.com.kh, Contact: Professor Eng Huot, Secretary

Livelihood Enhancement and Association of the Poor in Siem Reap: The objectives are to increase incomes and improve livelihoods of the rural poor in select communes in Siem Reap province by: (a) creating and strengthening self-sustaining institutions of the

poor; (b) providing them access to finance; and (c) linking them to markets and key value chains. Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P097082. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Interior, 275 Norodom Blvd. Sangkat Tonle Bassac, Chamkar Mon, Phnom Penh, Cambodia Tel/Fax: (855-23) 721-791, E-mail: mrdngycp@forum.org.kh, cngy@interior.gov.kh, Contact: H.E. Ngy Chanphal, Secretary of State

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Local Governance and Development Program: The objective is to assist the Royal Government of Cambodia in its implementation of the National Program for Sub National Democratic Development in both local governance and local development objectives. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P096505. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. NCDD Secretariat, Ministry of Interior, 275 Norodom Boulevard, Sangkat Tonle Bassa, Khan Chamcar Mon, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 362-175, 720-038, Fax: (855-23) 726-092, E-mail: info@ncdd.gov.kh; Ngan.chamroeun@ncdd.gov.kh, Contact: HE Ngan Chamroeun, Project Manager and Deputy Director General

(R) Public Financial Management (PFM) Modernization: The objective is to improve public financial management. *The loan was signed on 7 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143774. US\$ 12.0 (KHFM). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Street 92, Sangkat Wat Phnom, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 427-798, Fax: (855-23) 724-664, E-mail: soksaravuth@pfm.gov.kh, Contact: Dr. Sok Saravuth, Reform Secretariat Manager

Public Financial Management and Accountability Additional Financing: The objective is to scale-up the capacity building and systems implementation for accounting, financial management and procurement reform including the provision of funding for the Independent Procurement Agent. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, 92, Sangkat Wat Phnom, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 722-964, Fax: (855-23) 430-745, E-mail: rcs.mef@online.com.kh, Contact: Dr. Sok Saravuth, Reform Secretariat Manager

China

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Climate Smart Agriculture Project-GEF: (formerly Climate Smart Agriculture: Low Emission Technologies for Foodgrain Production) The objective is to promote innovative low-emission technologies and practices and soil carbon sequestration in China's foodgrain production. *Preparation completed on 14 October 2013.* Appraisal scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144531. US\$ 5.1 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Guangdong Agricultural Pollution Control Project: (formerly Guangdong Non-Point Pollution Control) The objective is to reduce water pollutant releases from crop and livestock production in selected areas of Guangdong Province. Negotiations completed on 30 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127775. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Department of Agriculture, Guangdong Province, 135 East Xianlie Rd, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China, Tel: (86-20) 3728-8910, E-mail: gdmwrzl@126.com, Contact: Zhenghui Chen, Deputy Director General

(R) Guangdong Agricultural Pollution Control-GEF: (formerly Guangdong Non-Point Pollution Control-GEF) The objective is to reduce water pollutant releases from crop and livestock production in selected areas of Guangdong Province. Negotiations completed on 30 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.1 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Department of Agriculture, Guangdong Province, 135 East

Xianlie Rd, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China, Tel: (86-20) 3728-8910, E-mail: gdmwyrzl@126.com, Contact: Mr. Chen Zhenghui, Deputy Director General of Guangdong Dept. of Agriculture

(R) Guizhou Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation: The objective is to support an integrated participatory approach to rural development and improve rural incomes through agriculture development in selected poverty stricken areas of Guizhou Province. *Pre-appraisal scheduled for 6 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133261. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Integrated Modern Agriculture Development: The project development objective is to develop sustainable and climate resilient agricultural production systems in selected areas of Gansu, Hunan, Jiangxi, and Liaoning provinces; Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous region; and Chongqing municipality. *Negotiations completed on 7 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125496. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Sanlihe Road, Beijing, China Tel/Fax: (86-10) 6855-3312, E-mail: socad_wly@126.com, Contact: Ms. Lanying Wang, Division Chief, SOCAD

(R) Jiangxi Farm Produce Distribution System Development: The objective is to promote upgrading and standardizing of farm produce wholesale markets in Jiangxi Province to tackle the "difficult to sell" problem. The proposed project intends to uplift market service, expand the distribution channel, regulate the distribution and lower the logistic cost of farm produce. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 8 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Finance Department of Jiangxi Province, Xinyuan Building, No. 47, Ruzi Road, Nanchang, China, Tel: (86-791) 8728-7699, E-mail: cxm8286@sina.com

(R) Mainstreaming Integrated Water and Environment Management-GEF: The objective is to mainstream the integrated water and environment management approach to achieve sustainable social and economic development and ecological environment protection, and the large-scale beneficial outcomes in the international Bohai Sea. *Preparation scheduled for 6 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145897. US\$ 17.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environmental Protection, Houyingfang Hutong No.5, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8857-5203, E-mail: li.pei@mepfeco.org.cn, Contact: Pei Li, Deputy Director of PMO

(R) Poverty Alleviation and Agriculture Development Demonstration in Poor Areas: The objective is to improve rural incomes and living standards in poor mountain areas through piloting the development of agricultural enterprises and farmers cooperatives that are based on modern technology, operate in environmentally friendly and economically sustainable ways, and can be scaled up for effective rural poverty reduction. *Pre-appraisal scheduled for 6 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133326. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. State Council's Leading Group for Poverty Reduction, 25/F, Tower A, Disan Zhiye Building, Jia 1, Shuguang Xili, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8261-7152, E-mail: fcpmc@cpad.org.cn, Contact: Qingping Ou, Director General

(R) Tiger Habitat Conservation: The objective is to restore tiger habitat in selected areas of northeastern China for the benefit of the tiger population, the local inhabitants and the environment. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 3.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. State Forestry Administration, 18 East Street, Hepingli, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8423-9030, Fax: (86-10) 6421-7796, E-mail: pmcsfa@forestry.gov.cn, Contact: Weisheng Wang, Director

(R) Qinghai Xining Environment Management: The objective is to improve the environment of Xining Municipality by: (a) constructing wastewater treatment plants; (b) improving watershed management; and (c) improving capacity building. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133116. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Qinghai Xining Project Management Office, No. 215 of

Xiadu Avenue, Huangshui River Integrated Mgmt Committe, Xining, China, Tel: (86-971) 628-9266, Fax: (86-971) 627-0168, E-mail: xnhjzshxmb@163.com, Contact: Jin Xu, PMO Director

Energy and Mining

(R) Concentrated Solar Power (CSP): The objective is to construct a 50 MW CSP power plant in Inner Mongolia that will include a solar field, thermal energy storage, and a power plant. *Negotiations scheduled for 10 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129657. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. China Datang Corporation Renewable Power Co. Ltd. A-1002, Building No. 6, Fenghua Haojing, Guanganmennei Street, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8351-1372 Ext. 810, Fax: (86-10) 8351-1372 Ext. 888, E-mail: dtxnywyd@163.com, Contact: Yan Changhui, Deputy Director General

(R) Hebei New Energy Development in Rural Areas: The objective is to generate rural energy for local farmer households/communities by: (a) developing large-scale bio-gas facilities and (b) efficiently using local straw and other wastes in rural areas. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132873. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Hebei Provincial Rural New Energy Office, No. 88, Yuhua East Street, Yuhua District, Shijiazhuang, China, Tel: (86-1533) 3310-209, E-mail: wb_hebei2012@163.com, Contact: Xiangxue Wang, Director

(R) Partnership for Market Readiness: The objective is to enable China to design a national carbon emissions trading system that supports the Government's efforts to reduce carbon emissions by using market mechanisms. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145586. US\$ 8.0 (PMR). Consultants will be required. Department of Climate Change, NDRC, Yuetan Nan Street, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 6850-1553, Fax: (86-10) 6850-2360, E-mail: wangshu@ndrc.gov.cn, Contact: Shu Wang, Deputy Director

(R) Renewable Energy Scaling-Up Program Phase II: The objective is to support the Government's 12th Five-Year Plan to enable continued and sustainable scale-up of commercial renewable energy development through cost reduction, efficiency improvement, and smooth integration to the grids, thereby contributing to government's target of reduction in carbon intensity. *Bank Approval completed on 29 October 2013. Signing scheduled for 6 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127033. US\$ 27.3 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. New and Renewable Energy Division, No 38 Yuetan Nan Street, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 6390-8033, Fax: (86-10) 6850-1443, E-mail: luozh@cresp.org.cn, Contact: Mr. Liang Zhiqiang, Deputy Director General

(R) Shanxi Gas Utilization: The objective is to increase gas utilization to reduce GHG emission in selected counties in Shanxi province, that will be achieved by the investment in distributed gas-fired combined heat and power (CHP) plants and the expansion of the gas distribution network in selected counties. *Negotiations scheduled for 13 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133531. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Shanxi Guoxin Energy Development Group Co. LTD. No. 108 Changfeng Street, Room 1405, Taiyuan Shanxi 030006, China Tel/Fax: (86-351) 721-6054, E-mail: kunkun1994@hotmail.com, Contact: Libin Sun, Director

Establish M&V System for Energy Efficiency in China: The objective is to establish Measurement and Verification (M&V) system and pilot market-based mechanism, to support the government to achieve 12th Five-Year Plan energy saving targets in a cost-effective way. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P132748. US\$ 18.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, No. 3, San Li He Lu, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 6855-1129, Fax: (86-10) 6855-1125, E-mail: mv_pmo@163.com, Contact: Zhongjing Wang, Deputy Director General

Industry and Trade

Contaminated Site Cleanup: The objective is to support the Chinese government's capacity of identifying and reducing contamination of natural resources and public health risks of exposure to

this contamination associated with sites contaminated with POPs and/or other hazardous chemicals. Decision Meeting scheduled for 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145533. US\$ 15.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Foreign Economic Cooperation Office of Ministry of Environment Protection, 5 Houyingfang Hutong, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8226-8801, Fax: (86-10) 8220-0510, E-mail: ding.qiong@mepfec.org.cn, Contact: Ms. Qiong Ding, Director

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Promoting China's Reform and Transformation:The objective is to support studies on key reform priorities listed in the reform agenda and in the 12th Five-Year National Development Program, facilitate the implementation of national talent development strategy, and accelerate talent cultivation and human resources development. *Appraisal scheduled for 9 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144270. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, No.3, Sanlihe Nan Road, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 6855-3166, Fax: (86-10) 6855-2585, E-mail: xl.mo@mof.gov.cn, Contact: Xiaolong Mo, Director

Transportation

(N) Hubei Jingzhou Ancient City Restoration and Protection:The objective is to promote the cultural carry-on and sustainable development of Jingzhou Ancient Town through protecting and rehabilitating the ancient town and its structures and improving/cleaning up the town's environment. Identification scheduled for 10 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) Urumqi Urban Transport Project II:The objectives are to: (a) improve traffic congestion; (b) reduce energy consumption; and (c) emissions from transport sector through improvement in public transport services, providing better public transport-supporting infrastructure, and introducing intelligent transportation system and traffic management. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 140.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Anhui Yellow Mountain New Countryside Demonstration:The objective is to help accelerate economic development in selected districts of the Huangshan region by: (a) improving the rural infrastructure; (b) preserving and protecting the cultural property and the natural environment; and (c) enhancing the livelihoods of rural households. *Negotiations completed on 28 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129563. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Huangshan Municipality Development and Reform Commission, No. 5 Building, New Administrative Area, Huangshan District, Huangshan, China, Tel: (86-599) 234-4872, Fax: (86-599) 235-5892, E-mail: hshxmb@126.com, Contact: Shili Ding, Deputy Director

(R) Fujian Fishing Ports:The objectives are to: (a) improve the fishing port infrastructure facilities to mitigate the impact of wind and wave; (b) improve disaster protection; and (c) promote regional economic and social development. *Appraisal scheduled for 3 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Fujian Provincial Ocean and Fishing Bureau, No. 26 of Ye San Road, Gulou District, Fuzhou, Fujian Province 350001, China, Tel: (86-591) 1380-950-4610, E-mail: songqun@tom.com, Contact: Qun Song, Principal Staff

(R) Gansu Rural-Urban Integration Infrastructure:The objective is to provide targeted residents of Wuwei Municipality and Linxia County with improved and safe transport access to economic opportunities and social services. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). *No consultants are required.* Gansu Finance Department, West Dongguang Road, Lanzhou, China, Tel: (86-931) 889-1038, E-mail: gsshxx@163.com, Contact: Lei Xin, Deputy Director

(R) Heilongjiang Cold Weather Smart Public Transportation System:The objective is to improve the management and service level of the bus system in the two extremely cold cities in Northern China, Harbin Municipality and Mudanjiang Municipality. *Appraisal scheduled for 29 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133114. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Heilongjiang Development and Reform Commission, 202 Zhongshan Road, Harbin, China, Fax: (86-451) 8262-8547, Contact: Wang Xiquan, Director

(R) Jiaozou Safe and Green Transport Development in Transforming Economy:The objective is to focus on the development and improvement of a comprehensive transport system for the general public with a primary focus on system-wide safety and sustainability. *Appraisal scheduled for 16 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Jiaozou Finance Bureau, Jianshe East Road, Jiaozuo, China, Tel: (86-391) 312-1166, Fax: (86-391) 393-3243, E-mail: jzwwk@126.com, Contact: Zhang Lin, Department Chief

(R) Qinghai Xining Urban Transport:The objective is to enable Xining residents to travel between the CBD and the western part of the city in a fast, comfortable and safe manner, through strategic improvements to Wusixi Road, a major transport and urban development corridor. *Negotiations completed on 4 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127867. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Xining Municipal Government, No. 12, Xishan Yi Xiang, Qinghai Province, Xining, China Tel/Fax: (86-971) 613-3495, E-mail: xnsfgwzcc@163.com, Contact: Yang Haiying, Deputy Division Director

(R) Shaanxi Small Town Infrastructure:The objective is to assist Shaanxi province to improve access for sustainable infrastructure in selected cities and towns in the Guanzhong-Tianshui economic development corridor. *Pre-appraisal scheduled for 2 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133069. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Investment Promotion Office of Shaanxi Provincial Development and Reform Commission, Building No. 8, Xincheng Compound, Xi'an, Shaanxi 71000, China, Tel: (86-29) 8729-4627, Fax: (86-29) 8729-1248, E-mail: waidaiban@163.com, Contact: Zhengzhi Yu, Division Chief

(R) Tongren Rural Transport:The objectives are to upgrade and rehabilitate more than 600 km of rural roads in Dejiang County and upgrade and construct 20 rural bridges in Sinan County. *Identification scheduled for 6 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Tongren Municipal Transport Bureau, Tongren, China, Tel: (86-856) 520-2505, E-mail: trpmo@vip.163.com, Contact: Yan Xunguang, Director

(R) Wuhan Integrated Transport Development:The objective is to improve mobility and accessibility in Wuhan Metropolitan Area. Identification scheduled for 19 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Yunnan Honghe Prefecture Urban Transport:The objective is to improve the transport infrastructures and traffic management system in Mengzi city and Jianshui County of Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous prefecture of Yunnan Province, China. *Negotiations scheduled for 21 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P101525. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Housing and Construction Bureau, No. 1 Huguo Road, Room 401, Honghe, China, Tel: (86-1398) 733-8689, Fax: (86-873) 373-6573, E-mail: 6418737@qq.com, Contact: Mr. Guocai Li, Director

Guiyang Rural Roads:The objectives are to: (a) provide improved transport accessibility in Guiyang through upgrading and rehabilitation of selected priority rural roads from the sector development plan; and (b) build the maintenance capacity of Guiyang. *Negotiations scheduled for 13 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129401. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Guiyang Project Management Office, Er Qiao Road No. 42, Shi Ji Xin Yuan Building 1, 4th Floor, Guiyang City, China, Tel:

(86-851) 477-0713, Fax: (86-851) 477-0714, E-mail: gpmo@vip.163.com, Contact: Xiang Zhang, Director

Harbin-Jiamusi Railway:The objective is to respond to existing and anticipated transport demand along the Harbin-Jiamusi corridor by providing: (a) increased capacity for freight and passengers; and (b) faster travel time and increased frequency of services for passengers. Negotiations scheduled for 7 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P117341. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Zhengzhou Municipal Government, No. 233, Zhongyun West Road, Zhengzhou, China, Tel: (86-371) 6718-1314, Fax: (86-371) 6718-1301, E-mail: hnzzszwb@126.com, Contact: Lei Ailing, Director

Hubei Xiaogan Logistic Infrastructure:The objective is to support the development of logistic infrastructure in Hubei Province, advance the development of a modern logistic industry and facilitate the formation of a new logistic terminal for central China, potentially of national significance. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Xiaogan Urban Construction Investment Corporation, Jiaotong Da Dao 391, Xiaogan, China, Tel: (86-712) 232-8319, E-mail: 290849858@qq.com

Sichuan Chongqing Cooperation: Guangan Demonstration Area Infrastructure Development:The objectives are to: (a) improve the infrastructure of the Guang'an National Economy and Technology Zone and Linshui County by comprehensively improving the functions of a carrier to accept transferred industries from the Chongqing and coastal areas; and (b) accelerate the development for the bridge head of Sichuan and Chongqing cooperation. Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133456. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Sichuan Province Guang'an Municipal DRC, No. 227 of Chengnan Xing'an Street, Guang'an City, Guang'an, China, Tel: (86-826) 233-2800, E-mail: fuchunling999@163.com

Tianjin Transport Improvement:The objective is to develop fast, convenient, socially inclusive, low carbon and resilient transport by relieving traffic congestion, improving urban traffic operation, and improving disaster management and response capacity, in particular with respect to natural events like flooding in the city of Tianjin. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Tianjin Project Management Office, No. 209, Xinhualu, Heping District, Tianjin, China, Tel: (86-22) 2319 1560, Fax: (86-22) 2312 0978, E-mail: tjpmo@public.tpt.tj.cn, Contact: Qi Wenjie, Director

YinXi Railway:The objective is to address the transport demands along the Yinchuan to Xian corridor by providing increased capacity, faster travel time and increased frequency of services for freight and passengers. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127869. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Zhengzhou Municipal Government, No. 233, Zhongyun West Road, Zhengzhou, China, Tel: (86-371) 6718-1314, Fax: (86-371) 6718-1301, E-mail: hnzzszwb@126.com, Contact: Lei Ailing, Director

Yunnan Highway Asset Management:The objectives are to: (a) enhance Yunnan Government's highway asset management; and (b) introduce good asset management practices in highway maintenance planning and budgeting process. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132621. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Transport Department, No. 1, Huan Cheng Xi Lu, Kunming, China, Tel: (86-871) 312-6954, E-mail: ynxcj@163.com, Contact: Xu Caijian, Deputy Director

Zhengzhou Urban Rail:The objective is to improve sustainable mobility in Zhengzhou by providing integrated and accessible public transport of suitable capacity and quality along the first phase of the Line 3 corridor. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P128919. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Zhengzhou Municipal Government, No. 233, Zhongyun West Road, Zhengzhou, China, Tel: (86-371) 6718-1314, Fax: (86-371) 6718-1301, E-mail: hnzzszwb@126.com, Contact: Lei Ailing, Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Chongqing Small Towns Water Environment Management:

The objective is to improve flood and waste water management in selected project counties in Chongqing Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133117. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Project Management Office, No. 248, Reminlu, Yuzhong District, Chongqing City, China, Tel: (86-23) 6389-7423, E-mail: cqpmo1993@163.com, Contact: Mr. Zhou Linjun, PMO Director

Guilin Integrated Environment Management:The objective is to improve the water and sanitation services in Guilin. Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133017. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Project Management Unit, No 8, Diecai Lu, Diecai District, Guilin, China, Tel: (86-773) 282-5859, Contact: Liang Gao, PMO Director

Huainan Coal Mining Subsidence Area Rehabilitation:The objective is to support environmental remediation and utilization of JiuDa Coal-Mining subsidence area in Huainan City. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 6 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133000. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Huainan PMO, 8th Floor of Jinhai Building, Chen Dong Zhong Lu Rd, Huainan FB, Huainan, China, Tel: (86-554) 666 7335, Fax: (86-554) 666 7849, E-mail: jiawencjw@163.com, Contact: Jiawen Chen, Contact Person

Municipal Solid Waste Management-GEF:The objective is to strengthen the legislative and institutional framework and demonstrate in three municipalities the application of best available techniques to reduce the release of unintended persistent organic pollutants from municipal solid waste disposal areas and incinerators. Decision Meeting scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P126832. US\$ 12.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environmental Protection, 115 Xizhimennei Nanxiaojie, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8226-8807, Fax: (86-10) 8220-0510, E-mail: yu.lifeng@mepfec.org.cn, Contact: Ding Qiong, Department Head

Shanxi Internet of Things for Environmental Protection:

The objective is to implement "Total Life Cycle Environment Management" of major pollution sources, build a new and integrated environment protection management system, and enable more scientific, timely, and accurate decision making regarding environment management for China's central and western regions. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Environmental Protection of Shanxi Province, No. 21 Binhe west road, Taiyuan City, China, Tel: (86-351) 637-1083, E-mail: duanzw8341@163.com

Zhejiang Rural Area Wastewater Management:The objective is to improve the quality of the environment in Anji County, Fuyang City, Tiantai County and Longquan City of Zhejiang Province through construction of rural domestic wastewater treatment systems. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133018. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Project Management Office, No. 5, Huan Cheng Xi Lu, West Lake Distr, Hangzhou, China, Tel: (86-571) 8705-5538, Fax: (86-571) 8705-4151, E-mail: ch@zei.gov.cn, Contact: He Cai, Director of PMO

Indonesia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Management Program

Phase III:The objectives are to: (a) improve the management of ecologically and economically critical coral reef resources in Indonesia; (b) sustain productivity of these ecosystems; and (c) improve livelihoods of dependent coastal communities. Bank Approval scheduled for 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127813. US\$ 47.4 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry for Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF), Indonesian Institute of Science (LIPI), PHKA, Jl. Medan Merdeka Timur No. 16, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 351-9070, Fax: (62-21) 352-2560, E-mail:

agusder81@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Agus Dermawan, Director of Marine and Aquatic Resources Conservation

(R) Coral Reel Rehabilitation and Management Program

III:The objective is to provide communities with the capacity and incentives to co-manage their coral reefs sustainably, by supporting: (a) more effective local governance; (b) livelihoods development and business innovation based on coral reef ecosystem goods and services; and (c) knowledge creation, dissemination, and regional networking. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF), Jl. Medan Merdeka Timur No. 16, Jakarta Pusat, Tel: (62-21) 351-9070, Fax: (62-21) 352-2560/2045, E-mail: truchimat@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Tony Ruchimat, Director, Coasts and Small Islands

Forest Carbon:The objective is to develop good practice in finance incentive payments to reduce deforestation and forest degradation. Bank Approval scheduled for 12 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 6.8 (TF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Forestry, Manggala Wanabakti Building Block I 8th, Jl. Gatot Subroto, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 573-0315, Fax: (62-21) 573-4818, E-mail: dirjenphka@dephut.go.id, Contact: Darori Wonodipuro, Director General

Forest Investment Program: Forest Management Unit Development:The objectives are to: (a) pilot the strengthening of decentralized forest management units; and (b) increase local capacity for sustainable forest management. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144269. US\$ 17.0 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sumatra Wildlife Biodiversity:The objective is to improve the management of the remaining critical habitat for key wildlife in Sumatra to conserve key species at risk of extinction and prevent the loss of essential habitat biodiversity. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 9.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Forestry, Manggala Wanabhakti, Jl Gatot Subroto, Jakarta, Indonesia Tel/Fax: (62-21) 572-0227, Contact: Mr. Agus Budi Sutito, Head of Species and Genetic Conservation Division

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Efficiency Financing:The objective is to finance energy efficiency projects in Indonesia's manufacturing sub-sectors to reduce energy intensity and related GHG emissions. *This project is on hold until further notice.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Industry, Jen. Gatot Subroto, 16 FL. Kav. 52-53, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 525-5509 Ext. 4063, Fax: (62-21) 525-3582, E-mail: harjantom@kemenperin.go.id, Contact: Mr. Harjanto, Director

(R) Geothermal Energy Upstream Development:The objective is to increase the utilization of clean geothermal-based electricity in order to reduce pollution and improve the environment. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 200.0/75.0 (IBRD/ZBIL). Consulting services to be determined. Pertamina Geothermal Energy (PGE), Menara Cakrawala Lantai, 15th Floor, Jl. MH Thamrin No. 9, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 3983-3222, Fax: (62-21) 3983-3230, E-mail: info@pgeindonesia.com, Contact: Narendra Widjajanto, Finance Director CFO

(R) Partnership for Market Readiness:The objective is to create and/or improve the conditions in Indonesia for use of carbon market instruments in the regulation and mitigation of GHG emission. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.7 (PMR). Consultants will be required. National Climate Change Council, Jalan Medan Merdeka Selatan No. 13, Lantai 18, Jakarta, Indonesia, E-mail: info@dnpi.go.id, Contact: Dicky Edwin Hindarto, Head

Matenggeng Pumped Storage Hydro-Electrical:The objectives are to: (a) increase the peaking capacity of the power generation system in Java- Bali in an environmentally and socially sustainable way; and (b) strengthen the institutional capacity of the project implementing entity (PLN) in hydropower planning, development, and

operation. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. PLN (Persero), Jl. Trunojoyo Blok M1/135, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 722-1332, Fax: (62-21) 726-3119, E-mail: murtaqi@pln.co.id, Contact: Murtaqi Syamsuddin, Director

Renewable Energy for Electrification:The objective is to support the Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN) to prepare, finance, and implement the 1,000 islands electrification program. Specifically, this would focus on grid connected renewable energy development and electricity access scale-up. Appraisal scheduled for 24 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128568. US\$ 150.0/150.0 (IBRD/KFW). Consultants will be required. PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara, Jl, Trunojoyo Blok M 1/135, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 725-1234, E-mail: murtaqi@pln.co.id, Contact: Mr. Murtaqi Syamsuddin, Director, Planning

Finance

Financial Sector and Investment Climate Reform and Modernization Development Policy Loan Second:The objectives are to promote the development of a sound, efficient and inclusive financial sector, and support improvements in the investment climate in Indonesia. This project would help the Government of Indonesia (GOI) achieve its medium-term economic development and poverty reduction goals. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P145550. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). *No consultants are required.* Ministry of Finance, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 350-0841, Fax: (62-21) 384-6635, E-mail: rpakpah@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Robert Pakpahan, Director General of Debt Management

Lampung Water Supply Guarantee:The objectives are to: (a) expand coverage of piped water connections to residents of Lampung not currently served by the water utility; and (b) mobilize private financing for bulk water treatment and construction of the transmission and distribution network for expanded capacity of the water supply system. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (GUAR). Consultants will be required. Perusahaan Daerah Air Minum Way Rilau, Jl. P Emir M. Noer No. 11A, Bandar Lampung, Tel: (62-21) 487-823, Fax: (62-21) 484-611, E-mail: penigustimigo@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Hi. AZP Gustimigo, Director

Health and Other Social Services

(R) PNPM Generasi Program Additional Financing:The objective is to empower local communities in poor, rural sub-districts in project provinces to increase utilization of health and education services and foster accountability in local service delivery. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 151.7 (IDPN). Consultants will be required. Directorate General of Village Community Empowerment (PMD) Ministry of Home Affairs, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 799-0419, E-mail: pppkpm@yahoo.com

Industry and Trade

(R) Lombok Regional Economic Development:The objective is to promote private sector development in the tourism industry in Indonesia and at the same time contribute to sustainable preservation, development, and management of Indonesia's prime tourism assets. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131001. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Institutional, Tax Administration, Social and Investment (INSTANSI) Development Policy Loan (Ln. 83040-ID):The objective is to strengthen public financial management and enhance poverty alleviation and service delivery efforts. *Signing scheduled for 20 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Jl. Lapangan Banteng Timur 2-4, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 351-1178, Fax: (62-21)

351-1186, E-mail: rizallukman7@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Rizal Afandi Lukman Lukman, Deputy Minister

Metropolitan and Urban Development:The objective is to improve planning and investment in participating cities in projects that will be economically and ecologically sustainable. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P129406. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Bappenas, Jl. Taman Surapati No. 2, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 392-3462, Fax: (62-21) 3193-4731, E-mail: pohan@bappenas.go.id, Contact: Dr. Max Pohan, Deputy Minister. City Government of Makassar, Jl. Jend. Ahmad Yani No. 9, Makassar, Indonesia, Tel: (62-411) 317-007, Fax: (62-411) 317-720, E-mail: walikota@makassar.go.id, Contact: Mr. Ilham Arief Sirajuddin, Mayor of Makassar. City Government of Balikpapan, Jl. Jend. Sudirman No. 1, Balikpapan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-542) 421-420, Fax: (62-542) 422-941, E-mail: walikota@balikpapan.go.id, Contact: Mr. Rizal Effendi, Mayor of Balikpapan. City Government of Surabaya, Jl. Taman Surya No. 1, Surabaya, Indonesia, Tel: (62-31) 534-5689, Fax: (62-31) 531-2144, E-mail: walikota@surabaya.go.id, Contact: Ms. Tri Rismaharini, Mayor of Surabaya

Strengthening DAK Transfers to Local Governments:The objective is to support the Government to promote greater transparency and quality in the delivery of outputs in the infrastructure sectors by: disbursing results and policy actions specified in the DLIs that will be structured around the Government's regulations on DAK transfers. Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Jl. Dr. Wahidin No. 1, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 384-1067, Fax: (62-21) 386-6120, E-mail: herusubiyantoro@depkeu.go.id; herusubiyantoro@gmail, Contact: T. Lumban Tobing, Deputy Director for Funds

Transportation

(R) Second Connectivity Development Policy Loan (Ln. 83050-ID):The objective is to support the Government of Indonesia's domestic connectivity priority areas. *Signing scheduled for 20 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. National Planning Devt Agency/Bappenas, Jl. Taman Suropati No. 2, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 319-3602 Ext. 1105, Fax: (62-21) 253-3718, E-mail: dpriatna@bappenas.go.id, Contact: Mr. Dedy Priatna, Deputy for Development Financing

Ports Modernization:The objective is to assist in the pre-investment stage of the port development program and assist the Ministry of Transport to implement considerable improvements in their capacity for port infrastructure development, management, and financing. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 67.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport, Jl. Merdeka Barat No. 8, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 381-1308, Fax: (62-21) 345-1657, E-mail: heryandri@yahoo.com, Contact: Kemal Heryandri, Director

Road Asset Preservation:The objective is to improve the usage (execution, effectiveness, and delivery of outputs) of the sub-national roads. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Directorate General of Highways, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 720-0281, Fax: (62-21) 720 1760, E-mail: harris_batubara@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Harris Batubara Batubara, Director of Planning

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Urban Solid Waste Management Program:The objective is to improve solid waste collection and disposal in selected participating municipalities through improvements in the operations, maintenance and cost recovery of the solid waste management systems in these municipalities. Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127134. US\$ 100.0/35.0 (IBRD/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia Tel/Fax: (62-21) 724-7564, E-mail: dkirmanto@pu.go.id, Contact: Ir. Djoko Kirmanto, Minister

PAMSIMAS Support Trust Fund Additional Financing:

The objective is to increase the number of under-served and low income rural and peri-urban populations accessing improved and sustained water and sanitation services and practicing improved hygiene behaviors. Negotiations scheduled for 29 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 44.0 (IDFS). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, DG Cipta Karya, Pattimura No. 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta, Indonesia Tel/Fax: (62-21) 7279-6904, E-mail: dsutjiono@yahoo.co.id, Contact: Danny Sutjiono, Director of Water Supply Development

Water and Sanitation Investment Facility:The objectives are to: (a) increase access to water supply and sanitation services by supporting the central government programs of capital, output-based grants and loans through program partner facilities; and (b) supporting central and local government capacity strengthening. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129002. US\$ 100.0/30.0 (IBRD/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 7279-6158, Fax: (62-21) 7279-6155, E-mail: di_bpck@yahoo.com, Contact: Iman Emawi, Director General of Human Settlements. Indonesia Investment Agency, Graha Mandiri, 5th Floor, Jl Imam Bonjol, No. 61, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 3983-2091/94, Fax: (62-21) 3983-2095, E-mail: pip@pip-indonesia.com, Contact: Soritaon Siregar, CEO

Kiribati

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Economic Reform Operation:The objective is to support the Government of Kiribati in a range of key economic and fiscal reforms to move towards long-term fiscal sustainability in the context of declining revenues and successive unsustainable drawdowns from the Revenue Equalization and Reserve Fund. Bank Approval scheduled for 10 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 5.2 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Kiribati, Tel: (686) 21-806, E-mail: abeiatu@mfed.gov.ki, Contact: Atanteora Beiatu, Secretary of Finance and Economic Development

Transportation

(R) Road Rehabilitation Additional Financing:The objective is to improve the condition of South Tarawa's main road network and help strengthen road financing and maintenance capacity. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144099. US\$ 14.4 (PRIF). Consultants will be required for technical assistance studies in the areas of road safety, and micro-enterprises for road management. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, PO Box 487, Tarawa, Kiribati, Tel: (686) 21-806, E-mail: abeiatu@mfep.gov.ki, Contact: Mr. Atanteora Beiatu, Permanent Secretary of Finance

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Strengthening Protection and Management Effectiveness for Wildlife and Protected Areas:The objective is to increase capacity for effective protected area management, wildlife conservation and control of illegal wildlife trade. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128392. US\$ 6.8 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-20) 5569-9461, Contact: Bouaphanh Phanthavong, Director

(R) Strengthening Protection and Management Effectiveness for Wildlife and Protected Areas:The objective is to increase capacity for effective protected area management, wildlife conservation and control of illegal wildlife trade. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128393. US\$ 17.0/0.7/8.4 (IDA Credit/ZFOU/ZPCI). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Tel: (856-20) 5569-9461, E-mail: b_phan.thavong@yahoo.com, Contact: Bouaphanh Phanthavong, Director

Natural Resources and Environment Management:The objective is to support the Government of Lao PDR's development goals in sustainable natural resource and environmental management including climate change. Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.5/7.5/8.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/AUSL). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-20) 5569-9461, Contact: Virana Sonnasin, Deputy Director

Education

(R) Early Childhood Development:The objective is to increase coverage and improve the quality of pre-primary education and early childhood care services for 3-5 year old children in disadvantaged districts. *Negotiations scheduled for 30 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145544. US\$ 14.0/14.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Minister of Education and Sports, Lane Xang Avenue, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-20) 5551-5647, Fax: (856-21) 216-004, E-mail: lbouapao@gmail.com, Contact: H.E. Lytou Bouapao, Vice Minister

Finance

(R) Small and Medium Enterprise Access to Finance:The objective is to provide access to finance in Laos through technical assistance to financial intermediaries and the Government's implementing agency. *Appraisal scheduled for 9 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P131201. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Nong Bone Road, PO Box 474, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-21) 414-065, Fax: (856-21) 263-590, E-mail: sinmyxai@smepdo.org, Contact: Mr. Somdy Inmyxai, Director General

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Tenth Poverty Reduction Support Operation:The objective is to support policies and institutional reforms enabling the sustainable management of increasing revenues going to and generated from natural resource sectors to deliver improved public services. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 23 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 10.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, 23 Singha Road, PO Box 46, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-21) 911-611, Fax: (856-21) 412-142, E-mail: chanthavongsa.t@gmail.com, Contact: Mrs. Thippakone Chanthavongsa, Director General

Marshall Islands

Information and Communications

Second ICT Sector Development Policy Operation:The objective is to increase access to telecommunications in the Marshall Islands, which will increase the availability of telecommunications infrastructure and enable the more widespread application of ICT services supporting improvements in economic and social development. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 13 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Micronesia, Federated States of

Energy and Mining

(N) Energy Sector Development:The objective is to provide technical assistance to the Energy Division at the Department of Resources and Development, and to the Four State Utilities to strengthen their energy planning and technical capacity. *Project Concept Note scheduled for 20 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Department of Resources and Development, PS12, Palikir, Micronesia, Federated States of, Tel: 691-320-2646, Fax: 691-320-5854, E-mail: fsmrd@dea.fm, Contact: Mr. Hubert Yamada, Assistant Secretary

Mongolia

Education

(R) Education Quality Reform:The objective is to improve the quality of education for primary school children in Mongolia by improving learning outcomes and increasing instructional time. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 1 November 2013. Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148110. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, Government Building 111, Baga Toiruu 44, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 260-816, Fax: (976-11) 323-158, E-mail: info@mecs.gov.mn, Contact: Ts Bayarkhuu, Head of Finance and Investment, MES

Finance

(R) Export Development:The objective is to support diversification and expansion of Mongolian exports by: (a) improving access of Mongolian exporters to export finance products and services; and (b) strengthening competitiveness of Mongolian exports through capacity building of exporters and quality improvements in export products. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economic Development, Government Building-2, United Nations Street 5/1, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Tel: (976-51) 264-181/82, Fax: (976-11) 327-914, E-mail: zoltuya@med.gov.mn, Contact: Ms. B. Zoltuya, Senior Officer, Economic Cooperation

Health and Other Social Services

(R) E-Health:The objective is to establish the foundations, in the software and institutional capacity for an e-health information system (internet and mobile technology) by: (a) improving the ease of access, completeness, and timeliness of health information to strengthen performance monitoring; and (b) enhancing continuity of care and minimize inappropriate treatment. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131290. US\$ 15.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Government Building 8, Olimpys Street 2 Sukhbaatar District 142, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 5126-0474, Fax: (976-11) 320-916, E-mail: dr_jargal_d@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Jargal Saikhan, Director

Industry and Trade

(R) Integrated Livestock-based Livelihoods Support:The objectives are to: (a) link farmers to markets; (b) raise livestock productivity and quality to enhance access to domestic and regional markets; and (c) strengthen donor coordination. *Signing scheduled for 28 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125964. US\$ 11.0 (GAFS). No consultants are required. Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry, Government Building No. 9, Peace Avenue 16A, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 262 853, E-mail: erdenejargal@mofa.gov.mn, Contact: L. Choi-ish, Director General, Strategic Policy and Planning

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Third Sustainable Livelihoods:The objective is to institutionalize appropriate mechanisms utilized in phase I and II of the Sustainable Livelihoods Program to reduce the vulnerability of rural communities throughout Mongolia. *Negotiations scheduled for 3 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125232. US\$ 37.0/11.4 (IDA Credit/SWTZ). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Khuvisgalchdiin Avenue 38, State Building No 7, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 322-465, Fax: (976-11) 328-107, E-mail: support@mof.gov.mn, Contact: A. Khashtsetseg, Project Director

Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent Government (SMART):The objective is to focus on leveraging Mongolia's well developed ICT infrastructure for accountable, responsive, and transparent government through the implementation of e-Government and m-Government applications and open government data initiatives. *Negotiations scheduled for 16 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P130891. US\$ 19.4 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Information, Communications Technol-

ogy and Post Authority, Sq. Sukhbaatar-1, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 330-790, Fax: (976-11) 330-780, E-mail: info@ictpa.gov.mn, Contact: Ch. Ch.Davaajamts, Chief Technology Officer

Myanmar

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Smallholder Agriculture Development:The objective is to increase crop yields and farm incomes from crop production in selected sites served by the project. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Building No. 26, Naypyi Taw, Myanmar, Tel: (95-67) 410-322, E-mail: nwenwewin1957@gmail.com, Contact: Nwe New Win, Budget Director

Education

(R) Decentralizing Funding to Schools:The objectives are to: (a) improve and expand Myanmar's existing decentralized funding mechanisms (schools grants and student stipends), and (b) establish a baseline of reading acquisition skills in lower primary education (grades 1-3). *Negotiations scheduled for 17 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146332. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). *No consultants are required.* Ministry of Education, Building No. 13, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, Tel: (95-67) 407-534, Fax: (95-67) 407-394, E-mail: myo.theingyi@gmail.com, Contact: Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Deputy Director General

Information and Communications

(R) Telecommunications Sector Reform:The objectives are to improve: (a) telecommunications access; and (b) performance of telecommunications sector through strengthening elements of the policy, institutional, and regulatory framework to promote the competitive provision of telecommunications infrastructure and services. Appraisal scheduled for 2 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145534. US\$ 31.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Building No.2, Special Development Zone, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, Tel: (95-67) 407-225, Fax: (95-67) 407-216, E-mail: dg.ptd@mptmail.net.mm, Contact: Than Htun Aung, Deputy Director

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Finance Management Modernization:The objective is to support the Union of the Republic of Myanmar's sequenced implementation of its PFM reform program to support more responsive and inclusive delivery of public services across the country. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Building No. 26, Naypyi Taw, Myanmar, Tel: (95-67) 410-322, E-mail: nwenwewin1957@gmail.com, Contact: Maung Maung Win, Director General

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management:The objective is to support the Government of Myanmar in developing and managing the Ayeyarwady Basin and national water resources in a sustainable and integrated manner. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Papua New Guinea

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Productive Partnerships in Agriculture Additional Financing:The objective is to improve the livelihoods of smallholder cocoa and coffee producers through the improvement of the performance and the sustainability of value chains in cocoa and coffee producing areas. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 24 October 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146003. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. National Department of Agriculture and Livestock, PO Box 2033, National

Capital District, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (675) 321-4096, Fax: (675) 321-1387, E-mail: abenjamin@datec.net.pg; Coffee Industry Corporation Ltd (CIC), PO Box 137, Goroka, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (675) 732-1266, Fax: (675) 732-1431, E-mail: navicic@daltron.com.pg; Cocoa Board of Papua New Guinea, PO Box 352, Kokopo, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (675) 982-9083, Fax: (675) 982-8712, E-mail: cocoa_board@global.net

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Rural Service Delivery and Local Governance Preparation and Pilot:The objective is to pilot a successful Community Driven Development (CDD) platform in PNG that would be adopted by Government as a way to improve the access, quality and management of basic public services delivered in rural communities in PNG. *The loan was signed on 14 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126157. US\$ 3.8 (F7BK). Consultants will be required. Department of Provincial and Local Government Affairs, PO Box 1287, BOROKO NCD, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (67-5) 301-1002, Fax: (67-5) 325-0553, E-mail: mzurenuoc@dplga.gov.pg, Contact: Honorable Job Pomat, MP, Minister for Intern-Government Relations

Transportation

(R) Second Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project (RMRP) Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) improve road transport to project areas through providing satisfactory physical condition and safety in selected roads; and (b) strengthen institutional arrangements for road maintenance including the participation of the private sector and communities. *Appraisal completed on 8 November 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 9 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145120. US\$ 126.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Department of Works, Boroko, PO Box 1108, NCD, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (675) 324-1482, E-mail: ssapalo@works.gov.pg, Contact: Steven Sapalo, Project Director

Philippines

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Gearing Rural Organizations for Wealth Creation Towards Household Income Improvement (GROWTH):The objective is to raise farm productivity and household income of agrarian reform beneficiaries and smallholders by: (a) empowering the beneficiaries and their organizations; (b) facilitating and scaling-up the development of livelihood and agribusiness opportunities; and (c) improving access to critical infrastructure and key support services. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131622. US\$ 95.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Government of the Philippines, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 453-1826, 928-7031, Contact: Jerry Pacturan, Undersecretary

Rural Development Program:The objective is to increase rural incomes and enhance farm and fishery productivity in targeted areas. Negotiations scheduled for 31 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132317. US\$ 501.3 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for pre-implementation and implementation activities. Department of Agriculture, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 920-4369, Fax: (63-2) 929-8183, E-mail: spja_osec@da.gov.ph, Contact: Hon. Proceso J. Alcalá, Secretary

Rural Development Program:The objective is to increase rural incomes and enhance farm and fishery productivity in targeted areas. Negotiations scheduled for 31 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132424. US\$ 7.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Department of Agriculture, 2/F Department of Agriculture, Elliptical Road, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (632) 920-4369, Fax: (632) 929-8183, E-mail: spja_osec@yahoo.com, Contact: Hon. Proceso J. Alcalá, Secretary of Agriculture

Education

Learning, Equity and Accountability Program Support:The objective is to improve the quality of grade 1 to 3 reading and math skills of children in Target Regions and Target schools, with a special

focus on those belonging to Target Disadvantaged Groups. Negotiations scheduled for 13 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P118904. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Education, Meralco Avenue Extension, Pasig City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 631-2527, Fax: (63-2) 633-7302, E-mail: fmvarela68@gmail.com, Contact: Francisco Varela, Undersecretary

Energy and Mining

(R) Renewable Energy Development:The objective is to support the renewable energy generation and distribution efficiency projects. *This project is on hold until further notice.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P118994. US\$ 44.0 (CCTF). Consultants will be required. Development Bank of the Philippines, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Corner Makati Avenue, Makati City, Philippines, Tel: (632) 818-9511/9512/9611, Fax: (632) 893-4748, E-mail: pdlazaroz@devbankphil.com.ph, Contact: Paul Lazaro, Sr. Assistant Vice President

(R) Renewable Energy Development:The objective is to increase renewable energy generation in all parts of the Philippines, including in off-grid areas, and to bolster private sector lending to electric cooperatives that are focused on operational and financial efficiency. Appraisal scheduled for 21 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P147646. US\$ 44.0 (CCTF). Consulting services to be determined. LGU Guarantee Corporation, 121 Valero Street, Antel Corporate Center, Makati City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 751-8764, E-mail: dengorial@lguc.com, Contact: Lydia Oriol, President and CEO

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Multi Donor Facility - PH Mindanao Reconstruction and Development:The objective is to improve social and economic recovery in conflict-affected communities of Mindanao through activities which promote confidence-building, peace and demand-driven governance. *Appraisal scheduled for 2 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.6 (PHMF). Consultants will be required for: preparation to update the ISDS; possibly for the results framework and to design an Impact Evaluation for livelihood activities; and support for the implementation of Bangsamoro Development Plan. Mindanao Land Foundation, Inc. Reyes Bldg, Jade St. Saniel Subd, Kidapawan City, Cotabato, Philippines, Tel: (63-64) 278-3077, E-mail: minland-cmo@minland.ph, Contact: Damaso Vertido, Executive Director. International Labour Organization, 19th Floor, Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue, Metro Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 580-9900, Fax: (63-2) 856-7597, E-mail: johnsonl@ilo.org, Contact: Mr. Lawrence Jeff Johnson, Director. CFSI, Philippines, Tel: (63-91) 7812-8523, E-mail: vhernandez@cfsi.ph, Contact: Vlad Hernandez, Director, Philippine Programs

Industry and Trade

Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) Phase-out:The objective is to assist the Philippines in meeting its HCFC phase-out obligations to the Montreal Protocol. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 23 December 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (MPIN). Consultants will be required. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, 4/F DENR Main Building, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City, Tel: (63-2) 926-2672, Fax: (63-2) 924-2540, E-mail: osec@denr.gov.ph, Contact: Jose Atienza, Jr. Secretary

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Land Administration and Management Additional Financing:The objective is to fast-track the national roll-out of the Land Administration and Management System (LAMS) in all sixteen regions in support of the land surveying and titling program being implemented through local government units (LGU) for LGU-led titling activities and also under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). *Negotiations scheduled for 14 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127962. US\$ 61.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, DENR Compound, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 928-1197, Fax: (63-2) 928-1195, E-mail:

lamp@denr.ov.ph, Contact: Manuel D. Gerochi, Undersecretary for Staff Bureaus and Project Management

(R) Third Development Policy Loan:The objective is to support specific efforts by the government to help shift the Philippines into a new inclusive growth trajectory. The operation's five pillars all serve to tackle binding constraints to promoting the sustained reduction in extreme poverty reduction and improved livelihoods for notably the poorest 40% of Filipinos. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 6 November 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Manila Bay Integrated Water Quality Management:The objective is to improve the quality of water in the Manila Bay, Pasig River and Laguna Lake system, through institutional mechanisms enabling integrated and comprehensive support for public and private initiatives, to address sources of pollution, sedimentation and flooding in key pollution hotspots. Appraisal scheduled for 17 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (632) 929-6626, Fax: (632) 926-8074, E-mail: tehanna08@gmail.com, Contact: Analiza R. Teh, Undersecretary

National Community Driven Development Program:The objective is to empower local communities in targeted poor municipalities and urban areas in achieving improved access to basic services and more inclusive local government planning and budgeting. Bank Approval scheduled for 19 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127741. US\$ 479.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during implementation for local training and capacity building, and short-term assistance with management information systems, surveys and evaluations. Department of Social Welfare and Development, Constitution Hills, Batasan Complex, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 931-8101, Fax: (63-2) 931-8191, E-mail: dinky@dswd.gov.ph, Contact: Hon. Corazon Juliano-Soliman, Secretary

Transportation

(R) Manila Urban Transport:The objective is to improve the overall performance of the urban passenger transport system along a few corridors in Metro Manila in terms of quality and level of service, affordability, safety, and environmental efficiency. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 53.0/23.0/25.0 (IBRD/AFD/CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Transportation and Communications, Ortigas Ave, Brgy. Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 723-1507, 727-7960, Fax: (63-2) 726-7128, E-mail: reneklimcaoco@yahoo.com, Contact: Rene Limcaoco, Under Secretary

Cebu Bus Rapid Transit (BRT):The objectives are to improve the over-all performance of the urban passenger transport system in the project corridor in Cebu City in terms of the quality and level of service, affordability, safety, and environmental efficiency. Appraisal scheduled for 15 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P119343. US\$ 116.0/57.5/25.0 (IBRD/AFD/CCTF). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Transportation and Communications, Ortigas Ave, Brgy. Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 723-1507, 727-7960, Fax: (63-2) 726-7128, E-mail: reneklimcaoco@yahoo.com, Contact: Rene Limcaoco, Under Secretary

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Manila Bay Integrated Water Quality Management-GEFU:The objective is to contribute to the improvement of the quality of water in Manila Bay, Pasig River and Laguna Lake system through the establishment of institutional mechanisms and implementation of investments in priority pollution hotspots through public and private actions. Appraisal scheduled for 17 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.4 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 929-6626/27/28/29, Fax: (63-2) 926-8074, E-mail: tehanna08@gmail.com, tehanna17@yahoo.com

Studies for Sustainable Flood Management:The objective is to improve flood management and resilience in the Greater Metro Manila Area. Appraisal scheduled for 28 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 7.0 (PHFS). Consultants will be hired for technical studies (dam and land reclamation), social and environmental assessments, including detailed social surveys. Department of Public Works and Highways, Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 304-3000, Fax: (63-2) 304-3487, E-mail: Webmaster@dphwh.gov.ph

Regional

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Capturing Coral Reef Ecosystem Services (CCRES):The objective is to support targeted learning and innovation to promote an ecosystem-based approach to capturing value from the sustainable management of coral reef and associated mangrove ecosystem services in the East Asia/Pacific region. Signing scheduled for 16 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123933. US\$ 4.5 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Global Change Institute, Gehrman Laboratories (60), Brisbane QLD 4072, Australia, Tel: (61-7) 3346-9942, Fax: (61-7) 3346-3299, E-mail: m.king4@uq.edu.au, Contact: Melanie King, Deputy Director

(R) Pacific Regional Program-Identifying and Implementing practical CCA and Related DRR Knowledge and Experience:The objective is to support and facilitate the dissemination and better utilization of local, national and regional knowledge and information on climate change adaptation (CCA) and related disaster risk reduction (DRR) to build and strengthen the capacity of Pacific Island countries to manage climate change risks to food security and critical infrastructure. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.1 (CSCF). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program:The objective is to sustainably increase the economic benefits captured by Pacific Island Countries from the ecosystem services provided by the Western Pacific Ocean. This abundant oceanscape, and the ecosystem services it provides, is a shared natural capital asset for the entire region. Preparation scheduled for 28 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131655. US\$ 74.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and Communications

(R) Federated States of Micronesia/Palau Connectivity:The objective is to reduce the cost and increase the availability of international bandwidth for participating countries by: (a) facilitating a wide range of ICT applications to support social and economic development in the Pacific region; and (b) enhancing the participation of these countries in the global economy. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 12.5/40.5/12.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit/ASDB). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure, PO Box PS-2, Palikir, Pohnpei, Micronesia, Federated States of, Tel: (691) 320-2865, Fax: (691) 320-5853, E-mail: itimaif@mail.fm, Contact: Francis Itimai, Department Secretary. Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce, PO Box 1471, Ngerulmud, Palau, Tel: (680) 767-2111, Fax: (680) 767-3207, E-mail: tchin@palaunet.gov, Contact: Mr. Takkon Chin, Chief Division of Communications

(R) Pacific Regional ICT Regulatory Development:The objective is to strengthen the capacity of the Pacific ICT Regulatory Resource Centre (PIRRC) to deliver timely and relevant knowledge and technical expertise to Pacific regulatory institutions and enhance regional collaboration on regulatory issues. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 24 October 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 4.5 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(N) Henan Xinxiang New Urbanized Community Development:The objective is to upgrade the living quality of farmers

through demonstration and urbanized community development and to provide an applicable urbanization model for the middle part of China. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 16 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Pacific Aviation Investment Project-PASO Restructuring (Cr. H8830-4P):The objective is to ensure effective regional oversight of aviation safety and security in Pacific Island Countries by establishing: (a) Register of Inspectors; (b) National Inspectorate Program; (c) training for inspectors; (d) implementing a formal quality system; and (e) developing a cloud based document management system and database. *The grant was signed on 1 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145057. US\$ 2.2 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Pacific Aviation Safety Office, PO Box 139, La Casa Andrea Building, Lini Highway, Port Vila, Vanuatu, Tel: (678) 28-500, E-mail: gm@paso.aero, Contact: Darin Cusack, Transitional Manager

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Managing Disaster Risks in the Pacific:The objective is to strengthen disaster and climate resilience and improve post disaster financial response capacity of participating countries. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 97.5/35.0 (IDA Credit/ZBIL). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Samoa

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Agriculture and Fisheries Cyclone Response (Cr. H8850-WS):The objectives are to: (a) replace lost or damaged agricultural assets to restore production to pre-cyclone levels; and (b) enhance the ability of the agricultural sector to better prepare for, and respond to, future natural disasters. *Bank Approval completed on 17 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, L4, TATTE Building, Apia, Samoa, Tel: (685) 22-561, E-mail: fono@mof.gov.ws, Contact: Mr. Fonoiaiva Sealiitu Sesega, CEO

(R) Enhancing the Climate Resilience of Coastal Resources and Communities:The objectives are to: (a) reduce vulnerability; and (b) enhance the capacity of natural systems and coastal communities to recover from impacts (chronic and acute) associated with climate change and extreme weather events. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126596. US\$ 14.6 (CSCF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 2, 3, 4th Floors, Central Bank Building, Matafele, Apia, Samoa, Tel: (685) 34-333, E-mail: litara.taulealo@mof.gov.ws, Contact: Ms. Litara Taulealo, Program Coordinator

Information and Communications

(R) Pacific Regional Connectivity Program: Phase II Samoa Connectivity:The objective is to reduce the cost and increase the availability of international bandwidth for participating countries, and thereby facilitate the development of a wide range of ICT applications to support social and economic development in the Pacific region, and to enhance the participation of these countries in the global economy. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.5/18.5 (IDA Credit/ASDB). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Enhanced Road Access (Cr. H8840-WS):The objective is to help enhance access for all road users on the islands of Savai'i and Upolu through improvements to the road network. *The credit was signed on 1 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145545. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. The Land Transport Authority, Land Transport Authority, PO Box 1607, Apia, Samoa, Tel: (685) 26-740, Fax: (685) 26-739, E-mail: info@lta.gov.ws, Contact: Mr. Leasi J. Galuvao, Chief Executive Officer

(R) Pacific Aviation Investment:The objective is to improve operational safety and oversight of international air transport in-

infrastructure. Decision Meeting scheduled for *2 December 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143408. US\$ 20.0/7.4 (IDA Credit/EUIB). Consultants will be required for the design and supervision of investments, institutional strengthening activities, and the assignment to develop an aviation strategy and master plan. Samoa Airport Authority, Private Bag, Faleolo International Airpo, Apia, Samoa, Tel: (685) 23-201, Fax: (685) 24-281, E-mail: hoe.jerome@airportssamoa.ws, Contact: Magele Hoe Viali, Chief Executive Officer

Solomon Islands

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Community Resilience to Climate and Disaster Risk in Solomon Islands:The objective is to implement climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction priority measures. *Decision Meeting completed on 25 October 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 6 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.3/1.8 (GEFU/GFDR). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Conservation, PO Box G13, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Tel: (677) 21-074, Fax: (677) 212-7855, E-mail: minister@mecm.gov.sb, Contact: Mr. Shadrack Fanega, Permanent Secretary

(R) Second Rural Development Program Additional Financing:The objective is to increase access to high priority, small-scale economic and social infrastructure, agriculture and financial services in rural areas. *The credit was signed on 11 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 3.0/2.5 (IDA Credit/AUSL). Consultants will be required. Ministry Development Planning and Aid Coordination, PO Box G30, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Tel: (677) 39-109, Fax: (677) 30-163, E-mail: ps@mdpac.gov.sb, Contact: Jeremiah Manele, Permanent Secretary

Energy and Mining

(R) Sustainable Energy Additional Financing:The objective is to improve operational efficiency, system reliability and financial sustainability of SIEA. Appraisal scheduled for *2 December 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 13.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Solomon Islands Electricity Authority, PO Box 6, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Tel: (677) 38-596, Fax: (677) 39-472, E-mail: n_nicholls@siea.com.sb, Contact: Norman Nicholls, General Manager

Tina River Hydropower Development:The objectives are to: (a) improve the affordability of electricity on Guadalcanal by switching energy production from very expensive, imported, diesel power to hydropower, a sustainable, lower cost, and renewable alternative; and (b) mobilize private financing for power generation to supplement limited public resources. Decision Meeting scheduled for *24 June 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P114317. US\$ 12.0/8.0 (EUIB/GUID). Consultants will be required for various preparatory studies (environmental and social impact assessment, market and pricing, geological, feasibility) and for dam safety advisory and environmental and social panel of experts. Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification, PO Box G37, Lengakiki Ridge, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Tel: (677) 28-609/25-937, Fax: (677) 25-811, E-mail: ps@mines.gov.sb, Contact: Rene Sore, Permanent Secretary

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Second Development Policy Operation:The objectives are to improve the quality of public financial management, financial management of key State Owned Enterprises, and extractive industries revenue transparency. The grant was signed on *4 October 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 2.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Treasury, PO Box 26, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Tel: (677) 27-413, Fax: (677) 763-4188, E-mail: corton@mof.gov.sb, Contact: Carlos Orton Romero, Chief Economic Officer

Thailand

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Supporting Capacity Building, Law Enforcement, and Market Incentives for Wildlife Conservation:The objective

is to support direct conservation activities, enforce wildlife conservation laws, and reduce pressures on forest resources that fits well with the goals of the GEF objectives in the biodiversity focal area. Decision Meeting scheduled for *16 December 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126225. US\$ 7.3 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of National Resources and Environment, 61 Paholyothin Road, Lad Yao, Jatujak, Bangkok, Thailand, Tel: (66-02) 2561-4835, E-mail: chatw@dnp.go.th, Contact: Chatchawan Pisdamkham, Director of Wildlife Conservation Office

Industry and Trade

(R) Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) Phase-out Phase I:The objective is to assist the Government to meet its obligations to HCFC consumption phase-out: (a) a freeze of HCFC consumption at the baseline level by 2013; and (b) 10% reductions from the baseline level by 2015 as per the Montreal Protocol through adoption of low-carbon alternative technologies, where possible, as replacement to HCFCs. *Negotiations scheduled for 15 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P115761. US\$ 23.8 (MPIN). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Works, 75/6 Rama VI Road, Ratchthewi, Bangkok, Thailand, Tel: (66-2) 202-4101, Fax: (66-2) 354-3390, E-mail: arthit.w@diw.mail.go.th, Contact: Mr. Arthit Wuthikaro, Director General

Timor-Leste

Transportation

Road Climate Resilience Additional Financing:The objective is to deliver sustainable climate resilient road infrastructure on the Dili-Ainaro corridor and adjacent districts. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130975. US\$ 15.0/25.0 (IBRD/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required for design and supervision of civil works (firm) and for PMU staffing (individual). Ministry of Public Works, Av. Martires da Patria, Dili, Timor-Leste, Tel: (670) 723-3938, Fax: (670) 331-1038, E-mail: pmu_tlrerp@yahoo.com, Contact: Fernando Da Rosa, Project and Finance Manager, PMU

Tonga

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Finance and Structural Reform Operation (Cr. 53160-TO, Cr. H8880-TO):The objective is to support the Government of Tonga's ongoing efforts to facilitate the recovery of its economy and public finances over the medium term, in the context of recent substantial declines in remittance inflows and government revenues. Appraisal completed on *19 September 2013*. Bank Approval scheduled for *18 November 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Tonga, Tel: (676) 24-615, E-mail: bfaotusia@mfn.gov.to, Contact: Balwyn Fa'otusia, Secretary of Finance and National Planning

Tuvalu

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Sector Development: (formerly Electricity Sector Development) The objective is to support Tuvalu enhance its energy security by improving the efficiency and sustainability of the electricity system. Appraisal scheduled for *6 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144573. US\$ 7.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Tuvalu Electricity Corporation, Funafuti, Tuvalu, Tel: (688) 20-350, E-mail: mafaluloto2@gmail.com, Contact: Mafalu Lotolua, General Manager

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Development Policy Operation:The objective is to support the Government of Tuvalu's medium term reform agenda in the areas of public finance management, service delivery and public enterprise reforms. Bank Approval scheduled for *22 November 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 3.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Vaiaku, Funafuti, Tuvalu, Tel: (688) 20-202, Fax: (688)

20-210, E-mail: secfin@tuvalu.tv, Contact: Temate Melitiana, Acting Secretary

Transportation

(R) Aviation Investment Additional Finance: The objective is to finance the resurfacing of Funafuti's roads. Bank Approval scheduled for 18 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145310. US\$ 6.1 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Transport, Government Building, Funafuti, Tuvalu, Tel: (688) 20-153, E-mail: viosefa@gov.tv

Vanuatu

Energy and Mining

(R) Rural Electrification: The objective is to increase access to electricity services for rural households and public institutions located in dispersed off-grid areas. Appraisal scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148079. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Department of Energy, Vanuatu, Tel: (678) 25-201, E-mail: jbenjamin@vanuatu.com.vu, Contact: Mr. Jesse Benjamin, Director

Transportation

(R) Pacific Aviation Investment: The objective is to improve operational safety and oversight of international air transport infrastructure. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Vietnam

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Second Northern Mountain Poverty Reduction Project (NMPRP) Additional Financing: The objective is a continuation to: (a) consolidate the achievements; and (b) prepare the institutionalization of the key features of the project into the overall poverty efforts in the target Provinces. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Irrigation Efficiency: The objective is to increase water productivity by improving the efficiency in irrigation water use through technical, management reform, and modernization processes. Negotiations scheduled for 27 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130014. US\$ 180.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, 2, Ngoc Ha Street, Ha Noi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3843-3400, Contact: Tran Kim Long Tran, Deputy Director General, ICD

(R) Poverty Reduction in Central Highlands: The objective is to improve the well-being (as measured by income/consumption, access to key services and satisfaction with support) of beneficiaries in targeted districts of the Central Highlands region. Negotiations completed on 14 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128072. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning and Investment, No. 2 Hoang Van Thu Street, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3845-5298, Fax: (84-4) 3823-4453, Contact: Mr. Tran Ngoc Hung, Director, Project Management Unit

Market Led Agricultural Modernization: The objective is to accelerate the pace of agricultural restructuring and the realization of sectoral goals related to the triple bottom line of sustainable development. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 275.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Power Sector Reform DPO3: The objective is to support the implementation of a market for electricity generation, restructuring of the power sector and reform of electricity tariffs that will facilitate effective competition, transparency and predictability to encourage

generation investment, and implement programs and incentives for efficient use of electricity. Appraisal scheduled for 2 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Electricity Regulatory Authority of Vietnam (ERAV), D11 Khuat Duy Tien, Thanh Xuan, Dong Da, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (04) 3554-3049, Fax: (04) 3554-3223, E-mail: cuongdh@moit.gov.vn, Contact: Mr. Dang Huy Cuong, General Director

(R) Third Climate Change Development Policy: The objective is to support the Government in its efforts to address climate change by: (a) adopting policies; and (b) strengthening institutional capacity to promote climate resilient and lower carbon intensity development. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, 83 Nguyen Chi Thanh Street, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3259-5505, E-mail: lcthanh@monre.gov.vn, Contact: Dr. L. C. Thanh, Deputy Director General

(R) Transmission Efficiency Project (TEP): The objective is to improve the technical and operational performance of NPT in providing reliable and energy efficient electricity transmission services in Vietnam. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131558. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. National Power Transmission Corporation, No. 4, Nguyen Khac Nhu Street, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3554-3049, E-mail: phucdt@moit.gov.vn, Contact: Mr. Manh Hung Nguyen, President and CEO

Finance

(R) Second Economic Management Competitiveness Credit: The objective is to enhance competitiveness to boost growth and poverty reduction that will strive for a new economic growth model, which targets competitiveness and the quality of growth. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P146095. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. State Bank of Vietnam, 49, Ly Thai To, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-43) 826-5974, Fax: (84-43) 934-9569, E-mail: doanhoaianh@yahoo.com, Contact: Mme Doan Hoai Anh, Director General

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Professions Education and Training (HPET): The objective is to improve the quality of medical and nursing education and the competencies of Primary Health Care Teams, especially in disadvantages areas. Decision Meeting completed on 14 November 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 30 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131825. US\$ 106.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/ECEU). Consultants will be required for MOH in accredited areas of medical programs, family health and management of human resources. Ministry of Health, 138A Giang Vo Street, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 6273-2244, E-mail: dr_nguyen_cong_khan@yahoo.com, Contact: Prof. Nguyen Cong Khan, Director

(R) Social Assistance System Strengthening: The objective is to strengthen Vietnam's social safety net to alleviate chronic poverty, help vulnerable households deal with shocks, and help poor households invest in human capital for long-term poverty reduction. Negotiations scheduled for 16 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P123960. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Government of Vietnam, 710B Lac Long Quan, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3710-0596, Fax: (84-4) 3710-0597, E-mail: nvhoi11@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Van Hoi, Deputy Director

Hospital Waste Management Support-GEF: The objective is to reduce the environmental degradation and potential risks for human health through improved management of health care waste and reducing the releases of Persistent Organic Pollutants, mercury and toxic waste from the health care sector. Decision Meeting scheduled for 3 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health of Vietnam, 138A Giang Vo, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3846-4914, Fax: (84-4) 3736-8394, E-mail: phamtuandr2003@yahoo.com, Contact: Nga Nguyen Huy, Director

Industry and Trade

(R) Vietnam Regional Industry Competitiveness: The objective is to improve competitiveness of the Thanh Hoa Province which is one of the poorest provinces in Vietnam. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 21 October 2013. Preparation scheduled for 2 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 96.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Government of Vietnam, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 2221-8345, Fax: (84-4) 2221-8383, E-mail: LuyenNV@moit.gov.vn, Contact: Nguyen Van Luyen, Division Head, Local Industry and Trade Department

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Service Delivery Reform: The objectives are to strengthen the Ministry of Health and other health sector governance institutions' capacity and management systems in areas of policy making, implementation of key policies, monitoring and evaluation, supervision, and policy inspection. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Health, 138 Giang Vo Street, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3846-4914, Fax: (84-4) 3846-4051, E-mail: phamtuandr2003@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Pham Le Tuan, Director

Transportation

(R) Cho Gao Canal Improvement: The objective is to remove a critical bottleneck to the efficient movement of inland waterway traffic along the main connection between Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 120.0 (IDA Credit).

(R) Road Asset Management (Cr. 53310-VN): The objective is to enhance road asset management capacity in Vietnam and ensure continued effective use of the national and provincial road network in support of the economic development, as well as to minimize negative impacts resulted from infrastructure development such as traffic safety, congestion, environmental and social issues. *Negotiations completed on 4 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 12 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123961. US\$ 250.0/1.7 (IDA Credit/VNAB). *Consultants will be required.* Project Management Unit No. 3 (PMU3), Hanoi, Vietnam, E-mail: pmu2@mt.gov.vn, Contact: Nguyen Xuan Trung, Acting General Director

Dau Giay-Phan Thiet Expressway Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Pilots: The objective is to support the implementation of pilot PPP projects that will be passed through the PPP Financing Framework to demonstrate its added value to the government, and to learn early lessons from implementation. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 29 August 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0/120.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). *Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.*

Ho Chi Minh City Green Transport: The objectives are to: (a) address urgent urban mobility demands (BRT and Bus Modernization); (b) maximize the impacts of major metro and road investments; and (c) strengthen institutions for HCMC's future modern transport system. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126507. US\$ 142.3 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* UCCI - Urban-Civil Works Construction Investment Management Authority of HCMC, 3 Nguyen Thi Dieu, Ward 6, District 3, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, Tel: (84-8) 3930-2462, Fax: (84-8) 3930-6638, E-mail: anhphucpl@yahoo.com, haquoclinh@yahoo.com, Contact: Luong Minh Phuc, General Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Mekong Integrated Water Resources Management Phase II (Cr. 53190-VN): The objective is to establish a series of examples for the integrated water resources management in the Mekong Basin at regional, national and sub regional level. *Negotiations completed on 18 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P124942. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Mekong River Commissions, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-21) 263-263, Fax: (856-21) 263-264, E-mail:

Phoumin@mrcmekong.org, Contact: Mr. Phoumin Han, Project Coordination and Management Unit

(R) Programmatic Urban Development in Northern Mountains: The objective is to enable participating Northern Mountains cities to effectively plan, deliver and sustain priority infrastructure services through strengthened systems and capacity, with the support of the Ministry of Construction. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). *Consulting services to be determined.* Ministry of Constructions, 37 Le Dai Hanh Str. Hai Ba Trung Dist. Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-98) 302-5527, E-mail: tranquocthai.moc@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Tran Quoc Thai, Deputy General Director

Second Ho Chi Minh City Environmental Sanitation: The objectives are to collect and treat waste water from Nhieu Loc-Thi Nghe Basin and District 2 in Ho Chi Minh City in an environmentally and financially sustainable manner by constructing wastewater interceptor with its corresponding sewer system and wastewater treatment plant. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127978. US\$ 250.0/200.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Steering Center of Urban Flood Control Program, 10 Tran Nhat Duat Street, Tan Dinh Ward, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Tel: (84-8) 3526-7498, E-mail: hmccecs@gmail.com, Contact: Pham Van Chin, Director

South Asia

Afghanistan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Physical and Institutional Infrastructure for Strategic Grain Reserves: The objective is to improve food security for the poor and other food-insecure people in Afghanistan by creating the physical and institutional infrastructure required for the establishment and efficient functioning of a Strategic Grain Reserves (SGR) for emergency relief and limited price stabilization. *First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 11 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126288. US\$ 12.0/12.0 (ARTF/JSDf). *Consulting services to be determined.* Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Jamal Mena, Karte Sakhi, Afghanistan

Education

(R) Non-formal Approach to Training Education and Jobs

Project: The objective is to increase the potential for employment and higher earnings of targeted young Afghan women and men in rural and semi-urban areas through non-formal skills training. *Appraisal completed on 25 December 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 11 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146015. US\$ 15.0 (ARTF). *Consulting services to be determined.* Ministry of Labor Social Affairs, Martyr and Disabled, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-794) 455-309, E-mail: e.mayel@nsdp.gov.af, Contact: Dr. Enayatullah Mayel, Executive Director National Skills Development Program

Higher Education Expansion and Systems Improvement

Project: The objective is to expand and orient the higher education system to the economic needs of the country. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (ARTF). *Consulting services to be determined.* Ministry of Higher Education, Main Road, Kar-e-char, Afghanistan

Energy and Mining

DABS Planning and Capacity Support: The objective is to plan the operations and improve the safety standards. *Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131228. US\$ 7.5 (ARTF). *Consulting services to be determined.* DABS, Afghanistan

Naghlu Hydropower Rehabilitation Project: The objective is to increase the supply of least cost electricity to the Afghan power system in a safe and environmentally and socially sustainable way.

Appraisal scheduled for 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P132944. US\$ 85.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-7) 0029-4722, E-mail: shekeeb.nessar@dabs.af, Contact: Eng. Shekeeb Nessar, Chief Operations Officer. Ministry of Energy and Water, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-7) 5200-4998, E-mail: gfaruq11@yahoo.com, Contact: Eng. Ghulam Faruq Qazizada, Deputy Minister

Finance

(R) Access to Finance (Cr. H8940-AF):The objective is to increase micro, small and medium enterprises' access to financial services, notably credit. *Negotiations completed on 23 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 26 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P128048. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Microfinance Investment Facility, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-20) 797-192-704, E-mail: bahram.barzin@misfa.org.af, Contact: Bahram Barzin, Acting Managing Director. Ministry of Finance, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-20) 702-329-101, E-mail: adris.walli@gmail.com, Contact: Adris Walli, Aid Coordination Specialist

(R) Financial Sector Rapid Response Project Additional Financing:The objective is to assist DAB to develop action plans for improved banking supervision and to establish key building blocks of financial sector infrastructure. *Negotiations completed on 23 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 26 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 6.7 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Pashtoonistan Square, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-070) 232-9101, E-mail: adris.walli@budgetmof.gov.af, Contact: Adris Walli, Aide Coordination Specialist. Da Afghanistan Bank, Ibni Sena Watt Kabul Afghanistan, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-79) 722-3340, E-mail: zalmei.sherzad@centralbank.gov.af, Contact: Zalmie Sherzad, Project Director

Industry and Trade

(N) Rural Enterprise Development Project II:The objective is to improve employment opportunities and incomes of rural men and women in Afghanistan. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.3 (ARTF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Municipal Development Project (MDP):The objectives are to: (a) strengthen MUDA's capacity for granting legitimacy through inclusive planning to existing development; and (b) test the viability of a municipal development support model in Afghanistan through IDLG. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Baghlan (Dushi) Bamyan:The objectives are to improve: (a) connectivity between central and north and north east Afghanistan via rehabilitation of baghlan to Bamyan road; and (b) accessibility along the corridor. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0/180.0 (IDA Grant/ARTF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Kabul Urban Road Improvement Stage 2:The objective is to improve transport service efficiency on selected corridors. Appraisal scheduled for 2 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 90.5 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Kabul Municipality, Kabul Municipality Building, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-20) 7002-85259, E-mail: arcwahid@hotmail.com, Contact: Abdul Ahad Wahid, Engineer

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Kabul Municipal Development Program:The objectives are to support: (a) implementation of Kabul Municipality's multi-year urban upgrading program for the delivery of basic municipal services to under-served areas; and (b) increase the internally generated revenues of select Districts of Kabul Municipality. Decision Meeting scheduled for 5 December 2013. Environmental Assessment

Category B. Project: P125597. US\$ 100.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Kabul Municipality (KM), Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-700) 285-259, E-mail: arcwahid@hotmail.com, Contact: Abdul Ahad Wahid, Engineer

(R) Urban Policy Project (UPP):The objective is to support the Ministry of Urban Development strengthen its analytic and advocacy skills to be the premier strategic thinker on urban issues on Afghanistan. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 26 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Bangladesh

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Agriculture Adaptation to Climate Change Additional Financing:The objective is to enhance the resilience of farming households in Bangladesh's climate risk prone areas through the promotion of climate-smart agricultural technologies and capacity development. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 22.8 (BDCC). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Modern Food Storage Facilities Phase-I:The objective is to increase the grain reserve available to households to meet their post-disaster needs and improve the efficiency of grain storage management. Bank Approval scheduled for 30 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P120583. US\$ 210.0/25.0 (IDA Credit/BDCC). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Food, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-181) 752-6902, E-mail: k.ahmedhossain@gmail.com, Contact: Ahmed Hossain Khan

(R) National Agricultural Technology Project Additional Financing:The objective is to improve agricultural productivity and farm incomes in the country. Bank Approval scheduled for 13 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133251. US\$ 23.7 (FSCO). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 717-1602

Education

(R) Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project Additional Financing:The objective is to improve the quality and relevance of teaching and the research environment in higher educational institution through encouraging both innovation and accountability within the universities and by enhancing the technical and institutional capacity of the higher education sector. *Negotiations completed on 28 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 3 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145749. US\$ 125.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, 29/1. Agargaon. Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (88-02) 818-1631, E-mail: chairmanugc@yahoo.com, Contact: University Grants Commission, Chairman

(R) Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality of secondary education, systematically monitor learning outcomes; and (b) increase access and equity in project upazilas. *Negotiations completed on 29 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 3 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 265.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Bangladesh, E-mail: seqaep@bdcom.net, Contact: Ministry of Education, Project Director, SEQAEP Project

Skills and Training Enhancement Project Additional Financing:The objective is to strengthen selected public and private training institutions to improve training quality and employability of trainees, including those from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds. Bank Approval completed on 26 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 16.7 (FSSA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (88-02) 911-0664, E-mail: techedu09@gmail.com, Contact: Directorate of Technical Education, Director General

Energy and Mining

(R) Rural Electricity Transmission and Distribution:The objective is to improve the reliability and quality of supply of electricity to rural consumers in Bangladesh through improvements in technical efficiency of the rural distribution system. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129920. US\$ 600.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Rural Electrification Board, Joarshahara, Khilkhet, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (88-02) 891-6414, Fax: (88-02) 891-6400, E-mail: rebdirpp@gmail.com; Power Grid Company of Bangladesh (PGCB), IEB Bhaban 4th Floor Ramna, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 955-0514, 956-0883, Fax: (880-2) 717-1833, E-mail: md@pgcb.org.bd, dir-pnd@pgcb.org.bd

Finance

Community Empowerment and Development Fund:The objective is to pilot a housing fund for slums to develop and empower the community to counter the problem of squatting, insecure tenure arrangements and uncontrolled growth of slums in Dhaka. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P130710. US\$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Housing and Public Works

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project Additional Financing II:The objectives are to: (a) meet the financing gap that existed since the inception of project and also a gap created due to exchange rate fluctuation; and (b) scale up construction and rehabilitation of disaster shelters in the coastal areas and carry out necessary repairs/improvement to about ten polders. *Negotiations completed on 13 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 30 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146500. US\$ 140.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Disaster and Relief, 92-93 Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-18) 1911-7754, E-mail: cms@dmb.gov.bd, Contact: Syed Ashraf Islam, Communication Media Specialist

Conditional Cash Transfer Project:The objective is to improve nutritional outcomes of poorest children and pregnant mothers via conditional cash transfers. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Enabling Open Government:The objectives are to: (a) support improved transparency and responsiveness in public sector management; and (b) enhanced financial resource mobilization to help ensure the delivery of quality services to people. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Cabinet Division, Paribahan Pool Bhaban, Room 802, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (88-02) 836-0635, Fax: (88-02) 831-6143, E-mail: nazrulislam@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Nazrul Islam, Secretariat

Multipurpose Disaster Shelter Phase II:The objective is to provide greater protection for the vulnerable population and livestock in the cyclone prone areas. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 8 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 350.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Procurement Reform Project II Additional Financing:The objective, same as the parent project, is to focus on the capacity development and e-GP for improving performance of the public procurement system in the specified sectoral organizations. Bank Approval completed on 9 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P132743. US\$ 34.5 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED), Block 12, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 914-4252/53, Ext. 103, Fax: (880-2) 914-4250, E-mail: cptudg@cptu.gov.bd, Contact: Mr. Amulya K. Debnath, Director General, Central Procurement Technical Unit (CPTU)

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Municipal Governance and Services Project:The objective is to improve urban infrastructure and services provision through improved governance and strengthened institutional capacity of participating municipalities and city corporations. *Negotiations completed on 14 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 23 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133653. US\$ 410.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Local Government Engineering Department, 7/B Agargaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 912-7158, Fax: (880-2) 811-6390, E-mail: iftekhar_ahmed_2000@yahoo.com, Contact: Iftekhar Ahmed, Superintending Engineer (Planning). Bangladesh Municipal Development Fund, Grameen Bank Bhaban, Level 13, Mirpur, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 805-8485, Fax: (880-2) 901-6239, E-mail: mdbmdf@grameen.grameen.com, Contact: K. M. Nurul Huda, Managing Director. Government of Bangladesh, Bangladesh, Contact: Mr. Abu Alam Khan

Community Climate Change:The objective is to enhance the capacity of selected communities to increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change. Signing scheduled for 9 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125447. US\$ 12.5 (BDCC). Consulting services to be determined. Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 914-0056, Fax: (880-2) 912-6244, E-mail: pksf@pksf-bd.org, Contact: Dr. Quazi Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Managing Director

Bhutan

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Urban Development Project Additional Financing:The objective is to support Bhutan's municipal reform program by: (a) strengthening municipal finance and management systems in Thimphu and Phuentsholing; and (b) improving infrastructure services in northern Thimphu where no formal services are currently available. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 3 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

India

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Andhra Pradesh Rural Inclusive Growth:The objective is to enable the existing institutional platforms to achieve inclusive growth by: (a) expanding and diversifying livelihood opportunities; (b) improving livelihood development; and (c) promoting human development with focus on health and nutrition services and entitlements for the poorest households. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. SERP, Hyderabad, India, Tel: (91-40) 2329-8469, Fax: (91-40) 2321-1848, E-mail: brajsekhar@gmail.com, Contact: B. Rajsekhar, CEO

(R) Integrated Sustainable Land and Ecosystem Management Approaches:The objective is to invest in preventing land degradation and desertification by addressing the key sector challenges of low capacity in monitoring land degradation, difficulty in scaling up Sustainable Land and Ecosystem Management (SLEM). *Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 4.6 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Neeranchal National Watershed:The objective is to improve the incremental conservation outcomes and agricultural yields for communities in selected project areas, and adoption of improved processes and technologies into the broader IWMP in participating project states. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 5 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132739. US\$ 178.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2436-2396, Contact: Dr. S. Anand

(R) Sustainable Livelihoods and Adaptation to Climate Change:The objective is to focus on adaptation and transfer of environmentally sustainable and climate resilient technologies and

socially resilient approaches in sustainable land management and agriculture. Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 8.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi, India, Tel: (62-11) 4100-0472, Fax: (62-11) 4100-0475, E-mail: pkkatare@nic.in

(R) UP Sodic Lands Reclamation III Project Additional Financing:The objective is to sustainably reclaim additional ravine lands within the umbrella on the on-going UPSLRPIII project. This will enable the sustainable reclamation of ravine lands leading to an increase in agricultural productivity for a majority of who are likely to be small and marginal farmers. *Decision Meeting completed on 14 November 2013. Appraisal scheduled for 16 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 84.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Uttar Pradesh Water Sector Restructuring Phase 2 (Cr. 52980-IN):The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the institutional and policy framework for integrated water resources management for the entire State; and (b) enable farmers in targeted irrigated areas to increase their agricultural productivity and water use efficiency. *The credit was signed on 24 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P122770. US\$ 360.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Project Activity Core Team, Lucknow, India, Tel: (91-945) 305-0000, E-mail: spgoyal@nic.in, Contact: Mr. S. P. Goyal, Secretary Irrigation and Chairman PACT

(R) Uttarakhand Decentralized Watershed Development Phase II:The objective of the Project is to increase the efficiency of natural resource use and productivity of rainfed agriculture by participating communities in selected microwatersheds of the State of Uttarakhand. *Decision Meeting completed on 29 October 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 9 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131235. US\$ 121.2 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Watershed Management Directorate (WMD), Indira Nagar, Forest Colony, Dehradun, 248006, Uttarakhand, India, Tel: (91-135) 276-0170, E-mail: wmd-ua@nic.in, Contact: Mr. B. P. Pandey, FRDC and Chief Project Director

Integrated Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Services Improvement:The objectives are to: (a) strengthen institutional capacities for conservation of globally significant biodiversity; and (b) enhanced carbon sequestration and sustainable flow of ecosystem services in production forests of central Indian highlands and Western Ghats hotspot. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.5 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2436-1727

Education

(R) Elementary Education III:The objectives are to: (a) provide training for newly enrolled out of school children and enable them to attend age-appropriate classes; (b) appoint qualified teachers; and (c) ensure adequate physical infrastructure for schools. Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144447. US\$ 400.0/64.0 (IDA Credit/ECEU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Enhancing Teacher Effectiveness through ICT in Bihar:The objective is to increase access to quality teacher education and continuous professional development for improved teacher performance and accountability. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132665. US\$ 217.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Partial Risk Sharing Facility in Energy Efficiency:The objective is to achieve energy savings by catalyzing the market for Energy Service Companies (ESCO)-implemented energy efficiency projects in India. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0 (CIF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Partial Risk Sharing Facility in Energy Efficiency and Renewables:The objective is to develop a performance contracting industry in energy efficiency and renewable industry in India, using innovative financial product. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128921. US\$ 19.8 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, Ministry of Power, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram 110-066, India, Tel: (91-11) 2617-8316, Fax: (91-11) 2617-9699

(R) Second Development Policy Loan to Support Inclusive Green Growth and Sustainable Development in Himachal Pradesh:The objectives are to: (a) support Himachal Pradesh in the improved management of its natural resources across growth engines of the economy; and (b) promote inclusive green growth and sustainable development. Decision Meeting scheduled for 8 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (CCTF). Consultants will be required. Government of Himachal Pradesh, Room No. E-201B, Armsdale HP Secretariat, Shimla, India, Tel: (91-177) 262-1022, 288-0714, Fax: (91-177) 262-1813, E-mail: cs-hp@nic.in, envsecy-hp@nic.in, tourismsecy-hp@nic.in

Establish Pilots for Access through Renewable Energy:The objective is to demonstrate renewable energy based decentralised models of improving energy access in target states of UP and Bihar area. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144678. US\$ 14.0/14.0 (GEFU/ZPCO). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Jharkhand Power Sector:The objective is to support DVC to strengthen its institutional capacity and organizational effectiveness as the company prepares to expand into new areas along the electricity value chain, which include rural electrification, smart grid initiatives and investment in solar powered generation capacity. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), DVC Headquarters, DVC Towers, VIP Road, Kolkata, India, Tel: (91-33) 2355-7935, Fax: (91-33) 2355-1252

Luhri Hydro Electric:The objectives are to: (a) increase the supply of clean, renewable, low-carbon and peaking energy to India's northern grid; and (b) enhance the reliability of the grid. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 15 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P102843. US\$ 650.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. SJVN Limited, Himfed Building, New Shimla, India, Tel: (91-177) 267-0741/0064/0490, Fax: (91-177) 267-0642, E-mail: sjvnep@yahoo.co.in, cpsjvn@hotmail.com

NMEEE-Super Energy-Efficient Equipment Program:The objective is to provide an incentive to commercialize higher efficiency electric fans as a pilot. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (CIF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

National Mission on Enhanced Energy Efficiency:The objective is to scale-up actions to implement energy efficiency improvements in some of the most energy-intensive large industries. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0/50.0 (IBRD/CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, Ministry of Power, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram 110-066, India, Tel: (91-11) 2617-8316, Fax: (91-11) 2617-9699

Network for Climate Technology Innovations:The objective is to convene different players to bring innovations that could help bring new technologies to the market. Decision Meeting scheduled for 8 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, Ministry of Power, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram 110-066, India, Tel: (91-11) 2617-8316, Fax: (91-11) 2617-9699

North Eastern Region Power System Improvement:The objective is to improve the availability and reliability of electricity supply through expansion and reinforcement of power systems in the participating states in the North Eastern Region. Appraisal

scheduled for 15 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127974. US\$ 425.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL), Lumjingshai, Short Round Road, Shillong, India, Tel: (91-364) 259-0289, Fax: (91-364) 259-1174, E-mail: cdsaio@rediffmail.com, Contact: C D Saio, Director (Distribution). Electricity Department, Manipur, Keisampat, Imphal, India, Tel: (91-385) 245-0050, Fax: (91-385) 245-1172, E-mail: n.dwijen@gmail.com, Contact: N Dwijen Singh, Superintending Engineer. Assam State Electricity Board, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati, India, Tel: (91-361) 273-9520, Fax: (91-361) 223-7062, E-mail: pmu_aseb@rediffmail.com, Contact: Bikash Paul Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL), Bidyut Bhavan, Banamalipur, Agartala, India, Tel: (91-381) 231-8001, Fax: (91-381) 231-9427, E-mail: cmd.tsecl@rediffmail.com, Contact: K. Chakrabarti, Director (Technical). Power and Electricity Department, Mizoram, Ngur-Eng House, Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl, India, Tel: (91-389) 231-1025, Fax: (91-389) 231-1070, E-mail: el_pachuu@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: L. Pachuu, Chief Engineer (Distribution)

Partial Risk Sharing Facility in Energy Efficiency:The objective is to achieve energy savings by mobilizing the private sector in energy efficiency industries of India. Decision Meeting scheduled for 3 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132620. US\$ 25.0 (CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, Ministry of Power, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram 110-066, India, Tel: (91-11) 2617-8316, Fax: (91-11) 2617-9699

Super Efficient Equipment Program:The objective is to scale-up and speed up the rate of energy efficiency market transformation in the area of end-use appliances and equipment. Bank Approval scheduled for 31 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129794. US\$ 50.0 (CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, Ministry of Power, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram 110-066, India, Tel: (91-11) 2617-8316, Fax: (91-11) 2617-9699

Finance

Enhancing the Global Competitiveness of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs):The objective is to help improve the competitiveness of MSMEs in the machine tool sector which is a crucial sector to the competitiveness of manufacturing, which will help increase the skills of the workers in the machine tool sector as well as help MSMEs access/adopt new technologies. Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145502. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(N) Accelerating Universal Access to Early and Effective Tuberculosis Care:The objective is to expand access to and improve diagnosis and treatment of drug-sensitive and drug-resistant tuberculosis for patients who seek care from the public and private sectors. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 22 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148604. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required to advise on Urban TB control, strategies to address Multi-Drug Resistant TB, Quality in TB Drugs, Labs and Diagnostics. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Central TB Division

(N) Uttarakhand Health Systems Development Project Phase II:The objectives are to assist the state of Uttarakhand operationalize the State Health and Population Policy and attain health-related goals laid down by the central and state government. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Kerala Health System Management and Performance Improvement Project:The objective is to improve Kerala's public hospital and health system performance in terms of quality, efficiency, and equity. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0/40.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Bihar Social Protection:The objective is to increase the poverty reduction impact of social protection (SP) programs for the poorest and most vulnerable households in Bihar through systemic improvements and demonstrated innovations in SP program delivery. *Appraisal completed on 18 October 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 21 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P118826. US\$ 84.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Department of Social Welfare, Government of Bihar, Patna, India, Tel: (91-612) 223-4830, Fax: (91-612) 221-7672, E-mail: secysw-bih@nic.in, Contact: Rajit Punahani, Secretary. Rural Development Department, Government of Bihar, Patna, India, Tel: (91-612) 221-7496, Fax: (91-612) 221-7857, E-mail: amritlalmeena@lib.in, Contact: Amrit Lal Meena Lal Meena, Secretary

(R) Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Services:The objective is to promote a shift to sustainable modes of transport through a more comprehensive focus on city bus transport. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.1 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Urban Development, Ground Floor, NBO Building, G-Wing, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2306-2615, E-mail: iutindia.sutp@gmail.com, Contact: I C Sharma, National Project Manager

Uttar Pradesh Pro-poor Tourism Development Project:The objective is to support the development of tourism in the Buddhist Circuit and the Braj-Agra Corridor. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 210.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

West Bengal Secondary Cities Development and Management:The objective is to support urban renewal in Kolkata and expand the delivery of appropriately planned and effectively managed local and regional urban infrastructure in secondary cities by strengthened urban bodies through an improved urban institutional and financing framework. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 July 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Urban Development, Nagarayan, Sector 1, Block DF-8, Salt Lake, Kolkata, India, Tel: (91-33) 2334-9394, Fax: (91-33) 2334-7880, E-mail: psecy-ud-wb@nic.in, Contact: Debashis Sen, Principal Secretary

Transportation

(R) National Highways Interconnectivity Improvement (Ln. 83010-IN):The objectives are to: (a) improve connectivity in less-developed areas in project states by upgrading selected sections of the National Highway (NH) network, and (b) strengthen the sector capacity for development and management of NH network assets and road safety. *Bank Approval completed on 29 October 2013. Signing scheduled for 16 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P121185. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Bhawan 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2335-4356, Fax: (91-11) 2331-4352, E-mail: Sarangi_dkc@yahoo.co.in, Contact: Mr. A. K. Nagpal

(R) Rajasthan Road Sector Modernization Project (Cr. 53100-IN):The objective is to improve rural connectivity and management of Rajasthan's road network and to strengthen road safety management capacity in the state. *Bank Approval completed on 29 October 2013. Signing scheduled for 16 December 2013.* Signing date is tentative, yet to be finalized by DEA. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130164. US\$ 160.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Rajasthan State Public Works Department, Rajasthan PWD, Jacob Road, Jaipur, India, Tel: (91-141) 511-0542, Fax: (91-141) 511-0517, E-mail: rrsmpwb@rediffmail.com, Contact: A.K. Sanghi, Nodal Officer and Chief Engineer

(R) Second Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor:The objectives are to: (a) provide additional rail transport capacity, improved service quality and higher freight throughput on the 393 km Kanpur to Mughal Sarai section of the Eastern rail corridor; and (b) develop the institutional capacity of DFCCIL to build and maintain the DFC infrastructure network. *Negotiations scheduled for 17 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131765. US\$ 1100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Dedicated

Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited, 5th Floor, Pragati Maidan, Metro Station Building Complex, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2337-9820, Fax: (91-11) 2345-4701, E-mail: rkgupta@dfcc.co.in, Contact: R.K. Gupta, Managing Director, DFCCIL

(R) Second Gujarat State Highway (Ln. 83130-IN):The objective is to improve capacity, and enhance quality and safety of road services for the users of the core road network of state highways in Gujarat, through institutional strengthening and efficient contracting and financing strategies. *Bank Approval scheduled for 13 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P114827. US\$ 175.0/37.0 (IBRD/SPF). Consultants will be required. Government of Gujarat, Block 4, 2nd Floor, New Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, India, Tel: (91-79) 2325-1801/02, Fax: (91-79) 2325-2509, E-mail: secnrb@gujarat.gov.in

(R) UP Core Road Network Development Program:The objectives are to: (i) to improve quality, safety and sustainability of targeted state highway corridors and; (ii) To introduce better asset management practices. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 21 November 2013. Preparation scheduled for 11 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P147864. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Uttarakhand Emergency Flood Recovery Project (Cr. 53130-IN):The objective is to support the recovery from floods and increase the resilience of affected communities in the state of Uttarakhand to a range of hydro-meteorological and geophysical hazards including building capacity of the state entities to respond to natural hazards and eligible crisis. *Bank Approval completed on 25 October 2013. Signing scheduled for 26 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146653. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. PWD GOUK, India; UIDC, India; SDMA, India; Government of Uttarakhand, Tel: (91-135) 271-2090, E-mail: rsharmaiaas81@gmail.com, Contact: Rakesh Sharma, Additional Chief Secretary

Mizoram State Roads II- Regional Transport Connectivity Project:The objective is to finance the state roads in the State of Mizoram in Northeastern India, a landlocked, lagging region, and trade-related infrastructure, systems and processes in India and Myanmar to facilitate trade between the two countries and other regional neighbors. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145778. US\$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Public Works, Government of Mizoram, Tuikhuah Tlang, Aizwal, India, Tel: (91-0389) 232-4001, E-mail: piupwd@yahoo.com, Contact: Lalrinkima Hnamte, Project Director

Second Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project:The objective is to assist the Highways Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu in improving the road services over its core road network (CRN) in terms of capacity enhancement, better maintenance and lower accident fatalities. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 August 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P143751. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Tamil Nadu, TNHB Complex, 2nd Floor, 48, Dr. Muthulakshmi Salai, Adyar, Chennai, India, Tel: (91-44) 2446-5360, Fax: (91-44) 2446-4414, E-mail: tnrs1@gmail.com, Contact: Dr. P. Umanath, Project Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction Project (Cr. 52790-IN):The objective is to increase the resilience of coastal communities in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, to a range of hydro-meteorological and geophysical hazards along with improving project implementation entities capacity to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. *Signing scheduled for 26 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143382. US\$ 236.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Revenue Department, Government of Puducherry, Puducherry, India, Tel: (91-413) 220-5775, Fax: (91-413) 220-3080, E-mail: pd_pia@pon.nic.in, Contact: Yuba Raj Pandey, Vice Chairman. Commissioner of Revenue Administration, India, Contact: Yuba Raj Pandey, Vice Chairman

(R) Third Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (Jalswarajya-II):The objective is to improve the performance of GoM's sector institutions in planning, implementation and monitoring of its RWSS program and to improve access to quality and sustainable water services in peri-urban villages, and in water-stressed and water quality-affected areas. *Negotiations scheduled for 11 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126325. US\$ 165.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required for developing Sector wide M&E and preparing an institutional strengthening strategy for developing state level training institute Nasik Research and Training Centre. Government of Maharashtra, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, Tel: (91-22) 2756-5087, E-mail: jalswarajya_pm@hotmail.com, Contact: Sweta Singhal, Project Manager

(R) Uttarakhand RWSS Additional Financing:The objective is to restore services of damaged Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Schemes in the target disaster affected areas of Uttarakhand. *Decision Meeting completed on 25 November 2013. Appraisal scheduled for 18 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148009. US\$ 24.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Informal Settlements Improvement:The objective is to provide support for Rajiv Awas Yojana, a centrally-sponsored program to pursue an agenda for slum free cities, to be led by the Ministry of Housing and Poverty Alleviation. *Appraisal scheduled for 2 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125928. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi, India

Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernization:The objective is to improve service quality to 24/7 across the project cities of Belgaum, Gulbarga and Hubli-Dharwad through the establishment of sustainable service delivery arrangements at ULB level. *Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130544. US\$ 190.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Kosi Flood Rehabilitation Program Phase II:The objectives are to: (a) increase the State's agricultural productivity; and (b) enhance access to markets and agriculture services in targeted areas by increasing resilience to floods and droughts and supporting the development of rural infrastructure. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 November 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127725. US\$ 150.0/100.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Bihar, Patna, Bihar, India, Tel: (91-612) 221-5804, Fax: (91-612) 222-3983

National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project Second:The objective is to reduce the vulnerability of coastal communities in project states to cyclone and other hydro meteorological hazards. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Relief and Rehabilitation, Government of Maharashtra, Maharashtra, India, Tel: (91-22) 2202-5274; Kerala Department of Revenue, Tel: (91-471) 232-2330; Gujarat State Disaster Management Agency, Ahmedabad, Tel: (92-79) 2325-9220; Department of Disaster Management, Government of West Bengal, Tel: (92-33) 221-43678

Northeast India Water Resources and Institutions Building:The objective is to support the eight Northeastern States of India to manage their water resources in an integrated and optimized manner for multi-purpose benefits. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2014.* Screening Comm of DEA, GoI has advised to route project request thru MOWR. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P128421. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Vignyan Bhawan Annexe, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2302-2400/2401, Fax: (91-11) 2306-2754

Rajasthan Water Supply and Sanitation:The objective is to increase access to improved, affordable and sustained water and sanitation services of urban and rural communities in Rajasthan. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 180.0 (IDA Credit). Con-

sulting services to be determined. Public Health and Engineering Department (PHED) and GWD (Ground Water Department), GoR, Secretariat Jaipur, Jaipur, India, Tel: (91-141) 222-7654, Contact: Dr. Purshottam Aggarwal, Principal Secretary

Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project for Low Income States:The objective is to improve piped water supply and sanitation services for selected rural communities in the target states through decentralized delivery systems. Negotiations scheduled for 18 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132173. US\$ 500.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Room No. 247, A Wing, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2306-1207, Fax: (91-11) 2306-2715, E-mail: secydw@nic.in, Contact: Shri Solanki, Hon'ble Ministry of State

Maldives

Energy and Mining

(R) Accelerating Sustainable Private Investment in Renewable Energy (ASPIRE) Project:The objective is to scale-up renewable energy investments by encouraging and facilitating private investments in the sector through the introduction of risk mitigation facilities and other incentive programs. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 7 November 2013.* Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 0.4/11.9/2.9/4.0/11.0/0.8 (ASDB/CSCF/GTZ/GUID/JICA/MSCi). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment Energy and Water (Environment Research Center), Maldives

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Public Financial Management (PFM) Systems Strengthening Project:The objective is to support the government to build an efficient system for the existing Public Accounting System as a tool for better budget execution, internal control, cash management, accounting and fiscal reporting. Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145317. US\$ 6.5 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Nepal

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Irrigation and Water Resources Management Project Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) improve irrigated agriculture productivity and management of selected irrigation schemes; and (b) enhance institutional capacity for integrated water resource management. *Negotiations completed on 15 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 23 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0/20.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Department of Irrigation, Jawlakhel, Lalitpur, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 553-5382, Fax: (977-1) 553-7169, E-mail: iwrmp_doi@yahoo.com, Contact: Shiv Kumar Sharma, Acting Director General

Enhancing Resilience of Endangered Species to Climate Change:The objective is to assist the Government of Nepal enhances capacity, knowledge and incentives to improve climate resilience of critically endangered species by safeguarding their natural habitats against climate threats. Appraisal scheduled for 17 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130015. US\$ 5.0 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 422-0912, Fax: (977-1) 422-7675, E-mail: pandey.megh@gmail.com, Contact: Megh Bahadur Pandey, Chief Enforcement Coordinator

Education

(N) Higher Education Reforms Program:The objective is to reform higher education system for excellence, relevance, equity and efficiency for meeting human resources needs of Nepal. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Grid-Connected Solar and Energy Efficiency:The objectives are to: (a) increase grid power supply through installation of solar power generation facility; and (b) improve NEA's financial performance through distribution system loss reduction and financial restructuring. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Nepal Electricity Authority, Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 415 3007, Fax: (977-1) 415-3067, E-mail: neamd@nea.org.np, Contact: Arjun Karki, Managing Director

(R) Kabeli "A" Hydroelectric:The objective is to increase hydropower generation capacity of NEA grid through public private investment. *Negotiations completed on 7 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 23 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P122406. US\$ 40.0/6.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Kabeli Energy Limited, Ganga Devi Marga No. 313, Buddha Nagar, New Baneshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 478-5735, Fax: (977-1) 478-5393, E-mail: kel@kel.com.np www.kel.com.np

(R) Up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries (SREP) Supported Extended Biogas Project: (formerly Waste to Energy Market Development Project) The objective is to promote market-led approaches to commercially viable off-grid biogas energy generation from organic waste, through better management of waste, and public-private partnership. Appraisal scheduled for 16 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131592. US\$ 8.0 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Alternative Energy Promotion Center, Khumaltar Heights, Lalitpur Sub Metropolis, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: 977-1-553-9237, Fax: (977-1) 553-9392, E-mail: samir.thapa@aepc.gov.np, Contact: Mr. Samir Thapa, Assistant Director

(R) Nepal-India Electricity Transmission and Trade Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) establish cross-border transmission capacity between India and Nepal of about 1000 MW to facilitate electricity trade between the two countries; and (b) increase the supply of electricity in Nepal by the sustainable import of at least 100 MW. *The credit was signed on 11 September 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 39.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA), Durbar Marga, PO Box 10020, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 415-3007, Fax: (977-1) 415-3009, E-mail: neamd@mos.com.np, Contact: Mahendra Lal Shrestha, Acting Managing Director

Information and Communications

National Identification Project:The objectives are to: (a) support the Government improve the design of the NID program; and (b) implement the identity management infrastructure in Nepal. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Strengthening the National Rural Transport Program (SNRTP): (formerly Second Rural Access Improvement and Decentralization) The objective for this operation is to enhance the availability and reliability of transport connectivity for rural communities in participating districts. Negotiations completed on 11 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 23 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132750. US\$ 100.0/11.5 (IDA Credit/DFID). Consultants will be required. Department of Local Infrastructure Development and Agricultural Roads (DoLIDAR), Shree Mahal, Pulchok, Lalitpur, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 555-0482, E-mail: rsapkota@dolidar.gov.np, Contact: Ram Krishna Sapkota, Deputy Director General

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project:The objective is to improve and expand access to water supply and sanitation services in the rural areas. Decision Meeting scheduled

for 26 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143036. US\$ 65.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Pakistan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Sindh Agricultural Growth Project:The objective is to improve agriculture productivity, value addition and marketing. Negotiations scheduled for 16 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 86.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Sindh Department of Agriculture, Karachi, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 9921-1462, E-mail: secretary@sindhagri.gov.pk; Sindh Department of Livestock and Fisheries, Karachi, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 9920-3291, Fax: (92-21) 9920-3290

(R) Sindh Barrages Improvement Phase I Project:The objective is to help secure Gudu barrage, one of the major water diversion structures in Sindh. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Punjab, Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 910-003, Fax: (92-42) 921-2116

(R) Sindh On-Farm Water and Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Program:The objective is to improve water productivity in irrigated agriculture resulting in increased agricultural output per unit of water used. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 5 November 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 30 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 173.9 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sindh Water Sector Improvement Additional Financing:The objective is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of irrigation water distribution in three AWBs (Ghotki, Nara and Left Bank canals), particularly the measures of reliability, equity and user satisfaction. Appraisal scheduled for 10 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 160.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority (SIDA), 28-A, Civil Lines, Hyderabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-221) 920-0646, Fax: (92-221) 920-0164, E-mail: MDSIDA@sida.org.pk

Education

(R) Global Partnership for Education Balochistan Education Project:The objective is to support the Government to reach the education MDGs, which will follow a review and approval process stipulated by the GPE quality assurance arrangements. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 34.1 (EFAS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Second Sindh Education Sector Additional Financing (Cr. 52180-PK):The objective is to further support the provincial Government of Sindh to potentially enhance the impact and effectiveness of its medium-term Sindh Education Sector Reform Program. Bank Approval completed on 14 March 2013. Signing scheduled for mid-December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125952. US\$ 400.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Education and Literacy Department, Government of Sindh, Civil Secretariat, Karachi, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 9921-1227, Fax: (92-21) 9921-1240, E-mail: sec.edusindh@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Fazlullah Pechuho, Secretary

Gilgit-Baltistan Education:The objective is to improve access to and the quality of education in Gilgit-Baltistan. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 9 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Education, Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Gilgit, Pakistan, Tel: (92-5811) 920-212, Contact: Ijaz Asad Rasool, Secretary

Punjab Skills Development:The objective is to support the Government of Punjab in improving their training programs. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sindh Global Partnership for Education Project:The objective is to improve access to quality education through strengthening the capacity for evidence-based planning and accountability. Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 66.0 (EFAS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Dasu Hydropower Stage I:The objectives are to: (a) add hydropower generation to the total energy mix; (b) reduce electricity shortages; and (c) contribute to the institutional development of WAPDA Hydel which owns and operates the existing hydropower plants. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 22 October 2013. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 700.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA), WAPDA House, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-995) 660-198, Fax: (92-995) 660-003, E-mail: tarbela4thext@yahoo.com

Health and Other Social Services

Enhanced Nutrition for Mothers and Children:The objective is to assist Pakistan in improving coverage of effective nutrition interventions delivered through the health sector, with a focus on the poor and on marginalized groups, in order to improve the nutritional status of children under two years old and that of pregnant and lactating women. Negotiations scheduled for 23 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131850. US\$ 42.8/12.0 (IDA Credit/PPIN). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Health, Government of Sindh, I and I MS Depot, Rafiq Shaheed Road, Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 3522-3888, E-mail: d-dsk@hotmail.com, Contact: Dur-e-Shewar Khan, Nutrition Focal Person. Department of Health, Balochistan, Civil Secretariat, Quetta, Pakistan, Tel: (92-81) 921-1592, E-mail: provincialnutritioncellqta@yahoo.com, dralibugti@yahoo.com, Contact: Ali Nasir Bugti, Program Manager

Immunization Support:The objective is to improve the coverage, efficiency and quality of immunization services in Pakistan. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132308. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Expanded Program on Immunization, Ministry of Interprovincial Coordination, Cabinet Division, PM Secretariat, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-3248, Fax: (92-51) 920-7760, E-mail: secretaryipc@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Anisul Hasnain Musavi, Secretary

KP and FATA Emergency Recovery Credit:The objective is to assist the Government of Pakistan/KP/FATA restore social protection through income transfers and cash for work opportunities to the most affected households and vulnerable groups in the areas affected by military operation against militants and floods. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P121394. US\$ 250.0/35.0 (IDA Credit/PKNF). Consultants will be required. Provincial Relief Rehabilitation and Settlement Authority (PaRRSA), Pakistan, Tel: (92-91) 921-3855, Fax: (92-91) 921-4025, E-mail: shakeelqadir@pdma.gov.pk, Contact: Shakee Qadir Khan, Director General

Industry and Trade

(R) Punjab Agricultural Competitiveness:The objective is to improve agriculture productivity, value addition and marketing. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 155.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Growth, Investment and Competitiveness:The objective of this credit is to support the government's strategy to accelerate inclusive economic growth, particularly through increased investment and competitiveness. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P147557. US\$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Power Sector Reform Development Policy Credit:The objectives are to: (a) increase output and availability of existing as-

sets; (b) accelerate steps to import energy; (c) increase domestic gas supply; (d) develop least cost renewable energy to increase access or replace oil generation; and (e) prioritize investments for public financing and encouraging private investment through PPP. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 28 October 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Q Block, Pak Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 921-1168, E-mail: nazrat.bashir@gmail.com, Contact: Nazrat Bashir, Senior Joint Secretary

(R) Punjab Governance Reforms for Service Delivery (Cr. 53140-PK):The objective is to support public sector management to improve service delivery performance in selected sectors of the Government of Punjab. *Bank Approval completed on 14 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Government of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 991-1120, Contact: Arif Anwar Baloch, Secretary

Punjab Health Sector Reform:The objective is to support the implementation of the Punjab Health Sector Strategy, by focusing on the improvement of the coverage and utilization of quality essential health services, particularly in the low performing districts of Punjab. Signing scheduled for 15 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123394. US\$ 100.0/165.0/20.0 (IDA Credit/DFID/HRBF). Consultants will be required. Department of Health, Government of Punjab, Civil Secretariat, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 9921-0749, Fax: (92-42) 921-1710, E-mail: secyhealth@punjab.gov.pk, Contact: Hassan Iqbal, Secretary

Revenue Mobilization Disbursement-Linked Indicator:The objectives are to build a modern tax system and a transparent, effective and results-oriented tax administration to facilitate and improve tax compliance with tax laws. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P128182. US\$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Board of Revenue, Constitution Avenue, Shakra-e-Dastoor, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-3399, Fax: (92-51) 920-8864, E-mail: taxreforms@fbr.gov.pk, Contact: Samir Khan, FBR Member. Pakistan Federal Tax Ombudsman, 5-A, Constitution Avenue, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 921-1382, Contact: Sajid Khan, Advisor

Sindh Governance Project:The objective is to support the Government to improve efficiency and expansion of public resources through the enhancement of tax administration and compliance, budget credibility, transparency, and budget execution. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 3 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Finance Department, Government of Sindh, Sindh Secretariat No. 1, Karachi, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 9922-2102, Fax: (92-21) 9922-2105, E-mail: rajputsohail@yahoo.com, Contact: Sohail Rajput

Transportation

MDTF Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Emergency Roads Recovery Project Additional Financing:The objective is to enable the population along the project corridor to benefit from year round improved access and mobility through reconstruction of priority damaged roads and bridges in the conflict hit areas. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 9.1 (PKNF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Regional

Energy and Mining

(R) Central Asia South Asia Electricity Transmission and Trade Project (CASA-1000):The objective is to develop an electricity trade among Tajikistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145054. US\$ 145.0/365.0/305.0/30.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/ISDB/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. Government of Pakistan, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-3815, Fax: (92-51) 921-8976, E-mail: secretary@ead.gov.pk;

Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Afghanistan; Republic of Tajikistan, 3 Ak. Rajabovikh street, Dushanbe, 734025, Tajikistan, Tel: (992-90) 700-900, E-mail: mpulod@gmail.com, Contact: Safarali Nadjmidinov, Minister of Finance. Government of Kyrgyz Republic, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 664-036, E-mail: m.baigonchokov@min.fin.kg, Contact: Mirlan Baigonchokov, Deputy Minister of Finance

Sri Lanka

Education

(R) Skills Development Project:The objective is to support the Government of Sri Lanka to improve the quality and relevance of the skills development sector. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 6 November 2013. Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Catastrophe Deferred Drawdown Option (DDO):The objective is to enhance the Government's capacity to quickly mobilize resources in the event of a natural disaster on the condition of an adequate ex-ante macroeconomic environment and the maintenance of a satisfactory disaster risk management framework. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 17 October 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 102.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Planning, The Secretariat, Sri Lanka

Strategic Cities Development Project:The objective is to improve Urban Services and Livability in selected Strategic Cities in Sri Lanka. Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P130548. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Transport Connectivity:The objective is to provide lower costs of transport by: (a) reducing congestion and improving road condition; and (b) providing better connectivity of inter-urban transport. The project supports the overall strategy of developing public transport and managing motorization. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 275.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Road Development Authority, 9th Floor, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla 10120, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-11) 286-2795, Fax: (94-11) 287-2272

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Dam Safety WRP Additional Financing:The objective, a continuation, is to scale-up successful project activities and rehabilitate and modernize additional dams, including some dams in the East and North-east of the country. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Improving Climate Resilience:The objective is to reduce exposure of people in vulnerable areas to hydrometeorological risk, through evidence-based investment planning and urgent mitigation measures, and to improve Government's capacity to respond effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146314. US\$ 110.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Europe and Central Asia

Albania

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Environmental Services:The objective is to continue to extend environmentally, socially and financially sustainable community based natural resources management planning and implementa-

tion in erosion prone upland areas, reversing land degradation and sediment runoff, while increasing carbon sequestration and biodiversity benefits. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0/10.0/2.9 (IBRD/F7SD/GFCO). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Administration, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 222-4537, Fax: (355-4) 227-0627, E-mail: kabinet@moe.gov.al

Environmental Services:The objective is to continue to extend of environmentally, socially, economically and financially sustainable community based natural resource management planning and implementation, in erosion prone upland areas, reversing land degradation and sediment runoff, while increasing carbon sequestration and biodiversity benefits. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0/10.0/2.9 (IBRD/F7SD/GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Administration, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 222-4537, Fax: (355-4) 227-0627, E-mail: kabinet@moe.gov.al

Finance

(N) Financial Sector Development Policy Loan:The objective is to strengthen legal and institutional capacities of the financial sector regulators to mitigate emerging risks. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 16 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Albania; Bank of Albania, Sheshi "Avni Rustemi" 24, Tirana, Albania

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health System Improvement:The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the reform in the health financing system; (b) improve the quality in primary care services, and rationalize hospital care services; and (c) support the capacity building for health policy, regulation and management. Project Concept Note scheduled for 21 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Finance and Growth Development Policy Loan:(formerly Fiscal Consolidation Development Policy Loan) The objective is to support macroeconomic stability, sustainable fiscal policy and economic growth through structural reforms in public financial management and public services. Identification scheduled for 16 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Results-based Road Maintenance and Safety:The objective is to support the Government of Albania to improve safety of the national road network through implementing the Albania National Transport Plan and Road Safety Action Plan by introducing and efficiently using a road asset management system and road safety principles and audits. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 225-6091

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Water Sector Investment:The objectives are to: (a) improve the reliability of the water service and cost recovery in the Durres region; and (b) support the Government's efforts to implement its sector strategy, including meeting EU accession requirements, while supporting the broader reform agenda at the national level. *Bank Approval scheduled for 20 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P102733. US\$ 88.1 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Rruga Sami Frasheri Nr 4, Tirana, Albania Tel/Fax: (355-4) 225-0336, E-mail: nbraho@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Nikolin Braho, Director

Armenia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Second Community Agriculture Resource Management and Competitiveness:The objective is to improve Armenia's agri-food sector competitiveness and market access by enhancing selected value chains in targeted communities. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133705. US\$ 23.0/7.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Government House 3, Republic Square, Yerevan, Armenia Tel/Fax: (374-10) 524-641, E-mail: gkhachatryan@arspiu.com, Contact: Mr. Gagik Khachatryan, PIU Director

Education

Education:The objective is to support the Government to: (a) enhance the quality of General Secondary Education; and (b) support the Tertiary Education reforms in the context of the Bologna Declaration. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130182. US\$ 15.0/15.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Project Implementation Unit (PIU), 73 Vratsyan Street, 0070 Yerevan, Armenia, Tel: (374-10) 575-690, Fax: (374-10) 559-750, E-mail: cfep@arminco.com, Contact: Hasmik Ghazaryan, Director

Energy and Mining

(R) Electricity Supply Reliability Additional Financing:The objective is to finance urgent investments in power transmission assets, including substations and power transmission lines. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. High Voltage Electric Networks, Armenia

Electricity Transmission Network Improvement:The objective is to rehabilitate critical substations and construct new transmission line sections to improve electricity supply reliability. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. High Voltage Electric Networks; Yerevan TPP

Finance

(R) Long Term Finance:The objective is to provide long-term financing to private enterprises through the Panarmenian Bank (PAB). *Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P131812. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Second Social Protection Administration Project:The objectives are to: (a) improve social protection benefit and service provision by integrating social assistance, disability, labor market, and pension administration into ISPCs for social protection beneficiaries; and (b) increase capacity of the MLSI to create effective and efficient social protection policy options. *Appraisal scheduled for 20 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146318. US\$ 21.2 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Trade Promotion and Quality Infrastructure:The objective is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Government's interventions to support the competitiveness of Armenian enterprises. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 28 October 2013. Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146994. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Development Policy Operation I (Cr. 53110-AM Ln. 82940-AM):The objectives are to: (a) protect the poor and vulnerable; and (b) promote the competitiveness of the Armenian economy. *The loan and credit were signed on 8 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P127754. US\$ 31.0/41.0 (IBRD/

IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, 1 Melik-Adamyanyan, Yerevan, Armenia, Tel: (374-10) 595-277, Fax: (374-10) 151-446, E-mail: vardan.aramyan@minfin.am, Contact: Vardan Aramyan, Deputy Minister

Azerbaijan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Water Users Association Development Support Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the effectiveness and financial viability of on-farm irrigation water distribution and management in the project area. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Amelioration and Irrigation Open Joint Stock Company, Azerbaijan

Education

(N) Azerbaijan Tertiary Education Project: The objectives are to: (a) improve the tertiary education system; (b) improve tertiary education institutions; and (c) provide project management and monitoring and evaluation. Identification scheduled for 22 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, 49 Khatai Prospekt, Baku AZ1008, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 496-2242, Fax: (994-12) 496-9368, E-mail: erustamov@ultel.net

Health and Other Social Services

Second Health Sector Reform Project: The objective is to improve quality and availability of health-care services and strengthen the capacity of the health authorities to manage the system (stewardship). Project Concept Note scheduled for 10 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

Agricultural Competitiveness Improvement: The objectives are to: (a) enhance competitiveness of agricultural products; (b) increase rural productivity and incomes; and (c) enhance agricultural support services including advisory and veterinary services. Bank Approval completed on 30 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P122812. US\$ 34.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, 40, U. Hajibayov Street, Government House, Baku AZ1016, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 497-1301, Fax: (994-12) 498-1395, E-mail: adcp@agroagency.gov.az, Contact: Mr. Huseyn Huseynov, Director

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Judicial Services and Smart Infrastructure Project: The objective is to scale-up the provision of selected user-friendly judicial services, with smart infrastructure and strengthened institutional capacity. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 8 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144700. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Justice, Trg Bosne i hercegovine br. 1, Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (387-33) 223-503, E-mail: ramingurbanov@yahoo.com, Contact: Ramin Gurbanov, Chief, Reform Implementation Division

Transportation

(R) Fourth Highway: The objectives are to: (a) support the improvement of the main road network to improve Azerbaijan competitiveness by strengthening the inter-country linkages; and (b) provide greater export market access, and build Azerbaijan's role as a regional transit corridor. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Azer Road Service, 72/4, Uzeyir Hajibeyov Street, AZ1010, Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 493-0045, Fax: (994-12) 493-4665, E-mail: silkway@online.az, Contact: Mr. Javid Gurbanov, Chief of AzerRoadService OJC

(R) Second Rural Investment Additional Financing: The objective is to improve access to and use of community-driven rural infrastructure, expand economic activities for rural households, and improve the economic and social well-being of rural communities in selected areas through upgrading of local road networks. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 November 2013. Envi-

ronmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. AZRIP PMU in State Agency on Agricultural Credit, 40 U. Hadjibekov Street, Government House, 8th Floor Room 801, AZ 1016 Baku, Azerbaijan Tel/Fax: (994-12) 493-4813, E-mail: subhan@azrip.org

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Second National Water Supply and Sanitation Additional Financing: The objective is to provide quality and reliable water supply and sanitation services in selected regional (rayon) centers in Azerbaijan. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Amelioration and Water Management Open Joint Stock Company, 40 U. Hadjibekov Street, House of Government, AZ1016 Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 596-7184, Fax: (994-12) 473-1176

Integrated Solid Waste Management Additional Financing: The objective is to rehabilitate the Balakhani Landfill to extend disposal capacity for waste from the Greater Baku area for long-term operation of up to 20 years. The extended activities financed by this AF would include (i) opening of new waste cells and (ii) upward expansion of waste disposal. Bank Approval completed on 27 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144279. US\$ 47.1 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economic Development, 23 Niyazi street, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 492-4110, Fax: (994-12) 492-5895, E-mail: sahil.babayev@economy.gov.az, Contact: Mr. Sahil Babayev, Head of Department/PIU Director

Belarus

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Forestry Development: The objective is to increase the contribution from the forest sector to GDP, whilst maintaining and enhancing environmental and social services provided by the forest sector. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Forestry, 39 Myasnikov Str. Minsk, Belarus

Education

(N) Belarus Education Modernization Project: The objective is to enhance the efficiency of the general secondary education system and contribute to an improvement in quality of education at system level and at targeted schools. Identification scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Belarus

Energy and Mining

(R) Biomass District Heating: The objectives are to: (a) improve the energy efficiency of district heating systems; (b) increase the use of biomass in heat generation; and (c) reduce the carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions of heat generation and supply in selected towns of Belarus. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 22 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146194. US\$ 90.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. The Energy Efficient Department

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Water Supply and Sanitation Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to the water supply services; and (b) improve the quality of water supply and wastewater services in selected urban areas. Negotiations scheduled for 29 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 90.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Housing and Utilities, Bersona Street, 16, Minsk, Belarus, Tel: (375-17) 200-1545, Fax: (375-17) 200-8708, E-mail: info@mjkx.gov.by, Contact: Mr. Anatoly Shagun, Deputy Minister

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Drina Flood Protection: The objective is to provide protection against 1-in-100 year flood events to agricultural, residential and

industrial interests in the municipalities of Bijeljina, Janja, Gorazde, Foca-Ustikolina and Pale-Praca. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 14 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0/10.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture ETC of RS and FIBH

(R) Sustainable Forest and Abandoned Land Management: The objectives are to: (a) improve the biodiversity conservation in forests, scrub and abandoned pasture; (b) reduce erosion through poor forest road infrastructure and harvesting; and (c) increase the sustainability of forest management. *Bank Approval scheduled for 15 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129961. US\$ 5.6 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture Water Management and Forestry

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Efficiency: The objectives are to reduce: (a) energy intensity; (b) consumption of imported oil and gas to the extent it is used for space heating; and (c) carbon intensity of Bosnia-Herzegovina. *Negotiations scheduled for 9 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 32.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Republika Srpska Ministry of Spatial Planning, Civil Engineering and Ecology, Trg Republike Srpske 1, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-51) 339-592, Fax: (387-51) 339-653, E-mail: M.Jokic@mgr.vladars.net, Contact: Mr. Milos Jokic, Assistant Minister. Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Ministry of Physical Planning, Marka Marulica 2/3, Sarajevo, Tel: (387-33) 226-420, Fax: (387-33) 227-188, E-mail: katicajasmına@gmail.com, Contact: Ms. Jasmına Katıca, Head

Finance

(R) Bosnia and Herzegovina Small and Medium Enterprises Access to Finance Additional Finance: The objective is to provide additional financing for the Bosnia and Herzegovina small and medium enterprises (SME) access to finance project aimed at enhance access to finance for SMEs in Bosnia and Herzegovina. *Signing scheduled for 24 July 2012.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P129914. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economy/Industry, Trg Republike Srpske 1, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-51) 339-155, E-mail: maem_baragoita@hotmail.fr, Contact: HE Said Baragoita, Minister

SEEC Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility APL4: The objective is to help increase access to financial protection from losses caused by climate change and geological hazards to homeowners, farmers, and the enterprise sector and government agencies. *Negotiations scheduled for 3 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127788. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Europa RE, Weinbergstrasse 56/58, Zurich, Switzerland, Tel: (41-44) 380-5090, Fax: (41-44) 380-5091, E-mail: heinz.vollenweider@europa-re.com, Contact: Mr. Heinz Vollenweider, Chairman of the Board

Industry and Trade

(R) Development Policy Loan I: The objective is to support the government in implementing the business climate reforms agenda. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 9 October 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 3 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P146740. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. RS Ministry of Finance, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Federation BiH Ministry of Finance, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Transportation

(R) Sava Waterway Rehabilitation: The objective is to improve the navigability of the Sava River to facilitate full return to operational use of the inland waterway for the first time after the cessation of hostilities. *Bank Approval scheduled for 30 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P108000. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport and Communications, Fehima ef. Curcica 6, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 254-378, Fax: (387-33) 222-193, E-mail: n.sego@mkt.gov.ba, Contact: Nikola Sago, Secretary

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Second Solid Waste Management Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the availability, quality, environmental soundness, and financial viability of solid waste management services in participating utilities/regions. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 31 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.0 (F7U4). Consulting services to be determined. FBiH Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Marka Marulica 2, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 726-374, Fax: (387-33) 726-747, E-mail: sswmp@fmoit.gov.ba, Contact: Mr. Anto Covic, Team Leader. RS Ministry of Spatial Planning, Trg Republike Srpske 1, 78000 Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-51) 339-504, Fax: (387-51) 339-592, E-mail: s.cvijic@mgr.vladars.net, swmp2@mgr.vladars.net, Contact: Mr. Sveto Cvijic, Team Leader

Croatia

Finance

Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development Partial Credit Guarantee: The objectives are to support: (a) HBOR's move towards market-based funding through a Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG); and (b) investment projects in Croatia by providing medium and long-term funding. Bank Approval completed on 27 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P133471. US\$ 256.4 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Strossmayerov trg 9, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 459-1586, Fax: (385-1) 459-1705, E-mail: bberkovic@hbor.hr, Contact: B. Berkovic

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Sector Reform: The objective is to improve the quality and efficiency of health services in Croatia. Appraisal scheduled for 6 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144871. US\$ 103.5 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Social System Modernization Project: The objective is to support the Government: (a) rationalize and harmonize the current system of cash benefits; (b) improve the administration of social assistance; and (c) support the de-institutionalization of children without parental care and of the disabled. Appraisal scheduled for 3 March 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category B.* US\$ 91.2 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(N) Enterprise Finance: The objective is to establish a programmatic vehicle for providing Croatian enterprises with finance and technical assistance for their operations at appropriate stages of their development. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Economic Recovery Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support economic recovery through: (a) enhanced fiscal sustainability through expenditure-based consolidation; and (b) fostered private sector growth. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P127665. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Katanciceva 5, Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 459-1258, Fax: (385-1) 492-2598, E-mail: maroje.lang@mfin.hr, Contact: Maroje Lang, Assistant Minister

Transportation

(R) Railways Sector Improvement: The objective is to support the railway sector improvement through: (a) Sector restructuring; (b) capacity building of the administration to oversee the sector; and (c) Select investment in infrastructure Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category A.* US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure, Prısavlje

14, Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-) 616-9080, Fax: (385-1) 619-6477, E-mail: danijel.krakic@mmpi.hr, Contact: Danijel Krakic

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

EU Coastal Waters Compliance:The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality of water on Croatia's Adriatic coasts; and (b) fulfill the EU environmental requirements in a financially and operationally sustainable manner. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Croatian Waters, Croatia

Georgia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Irrigation and Land Market Development:The objective is to stimulate private sector investment in agriculture by investing in: (a) irrigation and drainage improvement; and (b) land market development. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0/13.3 (IDA Credit/IFAD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, 6 Marshal Gelovani Street, Tbilisi, 0159, Georgia, Tel: (995 32) 237-6689, Fax: (995 32) 237-8013, E-mail: infomoa@moa.gov.ge, Contact: Mr. Ilia Kvitiashvili, Deputy Minister

Energy and Mining

(R) Transmission Grid Strengthening:The objective is to strengthen the national transmission system to enable evacuation of electricity from new hydropower generation stations and to enable regional and national electricity trade. Preparation scheduled for 7 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Georgian State Electrosystem, Georgia

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health System Strengthening Project:The objectives are to: (a) assist the Government of Georgia to implement the Universal Health Insurance Coverage; and (b) improve the delivery, use and quality of health services in the areas of child care, reproductive health care, prevention and management of selected Non Communicable Diseases. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit).

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Competitiveness and Growth DPO3:The objective is to support the Government of Georgia's medium-term reform program aimed at strengthening competitiveness and inclusive growth. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P146890. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Third Secondary and Local Roads:The objective is to improve local connectivity and travel time for selected secondary and local roads, and to strengthen the local road network management capacity in Georgia. Preparation scheduled for 7 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Road Department of the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure, 12 Kazbegi Avenue, Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 37-6216, E-mail: info@georoad.ge

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Second Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development:The objective is to improve the efficiency, quality and reliability of municipal services, and build the capacity of local governments to provide sustainable services. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 45.0/4.0 (IBRD/SWTZ). Consulting services to be determined. Georgia Municipal Development Fund, 150 David Aghmashenebeli Avenue, Tbilisi, Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 243-7001, Fax: (995-32) 243-7077, E-mail: mdf@mdf.org.ge, Contact: Mr. Elguja Khokrishvili, Executive Director

(R) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Management:The objectives are to: (a) promote sustainable wastewater management in Georgia; and (b) pilot implementation of wastewater treatment plants, aligned with World Bank safeguards policies and in harmonization with the EU legislation. *First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for mid-December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145040. US\$ 10.5 (SGWM). Consulting services to be determined. Municipal Development Fund of Georgia, 150 David Aghmashenebeli Ave. Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 243-7001, Fax: (995-32) 243-7077, E-mail: ekhokrishvili@mdf.org.ge, Contact: Mr. Elguja Khokrishvili, Executive Director

Kazakhstan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Second Irrigation and Drainage Improvement:The objectives are to: (a) improve irrigation, drainage systems, water management and environmental services; and (b) strengthen agricultural practices and farmers' information services. Bank Approval completed on 27 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P086592. US\$ 102.9 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environmental Protection, 31 Pobedy Ave. Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3172) 591-972, Fax: (7-3172) 591-973, E-mail: a_braliev@nature.kz, Contact: Alzhan Braliev, Vice-Minister

Education

Youth Corps Program:The objective is to promote positive youth development through service learning opportunities that serve the community and foster constructive engagement between youth and society at large. First Grant Funding Request Approval completed on 7 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127966. US\$ 21.8 (TF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Science of RK, Tel: (7-7172) 742-335, E-mail: m_kozhakhmet@edu.gov.kz, Contact: Madiyar Kozhakhmet, Director of the Youth Policy Department

Energy and Mining

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy:The objectives are to: (a) raise awareness about the energy efficiency potential in Kazakhstan by designing and implementing some sustainable projects for demonstration and awareness of the EE/RE potential; and (b) support capacity building of Kazakh counterparts in developing a sustainable EE/RE framework, design and implementation capacity. First Grant Funding Request Approval completed on 22 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130013. US\$ 21.8 (F7VP). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Industry and New Technologies, 47 Kabanbai Batyr Avenue, Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3272) 299-010, Fax: (7-3272) 290-853, E-mail: ta.mukanov@mint.gov.kz. Contact: Mr. Talgat Mukanov, Head of Energy Efficiency Department

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Justice System Support Project:The objective is to improve the efficiency of selected aspects of Kazakhstan's justice system. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143274. US\$ 36.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Justice, Orynbor Street 8, Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-7172) 740-226, Fax: (7-7172) 740-677, E-mail: BeketayevM@hotmail.com, Contact: Marat Beketayev, Executive Secretary

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Hazardous and POPs Waste Management-GEF:The objective is to create hazardous waste treatment capacity in compliance with international environmental standards and to reduce contamination of Kazakhstan's natural resources and public health risks of exposure to this contamination from selected PCB contaminated sites. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 10.4 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Second Elimination of POP Wastes:The objective is to support the development of environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) with the country's obligations

under the Stockholm Convention. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 34.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environmental Protection, 31 Pobedy Ave. Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3172) 591-972, Fax: (7-3172) 591-973, E-mail: a_braliev@nature.kz

Kosovo

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Water Supply and Canal Protection:The objective is to improve the reliability and quality of water supply to Central Kosovo, home to the commercial and administrative center of the country, by undertaking the investment measures needed to secure uninterrupted and good-quality water supply from the Iber-Lepenc Canal. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 11 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 17.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Pristina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 2003-2307, E-mail: arben.citaku@ks-gov.net, Contact: Mr. Arben Citaku

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy:The objective is to assist the Government of Kosovo with the implementation of a low carbon growth strategy by contributing to increase: (a) energy efficiency in public and residential buildings; and (b) investment in renewable energy projects. *Pre-appraisal scheduled for 17 January 2014.* Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143055. US\$ 32.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economic Development, Nena Tereza Square, 10000 Pristina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 2002-1505, Fax: (381-38) 2002-1302, E-mail: agron.dida@ks-gov.net

(R) Lignite Power:The objective is to support a private sector independent power producer and lignite mining company. *Bank Approval scheduled for 10 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P118287. US\$ 50.0/725.0/725.0 (GUID/ZBIL/ZEXP). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economic Development, Nena Tereza Square, 10000 Pristina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 2002-1505, Fax: (381-38) 2002-1302, E-mail: agron.dida@ks-gov.net, Contact: Mr. Besim Beqaj, Minister

Clean-Up and Land Reclamation Additional Financing:The objective is to support the Environmental and Social Impact Assessments in related activities through: (a) Environmental Sector development via investments in capacity building at the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning; and (b) supporting the removal of hazardous waste from the former gasification plant at the Kosovo A power station site. Bank Approval completed on 10 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131539. US\$ 4.2 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Kosovo Energy Corporation J.S.C. Bulevardi Bill Clinton No. 3, Prishtina, 10000, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 501-701-1158, E-mail: mimoza.dugolli@kek-energy.com, Contact: Ms. Mimoza Dugolli, Program Management Unit Coordinator. Iber-Lebence Company of the Ministry of Economic Development, Kosovo, E-mail: arberor@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Arben Citaku, Permanent Secretary

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Project:The objective is to support the on-going health sector reforms in order to: (a) improve financial protection from the burden of health expenses, particularly among the poor; (b) improve the quality of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services; and (c) improve access to MCH services among disadvantaged groups. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P147402. US\$ 25.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

Danish Support for Rural Development Grant Program:The objective is to promote competitiveness and growth in the livestock and horticulture sub-sectors over the next decade through implementation of selected measures of its agricultural strategy and institutional development. First Grant Funding Request approval scheduled for 10 December 2013. Environmental Assessment

Category B. US\$ 9.2 (FSSP). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, Street Mother Tereza 35, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 211-131, E-mail: shqipe.dema@ks-gov.net, Contact: Mr Belrand Stavileci, Minister

Kyrgyz Republic

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) National Water Resources Management:The objectives are to improve: (a) the river basin water management capacity in Kyrgyzstan; (b) irrigation system and on-farm level to increase water and food security; and (c) livelihoods and raise socio-economic indicators particularly in rural areas. Appraisal scheduled for 6 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144336. US\$ 7.8 (F7U8). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Water Resources, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 541-174, E-mail: onfarmir@elcat.kg

Agriculture Productivity and Nutrition Improvements:The objective is to increase agricultural productivity and food security of rural households in selected areas nationwide. Appraisal scheduled for 9 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132754. US\$ 38.0 (GAFS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry (MAWRPI), 96A Kievskaya St. Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 665-625, Fax: (996-312) 661-572, E-mail: morbekova@apiu.elcat.kg

Pasture and Livestock Management Improvement:The objectives are to: (a) ensure fair access to pastures; (b) raise livestock owners' incomes; and (c) arrest long term pasture degradation, which will contribute to improved food security, agricultural competitiveness, environmental sustainability and social stability. *Pre-appraisal scheduled for 10 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Kyrgyz Republic

Education

Global Partnership for Education (GPE) 3:The objective is to increase equitable access to pre-school education and establish conditions for improving its quality. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132490. US\$ 12.7 (EFAS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic, Tunustanova Street, 257, Ap. 410, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 662-442, E-mail: minedukg@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Sadykov Kanat, Minister of Education

Energy and Mining

Electricity Supply Accountability and Reliability Improvement:The objective is to establish a transparent accountability framework for the power and financial flows in OJSC Severelectro, the distribution company serving capital city of Bishkek and a few surrounding towns. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133446. US\$ 12.0/0.5 (IDA Credit/F7VP). Consulting services to be determined. JSC Severelectro, 3 Chkalova Street, Lebedinovka Village, Alamedunski District, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 631-685, E-mail: azamatm@mail.ru

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Second Health and Social Protection (Cr. 52350-KG, Cr. H8390-KG):The objective is to improve the performance of the Kyrgyz Health sector by: (a) strengthening the capacity of MOH; (b) improving social protection interventions; and (c) building the capacity of the Ministry of Health and health providers to deliver the State Guaranteed Benefits Package (SGBP). *Signing scheduled for mid-December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126278. US\$ 9.1/7.4/26.1 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health of Kyrgyz Republic, Togolok Moldo St. 1, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 663-707, Fax: (996-312) 660-493, E-mail: a_imanbaev@med.kg, Contact: Dinara Sagimbaeva, Minister

Third Village Investment:The objective is to finance small-scale physical community infrastructure and services investments jointly

identified and subsequently implemented by local authorities and communities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Second Development Policy Operation:The objective is to support the Government to strengthen governance in the management of public assets and revenues. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Education

(R) Skills Development and Innovation Support Project: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the quality and relevance of tertiary and technical vocational education to better respond to the needs of the labor market; and (b) improve the innovative capacity of enterprises and research entities through better access to skills, knowledge, finance and technology. Appraisal scheduled for 28 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128378. US\$ 24.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Energy and Mining

(R) Lukovo Pole Water Regulation and Renewable Energy: The objective is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the national and regional power systems. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P112730. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. ELEM Macedonian Power Plants, 11 Oktomvri 9, 1000 Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tel: (389-23) 149-166, Fax: (389-23) 149-176, E-mail: nevenka.jakimova.filipovska@elem.com.mk, Contact: Nevenka Jakimova Filipovska, Head of Development Division

Industry and Trade

(R) Second Macedonia Competitiveness Development Policy Loan:The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the institutional and implementation capacity for FDI attraction and export promotion; (b) introduce reforms that bring about better functional factor markets, especially markets for agricultural land, labor and skills; and (c) introduce reforms that remove sector-specific constraints in key export-oriented sectors. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P130847. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(N) National and Regional Roads Rehabilitation:The objective is to enhance the connectivity of selected national and regional roads, primarily for Corridors X and VIII, and to improve PESR's capacity for road safety and climate resilience. Preparation scheduled for 3 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Public Enterprise for State Roads, 1000 Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, E-mail: a.stojanov@roads.org.mk

Moldova

Energy and Mining

(R) District Heating Efficiency Improvement:The objective is to assist the newly merged district heating/CHP company to improve the sustainability of its operations and financial viability by: (a) improving the efficiency of its operations; and (b) supporting the resolution of the historical debt stock. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 16 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132443. US\$ 20.0/20.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Moldova

District Heating Efficiency Improvement Partial Credit Guarantee:The objective is to assist the newly merged district heating/CHP company to improve the sustainability of its operations and financial viability. Appraisal scheduled for 16 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 80.0/138.0 (GUAR/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy, Moldova

Health and Other Social Services

Health Transformation Project:The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the health insurance program to reduce the financial burden on the poor; (b) improve services, especially in the hospital sub-sector; (c) improve quality of care; (d) fight NCDs, especially the primary and secondary prevention; and (e) improve human resources for health. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Strengthening Public Sector Management:The objective is to support the implementation of the Government Strategy for Strengthening Public Sector Management with the focus on strengthening capacity for policy coordination and enhancing public sector performance. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Disaster and Climate Risk Management Additional Financing:The objective is to strengthen the State Hydrometeorological Service's ability to forecast severe weather and improve Moldova's capacity to prepare for and respond to natural disasters. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 2 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 2.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) First Development Policy Operation (DPO1):(formerly Development Policy Operation) The objectives are to support: (a) advancing regulatory reforms to improve the business climate; (b) promoting financial sector stability and development; and (c) increasing the efficiency and equity of public expenditures. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 28 October 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 22.7 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Moldova, Moldova

(R) Second Competitiveness Enhancement Project (CEP II):The objective is to support the Government to increase the competitiveness of enterprises by: (a) improving the Regulatory Reform Strategy and competition policy reforms; and (b) expanding access to financing. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 14 November 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 30.0/15.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Strengthening Public Financial Management (PFM) and Tax Administration:The objective is to strengthen institutions and systems for public finance management and tax administration in Moldova. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Montenegro

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Agriculture and Rural Development Institution Building:The objective is to support the Government to: (a) gain experience in implementing rural development; and (b) strengthen the competitiveness of agricultural production and processing (farms/processing companies) while building-up the capacity of operating structure until its accreditation for conferral of management. *Appraisal scheduled for 21 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (TF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Montenegro, E-mail: velizar.vojinovic@mpr.gov.me

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Efficiency Additional Financing: The objective is to improve energy efficiency performance in targeted public sector buildings in order to provide a demonstrated basis for development of a sustainable energy efficiency improvement program in the public sector in Montenegro. *Bank Approval scheduled for 20 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145399. US\$ 6.8 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Economy, Rimski trg 46, 81000, Podgorica, Montenegro, Tel: (382-20) 482-185; 482-446, Fax: (382-20) 234-081, E-mail: info@ee-me.org, Contact: Mr. Dragica Sekulic, Deputy Minister

Finance

Montenegro SEEC Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility APL3: The objective is to help increase access to financial protection from losses caused by climate change and geological hazards to homeowners, farmers enterprise sector and government agencies. Negotiations scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127044. US\$ 2.5 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Europa RE, Weinbergstrasse 56/58, Zurich, Switzerland, Tel: (41-44) 380-5090, Fax: (41-44) 380-5091, E-mail: heinz.vollenweider@europa-re.com, Contact: Mr. Heinz Vollenweider, Chairman of the Board

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Expenditure and Growth Development Policy Loan: The objectives are: (a) fiscal consolidation (to underpin a gradual reduction of the high public debt over the medium term); and (b) business environment reforms to support sustainable economic recovery, competitiveness and growth. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 30 November 2012.* Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Stanka Dragojevic 2, Podgorica, 81000, Montenegro, Tel: (382-20) 243-274, Fax: (382-20) 224-450, E-mail: nemanja.pavlicic@mif.gov.me, Contact: Nemanja Pavlici, Assistant Minister for Budget

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Industrial Waste Management and Cleanup: The objectives are to: (a) reduce the risks to Montenegro's natural resources and public health from selected industrial waste disposal sites; (b) develop infrastructure for the management of hazardous waste; and (c) strengthen institutional capacity to regulate both hazardous and non-hazardous industrial waste management. Negotiations scheduled for 29 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P122139. US\$ 65.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Montenegro, IV Proleterske 19, Podgorica, 81000, Montenegro, Tel: (382-20) 618-250, Fax: (382-20) 618-246, E-mail: danilo.kujovic@epa.org.me, epamontenegro@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Danilo Kujovic, Spec. of Environmental Protection Advisor

Poland

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Resilience and growth Development Policy Loan: (formerly Development Policy Loan Growth Under Constrained Fiscal Environment) The objective, of the first of two series, is to support the Government to strengthen institutional resilience to promote economic growth, which is key to fostering shared prosperity and particularly income growth for the bottom forty percent of the population. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 26 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P146243. US\$ 800.0 (IBRD). *No consultants are required.* Ministry of Finance, ul. Swietokrzyska 12, Warszawa, Poland, Tel: (48-22) 694-5555, E-mail: Michal.Baj@mofnet.gov.pl

Transportation

(R) Railway Restructuring and Safety: The objective is to improve the efficiency and sustainability of PLK (Polish Railway Infrastructure Company) through strategic staff restructuring and strengthening safety. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled

for 16 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 195.4 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Polskie Linie Kolejowe S.A. ul. Targowa 74, Warsaw, Poland

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Vistula Basin Flood Protection: The objective is to finance technical assistance and works to develop and build flood protection measures for selected urban areas and sub-catchments in the Vistula river basin. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Wawelska Str. 52/54, Warsaw, Poland, Tel: (48-22) 579-2205, Fax: (48-22) 579-2347

Regional

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Regional Animal Disease Control: The objective is to help three Central Asian countries (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) access to regional livestock and dairy markets which are frequently closed to central Asian countries because of their failure to meet sanitary standards. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Central Asia Road Links: The objectives are to: (a) rehabilitate priority road sections in Sugd Oblast (along the Osh-Khujand road corridor); and (b) improve road operations and maintenance practices along the core road network. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport, Tel: (992-37) 221-1713

Second National Road Rehabilitation (Osh-Batken-Isfana):

The objective is to scale-up the on-going National Road Rehabilitation Project implemented activities of the road rehabilitation works along the corridor and provide for sector planning and programming for road maintenance activities. Negotiations scheduled for 21 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132270. US\$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport and Communication, 6/F 42 Isanova Street, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 900-970/893, Fax: (996-312) 314-378, E-mail: bishkekoshroad@infotel.kg, Contact: K. Mamaev, State Secretary

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Croatia and Bosnia Herzegovina Nutrient Reduction: The objective is to reduce transboundary pollution in selected hot-spots of the Eastern Adriatic Sea and improve regional capacity for project preparation and environmental monitoring of sensitive areas. Bank Approval scheduled for 30 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143921. US\$ 6.8 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. MOE and Natural Resources, Ksaver 208, Zagreb, Tel: (385-01) 539-1923, Fax: (385-01) 539-1950, E-mail: predrag.culjak@fzoeu.hr, Contact: Mr. Predrag Culjak, Senior Expert Adviser. MFTER MUN. MOSTAR, Musala 9, 71000, Sarajevo, Tel: (387-33) 953-536, Fax: (387-33) 206-141, Contact: Mr. Senad Oprasic, Head of Department

West Balkans Drina River Basin Management: The objective is to enhance more sustainable management of the Drina River basin, balancing interests in hydropower, environmental development and conservation, agriculture, and flood protection. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 15 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145048. US\$ 5.0 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Romania

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Sector Reform: The objective is to improve the access, quality and efficiency of public health services. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145174. US\$ 325.0 (IBRD). Consulting services

to be determined. Ministry of Health, 1-3 Cristian Popisteanu, Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (4-021) 307-2641, Fax: (4-021) 307-2587, E-mail: francisc.czobor@ms.ro

Russian Federation

Education

Innovative Development of Preschool Education of Sakha (Yakutia):The objective is to improve the access and quality of the early childhood care and education services in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). Bank Approval scheduled for 1 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127405. US\$ 117.7 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for an architect's assistant, permafrost engineer, ECD specialists' assistant with background in Russia and CIS. Ministry of Education of Sakha (Yakutia), 30 Lenina Avenue, Yakutsk city, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-4112) 422-921, Fax: (7-4112) 424-929, E-mail: nsitni@yandex.ru, Contact: Natalia Sitnikova, Head of General Education Department

Vocational Education System Development:The objective is to support the modernization of Vocational Education and Training (VET) systems in selected Russian regions to foster their links with national and regional socio-economic development strategies and to pilot innovative ways of engaging the private sector to enhance the labor market relevance of VET systems. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 330.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Energy Efficiency:The objective is to support the Government in reducing the energy intensity of the economy by 40%, by the year 2020. Negotiations scheduled for 15 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P122492. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Gazprombank and Ministry of Energy, Russian Energy Agency, Nikitskiy per. 5, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 789-9292, E-mail: Ivanov@rosenergo.gov.ru, Contact: Ms. Tatiana Yurlova, First Vice President

Energy Efficiency-GEF:The objective is to support the institutional, regulatory and market barriers facing commercial financing of Energy Efficiency projects across Russia. Negotiations scheduled for 15 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123692. US\$ 22.7 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Gazprombank and Ministry of Energy, Russian Energy Agency, Nikitskiy per. 5, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 789-9292, E-mail: Ivanov@rosenergo.gov.ru, Contact: Ms. Tatiana Yurlova, First Vice President

Finance

(R) Export Sector Financial Intermediary Loan:The objective is to support export growth by providing medium and long term working capital and investment finance to Russian industrial exporters. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P126006. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD).

Microfinance:The objective is to assist the Government to develop a sustainable, safe and sound national financial cooperative, and microfinance system that will enhance access to financial services by the poorer and underserved segments of the population, especially in the rural areas. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P095554. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, 9, Ilyinka Street, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 913-4406, Fax: (7-495) 913-4531, E-mail: p0237_de@minfin.ru, Contact: S.A. Storchak, Deputy Minister of Finance

Health and Other Social Services

Social Inclusion through Sports:The objectives are to: (a) develop an integrated system to provide conditions for regular physical training and sports activities for socially disadvantaged groups; and (b) create pilot test for the municipalities of the Russian Federation with a view to further replication throughout the Russian Federation. Negotiations scheduled for 10 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126283. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Sports, Tourism and Youth

Policy, Kazakova Street, 18, 105064, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 601-9440, Fax: (7-495) 604-6209, E-mail: varaksin@minstm.gov.ru, Contact: Mr. Pavel Varaksin, Lead Expert

Industry and Trade

(R) Special Economic Zones Enhancement Project:The objective is to promote economic diversification away from the Oil and Gas sector through increased non-oil investment, technology transfer and innovation, productivity and employment. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) St. Petersburg Economic Development Additional Financing:The objective is to support the reconstruction of the State Mariinsky Theater and two inner courtyards of the Mikhailovsky Palace of the State Russian Museum. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 30 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation, Maly Gnezdnikovsky Pereulok, 7/6, str.1-2, Moscow, Russian Federation

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Russian Federation Historic Towns:The objective is to support cultural heritage restoration and tourism development in selected small historic towns. It is expected that these efforts will, in the medium-term, contribute to increased tourism and therefore, to the economic development of the selected historic towns and settlements. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Culture, Maly Gnezdnikovsky proezd, bld. 7/6, Stroenie 1,2, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 629-2008, Fax: (7-495) 629-7269, E-mail: tsvetnov@mkrf.ru

(R) Integrated Environmental Monitoring:The objective is to improve institutional efficiency of state environmental monitoring authorities and support investments to fill in main gaps of the existing environmental monitoring infrastructure. *Negotiations scheduled for 20 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143159. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology, Russian Federation, Tel: (749-9) 254-8266, E-mail: kea@mnr.gov.ru, Contact: Semyon Romanovich Levi, Deputy Minister

Public Finance and Financial Sector Modernization:The objective is to strengthen the economic management and oversight of financial risks through policy advice and capacity building in the Ministry of Finance, the Federal Tax Service and sub-national governments. Signing scheduled for 16 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P122998. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Federal Tax Service, Neglinnaya Street 23, Moscow 127381, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 913-0503, Fax: (7-495) 913-0682, E-mail: alo@nalog.ru, Contact: Overchuk Alexei Logvinovich, Deputy Head. Ministry of Finance, 9 Ilyinka Street, Moscow 109097, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 648-1123, Fax: (7-495) 648-1096, E-mail: o2204@minfin.ru, Contact: Andrey Bokarev, Director

Transportation

(R) National Urban Transport Improvement:The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality and condition of urban transport; and (b) reduce adverse environmental impacts of transport in selected Russian cities. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145582. US\$ 9.1 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport, 1/1, Rozhdestvenka Street, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 626-1088, E-mail: asaulna@mintrans.ru

(R) National Urban Transport Improvement:The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality and condition of urban transport; and (b) reduce adverse environmental impacts of transport in selected Russian cities through: (i) physical investments, (ii) operational and technological improvements, (iii) legal reforms, and (iv) institutional development. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133201. US\$ 119.0/9.0

(IBRD/GFIA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport, 1/1, Rozhdestvenka Street, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 626-1088, E-mail: asaulna@mintrans.ru, Contact: Mr. Nikolay A. Asaul, Deputy Minister

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Arctic Environment:The objective is to strengthen Russia's environmental management systems to deal with growing environmental concerns in the Arctic Zone caused by climate change and increasing human activities. Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.5 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Arctic Program:The objective is to improve Russia's environmental management systems to deal with growing pollution and environmental risks in the Arctic Zone caused by climate change and increasing human activities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 11 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation. Ministry of Economic Development, Russian Federation

Hydrometeorological Services Modernization:The objectives are to: (a) increase accuracy and timely delivery of basic weather forecasts, river flow forecasts; and (b) have better client satisfaction based on client satisfaction surveys. Bank Approval completed on 17 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127676. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Russia Hydrometeorological Service, 12, Novovagankovski pereulok GSP-5, Moscow 123995, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-499) 252-1389; 252-1467, Fax: (7-499) 795-2216, E-mail: afrolov@mecom.ru, Contact: Mr. Alexander Frolov, Director

Serbia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Second Irrigation and Drainage Rehabilitation:The objective is to rehabilitate and modernize the irrigation and drainage infrastructure in priority areas and improve the overall institutional capacity for water resources management. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Technology Transfer Project:The objective is to enhance elements of the national innovation system to facilitate commercialization of public sector R&D and facilitate Serbia's competitive positioning in the European research community. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 16 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 3.5 (F7PF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Efficiency:The objective is to scale-up energy efficiency improvements in public buildings in order to make heating more affordable as well as to improve the functional and health environment of the users. *Pre-appraisal scheduled for 5 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

(R) Deposit Insurance:The objective is to support the recapitalizing and reforming the Deposit Insurance Agency of Serbia (DIA), which is critical to mobilizing savings for higher productive investments and increasing productivity. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 28 October 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Non-Private Enterprise Restructuring Development Policy Loan:The objective is to enhance the contribution of the public enterprise sector to the competitiveness of the Serbian economy. Decision Meeting scheduled for 3 December 2013. Environmental

Assessment Category U. Project: P127408. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Second Health:The objective is to support the government in enhancing the efficiency of the Serbian health system through improved planning and management, enhanced financial incentives and greater transparency and accountability. Negotiations scheduled for 7 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129539. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Nemanjina 22-26, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia, Tel: (381-11) 361-4890, Fax: (381-11) 265-6548, E-mail: ep@zdravlje.gov.rs, Contact: Elizabet Paunovic, State Secretary

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Public Expenditure Development Policy Loan:The objective is to support the Government's reforms to improve public expenditures management and policy at the central and local government levels. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Real Estate Management:The objective is to support the government in improving the efficiency, transparency and reliability of the real estate management system. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 23 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147050. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Construction and Urban Planning

Transportation

(R) Road Management SWAp (Ln. 82550-YF):The objective is to support the rehabilitation/reconstruction to clear the backlog of maintenance programs on the primary and secondary network in Serbia. *Signing scheduled for 27 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127876. US\$ 100.0/135.5 (IBRD/EUIB). Consultants will be required. Public Enterprise Putevi Srbije, Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra 282, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia Tel/Fax: (381-11) 304-0701, E-mail: office@putevi-srbije.rs, Contact: Mr. Zoran Drobnjak, Director

Tajikistan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Agricultural Competitiveness:The objective is to increase the productivity, profitability and market access of the Oklaton Oblast farmers. Decision Meeting scheduled for 23 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 22.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Project implementation Unit, Tajikistan

Education

First Development Policy Operation:The objective is to assist the Government to maintain high growth within a sustainable macroeconomic framework. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second Development Policy Operation:The objective is to assist the Government to maintain high growth within a sustainable macroeconomic framework. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Communal Services Development Fund:The objective is to help establish a sustainable financing mechanism to improve communal services in Tajikistan such as water supply and sanitation. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 12 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 20.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/EBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Khochagii Manziliu Komunali, 56 N Karabaev Street, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 217-798, E-mail: khmk@tojikiston.com

Turkey

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Basin Management:The objective is to support the implementation of the NBMS and the new water sector reforms. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 204.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 207-5696, E-mail: havci@cob.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Hanifi Avci

Energy and Mining

(R) EU/IPA Energy Sector Technical Assistance:The objective is to support and accelerate the implementation of the Government of Turkey's strategy to reform Turkey's energy sector in line with the EU energy strategies and priorities. *First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 22 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131921. US\$ 14.3 (F7SD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (MENR), Inonu Bulvari 27, Bahcelievler, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 213-1124, E-mail: mbecerikli@enerji.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Ali Murat Becerikli, Department Head

(R) Partnership for Market Readiness:The objective is to assist Turkey in establishing a market based mechanism for mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions. *First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled on 31 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P126101. US\$ 3.4 (PMR). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, Ehlilibeyt Mah. Ceyhun Atif Kansu Cad. 1271 Sok. No. 13 06520 Balgat, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 410-1000, Fax: (90-312) 474-0335, E-mail: sebahattin.dokmeci@csb.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Sebahattin Dokmeci, Head of Department

(R) Renewable Energy Integration:The objective is to strengthen and expand the transmission system to meet the increasing demand of electricity and to facilitate the integration of large-scale renewable energy generation. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144534. US\$ 300.0/50.0 (IBRD/CCTF). Consultants will be required. Turkish Electricity Transmission Corporation (TEIAS), Inonu Bulvari No.27 Bahcelievler, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 222-9283, Fax: (90-312) 222-8160, E-mail: kemal.yildir@teias.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Kemal Yildir, General Manager

Gas Sector Development Additional Financing:The objective is to increase the reliability and stability of gas supply in Turkey by: (a) implementing critically needed gas storage and network infrastructure; and (b) support BOTAS_ in developing a gas trading platform and strengthening its operations as a financially stable and commercially managed corporation. Negotiations scheduled for 20 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133565. US\$ 225.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. BOTAS Turkish Pipeline Company, Bilkent Plaza A, II Blok, Bilkent, 06800 ANKARA, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 297-2018, Fax: (90-312) 266-0733, E-mail: mgazi.dulger@botas.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Mehmet Gazi Dulger, Project Director

Finance

(N) Financial Intermediation:The objective is to support export-driven growth and strengthen the analytical basis related to trade finance instruments. Identification scheduled for 17 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Shared Prosperity Development Policy Loan:The objective is to support the Government with the: (i) energy reform; (ii) competitiveness and employment creation; and (iii) social inclusion. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Undersecretariat of Treasury, Inonu Bulvari, Eskisehir Yolu, Emek, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 204-6000, Fax: (90-312) 212-8550, E-mail: hazine@hazine.gov.tr

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Sustainable Cities:The objective is to shift municipal planning visions several years into the future for cities that are striving to be sustainable. It encourages cities to avoid the "lock-in" effect of unplanned development and investments that will have high energy and green house gas emission costs over time. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ilker Bank, Yeni Ziraat Mahali, 14 Sokak, Diskapi, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 384-6126, Fax: (90-312) 341-2071, E-mail: h.atasoy@ilbank.gov.tr

Ukraine

Energy and Mining

(R) District Heating Energy Efficiency:The objective is to improve energy efficiency of selected Ukrainian district heating utilities and increase their quality of service. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132741. US\$ 332.0/50.0 (IBRD/CCTF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Regional Development, Construction, Housing and Utilities, Ukraine, Tel: (380-50) 310-5212, Contact: Mr. Alipov

(R) Second Power Transmission:The objective is to support the implementation policy to assure security and reliability of power supply in Ukraine. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 350.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ukrenerg, Ukraine

Partnership for Market Readiness:The objectives are to: (a) support building the market readiness components; (b) pilot, test and sequence new concepts for market instruments; (c) support Ukraine's participation in the PMR platform that enables policy makers to share experiences and information regarding elements of market readiness; and (d) share lessons learned. *First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 31 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.4 (PMR). Consulting services to be determined. State Environmental Investment Agency, 35 Urytskogo St. Kyiv, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 594-9111, Fax: (380-44) 594-9115, E-mail: info.neia@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Koval Mikhail Ivanovich, Head of International Relations Department

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Second Social Assistance Modernization:The objective is to improve the efficiency and equity of Ukraine's social safety net through a fiscally sustainable expansion and strengthening of the well targeted programs and down scaling those that have the low targeting accuracy. *Negotiations scheduled for 29 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128344. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Social Policy, 8/10 Esplanade Blvd. Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 289-5448, Fax: (380-44) 289-0098, Contact: Vyacheslav Kolomiets, Deputy Minister

Oblast Health Sector Reform Project:The objectives are to improve health services' quality and efficiency by: (a) scaling-up prevention and control of Non Communicable Diseases; (b) right-sizing and restructuring hospitals and secondary ambulatory services; and (c) improve the governance structure, towards greater autonomy and accountability for results. Appraisal scheduled for 14 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Second Urban Infrastructure:The objectives are to support: (a) municipal investments in water and sewerage in selected municipalities in Ukraine; (b) pilot solid waste investment project; and (c) increase energy efficiency of utilities' operations. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 300.0/50.0 (IBRD/CCTF). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation. Ministry of Construction, Architecture and Housing and Communal Services, Ukraine

Uzbekistan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) South Karakalpakstan Water Resources Improvement: The objective is to improve water management by: (a) rehabilitating and developing irrigation infrastructure; (b) introducing more rational water management; and (c) enhancing the capacity of irrigation and drainage institutions. Negotiations scheduled for 14 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127764. US\$ 220.4 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, 4, Navoiy Street, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 241-0042, Fax: (998-71) 244-2397, E-mail: piu-diwiip@buzton.com, Contact: B. A. Yusupov, PIU Director

Horticulture Development Pilot: The objective is to realize the potential for greater economic returns from the fruit and vegetable value chain through improving: (a) policy enabling environment; (b) access to credit; (c) post harvest handling and processing; (d) research and outreach; and (e) quality and food safety to penetrate new, higher value markets. Decision Meeting scheduled for 29 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133703. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, 4 Navoy Street, Tashkent 700004, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 141-2692, Fax: (998-71) 141-2574

Karshi Pumping Cascade Rehabilitation: The objective is to increase the reliability, efficiency and sustainability of the pumped water supply from the Amu Darya to the Karshi irrigation command area in the Kashkadarya Oblast. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Education Support Project: The objectives are to: (a) improve access to quality preschool education; and (b) enhance conditions for better learning outcomes in general secondary education. Bank Approval scheduled for 2 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P144856. US\$ 49.9 (EFAS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Early Childhood Education: The objectives are to: (a) to increase access to higher education services; (b) enhance the quality and relevance of higher education; and (c) strengthen the institutional capacity of Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education Counterparts. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Education, 5 Mustaqillik Maydoni Street, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 239-1310, Fax: (998-71) 239-1934, E-mail: info@uzedu.uz

Energy and Mining

(R) District Heating Rehabilitation and Energy Efficiency: The objectives are to support: (a) the reconstruction of heat production facilities; (b) networks; and (c) in-house heating systems in Andijan and Chirchik. Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy, Uzbekistan

Electricity Distribution Rehabilitation: The objective is to rehabilitate electricity distribution substation systems in selected areas of Uzbekistan to improve their efficiency and reduce losses. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Uzbekenergo, 6, Khorezm Street, Tashkent 100000, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 233-9821/9889, Fax: (998-71) 236-2700, E-mail: sjsc@uzpak.uz, Contact: Mr. Batirjan Teshabaev, Chairman

Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change Mitigation: The objective is to increase the productivity and financial and environmental sustainability of agriculture as well as the profitability of agribusiness in the project area. Bank Approval completed on 29 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127486. US\$ 12.7 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Rural Restructuring Agency, Street Kari Niyazi 39, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Tel/Fax: (998-712) 371-657, E-mail: resp_sks_uz@slider.sks.uz, Contact: Mr. Nasriddin Najimov, General Director

Finance

Second Rural Enterprise Support Additional Financing: The objective is to increase the productivity and financial and environmental sustainability of agriculture. Bank Approval completed on 11 September 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, 39 B Kari Niyazova Street, Tashkent, Uzbekistan Tel/Fax: (998-712) 371-657, E-mail: resp@sks.uz, Contact: Mr. Nasriddin Najimov, General Director

Health and Other Social Services

Health System Improvement Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) help finance the costs associated with the scaling-up of activities initiated under the original credit; and (b) fully cover the seven remaining regions in the country which could not be included in the original project due to insufficient IDA allocation in 2010. Bank Approval completed on 7 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133187. US\$ 93.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Health, 12 Navoiy Street, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 139-1954, E-mail: office@jpiib.uz, Contact: Djамshed Djabriyev, Executive Director

Transportation

(R) Pap-Angren Railway: The objective is to support the construction of a new single track railway line between Pap and Angren to enhance the economic importance of the Ferghana valley and its connectivity with other main economic development areas within Uzbekistan and other potential regions of economic importance outside Uzbekistan. Preparation scheduled for 13 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Regional Roads and Development: The objective is to support the Government to enhance the efficiency of the administration and service to road users and the local communities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Water Supply and Sanitation Adjustable Program Loan: The objective is to support the Government's urban and rural WSS infrastructure projects and sector strategy infrastructure, while supporting sector policy-making and planning, capacity building and institutional reform. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Uzkommunhizmat, 45a Uzbekistanskaya Av. Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-7165) 224-3833, E-mail: ukh@uzkommunhizmat.uz, Contact: Mr. Uktur Khalmuhamedov, General Director

Middle East and North Africa

Algeria

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Improving Desert Ecosystems for Livelihoods (ALG-DELDP): The objective is to improve livelihoods of oasis communities through: (a) piloting a combined approach of desert ecosystem conservation; (b) agricultural development; and (c) adaptation to climate change impacts at a network of intervention sites. Appraisal scheduled for 17 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128082. US\$ 7.4 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministere de l'Aménagement du Territoire et

de l'Environnement, Avenue des 4 Canons, Algiers, Algeria Tel/Fax: (213) 432-804, E-mail: cadastre-2002@hotmail.com, Contact: Nadia Chenouf, Deputy Director

Energy and Mining

Energy Efficiency Program:The objective is to support targeted transformation of the household appliances market in Algeria. The increase of the use of efficient household appliances such as air conditioners would result in peak load reduction, energy savings and GHG emission reductions. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 4.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. National Agency for the Promotion of Energy Efficiency (APRUE), Algeria, E-mail: msbouzeriba@aprue.org.dz, Contact: Mohamed Salah Bouzerib, Director General

Djibouti

Energy and Mining

(R) Geothermal Exploratory Drilling-GEF:The objective is to support the Government to: (a) maintain the lowest tariff price for the geothermal power generation; (b) establish an exploratory drilling program; and (c) recommend an Independent Power Producer's international tender to develop, engineer, procure and construct a 50 MW geothermal power plant. *Bank Approval completed on 5 June 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127144. US\$ 6.0 (GEFU). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, in Charge of Industry and Planning, BP 13, Djibouti, Tel: (253) 2132-5105, Fax: (253) 2135-6501, E-mail: smibrathu@mefip.gov.dj, Contact: Djama Guelleh, Director of EDD

Industry and Trade

(R) Governance and Growth Support Project:The objective is to support business and recreational tourism industry. Decision Meeting scheduled for *18 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 2.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère de l'Économie, Djibouti, Tel: (253) 356-212, Fax: (253) 355-085, E-mail: amalms1@yahoo.fr

Information and Communications

(R) Telecom Sector Opening:The objective is to increase the geographical reach and usage of regional broadband network services and reduce their prices. Decision Meeting scheduled for *17 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.8 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Second Urban Poverty Reduction Project:The objective is to improve living conditions in Quartier 7, by providing and upgrading basic urban services and engaging the community. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 29 January 2014.* Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145848. US\$ 5.6 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Agence Djiboutienne de Développement Social (ADDS), Djibouti, Tel: (253) 2135-8655, Fax: (253) 2135-7184, E-mail: direction@adds.dj

Arab Republic of Egypt

Energy and Mining

(R) Second Natural Gas Connection Project:The objective is to support the Government's goal of reducing Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) subsidies through scaling up natural gas connections to households. *Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy Social Safety Nets Sector Reforms Technical Assistance:The objective is to assist the Government of Egypt in reducing barriers for improving the financial viability of the energy sector and strengthening the social safety nets. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for *16 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P144305. US\$ 6.5 (MNAF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (202) 2261-6523, E-mail: omranson@gmail.com,

Contact: Eng. Mohammed Omran, First Undersecretary for Research Planning

Helwan South Power:The objective is to improve power supply in Egypt, which includes construction of a 1,300 MW power plant at Helwan South and associated infrastructure. Bank Approval completed on *27 June 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P117407. US\$ 585.4/193.5/449.9/213.8/40.0 (IBRD/ARFU/ISDB/KFAE/OPEC). Consultants will be required. Egypt Electricity Holding Company, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 2401-2368, Fax: (20-2) 2261-6512, E-mail: eea_awad@link.net, Contact: Dr. Mohamed M. Awad, Managing Director

Kom Ombo Solar:The objective is to support the construction of a concentrated solar power plant and associated infrastructure in Upper Egypt. Decision Meeting scheduled for *16 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P120191. US\$ 170.0/170.0/50.0/32.0 (IBRD/AFDB/CCTF/KFW). Consultants will be required. New and Renewable Energy Agency (NREA), Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 271-3176, Fax: (20-2) 271-7173, E-mail: nre@idsc.net.eg, Contact: Mr. Abdel Rahman Salah El Din, Managing Director

Finance

(R) Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development for Inclusive Growth:The objectives are to: (a) support the improvement and expansion of access to finance for micro and small enterprises in Egypt; and (b) reach out to startups, using innovative approaches, with a special focus on youth and women. *Appraisal scheduled for 11 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P146244. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Social Fund for Development, 120 Mohi El Din Abu El Ezz Street, Dokki, Giza, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 3336-4842/4873, Fax: (20-2) 3336-1985, E-mail: cairoe@sedo.org

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Emergency Cash Transfer Project:The objective is to provide targeted cash transfers to the poor to alleviate current economic difficulties and mitigate the adverse impacts of ongoing and planned economic reform programs. *Pre-appraisal scheduled for 2 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Emergency Employment Investment Project:The objectives are to: (a) create short-term employment opportunities for the unemployed in selected locations in Egypt; (b) contribute to the creation and maintenance of infrastructure and community assets and services; and (c) improve access of the target population in poor areas to basic infrastructure and community services. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 22 October 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 94.8 (MNAF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Sustainable Persistent Organic Pollutants Management:The objective is to assist Egypt to strengthen its technical and management capacity for minimizing exposure to persistent organic pollutants. Appraisal scheduled for *10 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P116230. US\$ 5.4/5.3 (ECEU/GEFU). Consultants will be required. Egypt Environmental Affairs Agency, 30 Misr, Helwan Agri. Road, Maadi, Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 526-1419/1421, E-mail: gefunitegypt@gmail.com, Contact: Yasmin Fouad, Director, GEF Unit

Governance and SSN Reform Program Development Policy Loan:The objective is to support the Government in implementing governance and social protection reform. Decision Meeting scheduled for *8 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P143007. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Urban Transport Infrastructure Development:The objective is to improve the reliability and efficiency of urban transport

in Cairo through implementation of cost-effective and clean technology investments that support major modal shift from private vehicles and minibuses to large size. *Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P115837. US\$ 304.0/100.0/0.3/5.7/190.0 (IBRD/CCTF/IDF/MNIS/ZPCO). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Housing, GOPP, 12 Ismail Abaza Street, Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (20-20)-2792-1514, Fax: (20-20)-2792-1512, E-mail: madbouly@yahoo.com, Contact: Prof. M. Madbouly, Chairman of GOPP

Iraq

Transportation

(R) Transport Corridors and Trade:The objective is to facilitate logistics and trade between Iraq and its neighbors Jordan, Syria and Turkey. *Negotiations completed on 4 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 19 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131550. US\$ 355.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Iraq Ministry of Construction and Housing, Iraq, Tel: (964-770) 444-6300, E-mail: amer.moch2011@gmail.com, Contact: Amer Ahmed Saed, PMT Manager. KRG Ministry of Construction and Housing, Iraq, Tel: (964-750) 445-2599, E-mail: dgrbomer@yahoo.com, Contact: Omer B. Mustafa, Director General GDRB

Jordan

Health and Other Social Services

(R) National Unified Registry and Outreach Worker Program:The objective is to improve the targeting of social safety net programs and developing an efficient outreach mechanism. *Bank Approval completed on 8 October 2013. First Grant Funding Request Approval completed on 22 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 9.5 (MNIS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, PO Box 555, Amman 11118, Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 464-4466, Fax: (962-6) 464-2247, E-mail: mop@mop.gov.jo, Contact: H.E Ibrahim Saif, Minister

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Programmatic Development Policy Loan:The objective is to support the Government in achieving fiscal consolidation efforts and mitigating the impact of the fiscal crisis. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 18 November 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 5 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC), Amman, Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 464-4466, E-mail: mop@mop.gov.jo, Contact: H.E Ibrahim Saif, Minister

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Emergency Services and Social Resilience:The objective is to help Jordanian municipalities and host communities address the immediate service delivery impacts of Syrian refugee inflows. *The loan was signed on 12 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147689. US\$ 40.0/10.0 (MNAF/SPBF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Municipal Affairs, PO Box 1799, Amman, Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 464-1392, Fax: (962-6) 464-0404/464-4381, Contact: Waleed Al-Otoom, Secretary General

Lebanon

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Sustainable Agricultural Livelihoods in Marginal Areas (SALMA):The objective is to increase the growth and stability of incomes of small farmers in ecologically vulnerable remote hilly areas through increased access to reliable sources for supplementary irrigation using sustainable land and water development approaches, and reforestation. Appraisal scheduled for 3 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.2 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sustainable Agriculture Livelihoods in Marginal Areas:The objective is to assist small farmers in remote hilly areas with a high level of poverty, which will provide supplementary irrigation to grow higher value crops, increase incomes and create employment

opportunities. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131431. US\$ 24.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 821-900, Fax: (961-1) 823-900, E-mail: mkhansa@agriculture.gov.lb, Contact: Mohammad Khansa, Advisor to H.E. the Minister of Agriculture

Energy and Mining

Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG) for Floating Regasification and Storage Unit (FRSU):The objective is to provide a credit enhancement mechanism to address the low credit worthiness of the power sector, to support the development of a FRSU to enable the import of liquefied natural gas (LNG) into Lebanon. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 60.0 (GUAR). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

Cultural Heritage Additional Financing:The objectives are to support: (a) rehabilitation of historic city centers and improvement of urban infrastructure; (b) conservation and management of archaeological sites; and (c) institutional strengthening. Bank Approval completed on 12 April 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P116197. US\$ 27.0/30.1 (IBRD/FRDE). Consultants will be required. Council for Development and Reconstruction, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 981-432, Fax: (961-1) 981-252, E-mail: wafac@cdr.gov.lb, Contact: Nabil Jisr, President

Social Promotion and Protection:The objectives are to support: (a) community-led social development projects based on a demand-driven process; (b) National Poverty Targeting Program (NPTP); and (c) other social reforms of the Ministry of Social Affairs. Bank Approval completed on 17 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P124761. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Social Affairs, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 611-242, E-mail: minister@socialaffairs.gov.lb, Contact: Roberto Albino Mito, Director

Industry and Trade

(R) Environmental Pollution Abatement Project:The objective is to reduce pollution generated by point-source/industrial entities, to limit the impact on public health as well as on ecological systems by increasing environmental performance in point sources/industrial plants and the introduction of cleaner production and green investments. Negotiations scheduled for 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P143594. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Downtown Beirut, Lazariéh Center, Black A4 New, 8th Floor, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 981-854, Fax: (961-1) 976-534, E-mail: manal.moussallem@undp-lebprojects.org, Contact: Manal Mousallem, Advisor to the Minister. Central Bank, Lebanon, Tel: (961) 1743-469, E-mail: waelhamdan@bd.gov.lb, Contact: Wael Hamdan, Senior Director. Head of Financing Unit

(R) Polychlorinated Biphenyl Management:The objective is to facilitate the implementation of the duties, rights, and responsibilities of the Republic of Lebanon towards the Stockholm Convention by: (a) enhancing management of Persistent Organic Pollutants; and (b) drawing partnership to develop/implement a national strategy to eliminate the release of Polychlorinated Biphenyls. Negotiations scheduled for 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 2.5 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Downtown Beirut, Lazariéh Center, Black A4 New, 8th Floor, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 976-517, Fax: (961-1) 976-534, E-mail: manal.moussallem@undp-lebprojects.org

Information and Communications

Mobile Internet Ecosystem Project (MIEP):The objectives are to: (a) increase the number of start-up projects in the ICT sector; (b) raise employment in the ICT sector; and (c) enhance the enabling environment for ICT in Lebanon. Bank Approval completed on 31 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131202. US\$ 6.4 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Telecommunications, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-71) 611-611, E-

mail: rami.majzoub@gmail.com, Contact: Rami Majzoub, Advisor to the Minister

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Fiscal Management Reform:The objective is to support the Ministry of Finance's efforts in tightening the control environment, improve the allocation of public financial resources, and enhance the efficiency and transparency of the government financial management system. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P133226. US\$ 5.2 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Riad El Solh Square, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 642-722, E-mail: alainb@finance.gov.lb, Contact: Alain Bifani, Director General

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Lake Qaraoun Pollution Prevention Project-Phase I:The objective is to reduce the pollution flowing into Lake Qaraoun. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 26 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147854. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Council for Development and Reconstruction, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 981-432, Fax: (961-1) 981-252, E-mail: wafac@cdr.gov.lb

Water Augmentation Project:The objective is to augment the water supply of the Greater Beirut Region in a sustainable manner. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125184. US\$ 125.0/74.0/60.0 (IBRD/ISDB/SAUD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Morocco

Energy and Mining

(R) Inclusive Green Growth Development Policy Loan (Ln. 83250-MA):The objective is to support the Government in developing a coherent strategic approach to climate change and mainstream climate change actions across sectors. *Negotiations scheduled for 19 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P127956. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Economy and Finance, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 774-287, Fax: (212-37) 677-530, E-mail: benchekroun@affaires-generales.gov.ma, Contact: Mlle Sabah Benchekroun, Chargée de Mission auprès du Chef du Gouvernement

(R) Office National de l'Electricité et de l'Eau Potable (ONEE) Support Additional Financing:The objective, a continuation, is to increase the efficiency and reliability of electricity supply. *Negotiations completed on 21 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 26 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145649. US\$ 39.9 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Office National de l'Electricité et de l'Eau Potable (ONEE), 65, rue Othman Ben Affane, Casablanca, Morocco, Tel: (212-52) 266-8005, E-mail: fait@onee.ma, Contact: Mr. Mohamed Fait, Chef de la Division Financement

Ouarzazate II Concentrated Solar Power:The objectives are to: (a) develop the 500 Megawatt Ouarzazate solar power plant by financing the second phase through a public private partnership (PPP); and (b) increase power generation from solar power and mitigate greenhouse gas emissions and local environmental impact. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 150.0/200.0/375.0/125.0/237.5 (IBRD/CCTF/EUIB/FRDE/KFW). Consulting services to be determined. Moroccan Agency for Solar Energy (MASEN), Station Traitement Av. Mohamed Bel Hassan, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-53) 7574-657, Fax: (212-53) 7571-475, E-mail: masen@masen.ma, Contact: Mustapha Bakkoury, CEO

Sustainable Energy:The objective is to develop a power system that is efficient and capable of integrating a high level of renewable energy, which will reduce peak load demand on the grid through demand-oriented initiatives. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143689. US\$ 125.0/25.0 (IBRD/CCTF). Consultants will be required. Office National de l'Electricité, 65, Rue Othman Ben Affan, Morocco, Tel: (212-52) 266-8005, Fax: (212-52) 243-3152, E-mail: fait@one.org.ma, Contact: Mr. Mohamed Fait, Chef de la Division Financement

Finance

(R) Microfinance Development:The objective is to support the roll-out of the national microfinance strategy that strengthens the impact and sustainability of the sector. *The loan was signed on 25 July 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 4.9 (MSCI). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Morocco, Tel: (212-5) 3776-0661, E-mail: n.alaissami@tresor.finances.gov.ma, Contact: Nouaman Al Aissami

Financial Sector DPL 2:The objective is to support the policies of the Government as it aims to adapt the financial system to the evolving needs of the real economy. Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Quartier Administratif, Rabat Chellah, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 677-266/267, Fax: (212-37) 677-530, E-mail: n.alaissami@tresor.finances.gov.ma

Partnership for Market Readiness:The objectives are to develop capacities and systems to: (a) access international carbon finance opportunities; (b) start preparing for carbon market mechanism; and (c) develop mitigation structures. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P128654. US\$ 5.4 (PMR). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy, Water, Mining and Environment, Rue Abou Marouane Essaadi, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-5) 3756-4018, Fax: (212-37) 688-863, E-mail: benyahia@environnement.gov.ma

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Sector Support:The objective is to support the implementation of the 2012-2016 Health Action Plan in: (a) health Management Information System; (b) human resource for health; (c) access to pharmaceuticals; and (d) non communicable diseases prevention. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Second Skills and Employment Development Policy Loan:The objective is to support the Government of Morocco in implementing its program of improving skills, productivity and quality of employment. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Employment, Morocco, Tel: (212-53) 776-0521, Fax: (212-53) 776-0525, E-mail: mbaallal@emploi.gov.ma, sgeemploi2012@gmail.com, regamal@hotmail.com

(R) Strengthening Micro-Entrepreneurship for Disadvantaged Youth:The objective is to increase the productivity and income potential of underserved young informal sector workers in peri-urban and rural areas, and facilitate their transition to the formal sector, by testing cost-effective and scalable market-based solutions to strengthen micro-entrepreneurship opportunities for disadvantaged young women and men. *The loan was signed on 25 July 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P144134. US\$ 5.5 (MNIS). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Youth and Sports, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-537) 680-481, Fax: (212-537) 682-555, E-mail: yeljaouhari2@gmail.com

Industry and Trade

Second Competitiveness Development Policy Loan:The objective is to support the economic governance reform agenda of the Government, in view of fostering greater competition and more effective policies to spur competitiveness. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of General Affairs and Governance (MAGG), Morocco, Tel: (212-53) 768-7316, E-mail: benchekroun@affaires-generales.gov.ma

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Accountability and Transparency Development Policy Loan (Ln. 82950-MA):The objective is to support reforms to enhance the Government's accountability and transparency by (a) adopting a performance based budgeting approach; (b) enhance

ing public disclosure and consultation on key information; and (c) improving access to, and quality of, basic public services. *Bank Approval completed on 29 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P130903. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Avenue Mohammed V, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-3) 5376-77501, Fax: (212-3) 5376-7527, E-mail: internet@finances.gov.ma, Contact: Sabah Bencheqroun, Special Adviser

(R) Local Government Support Program: The objective is to strengthen the delivery of decentralized public services in Morocco by improving local governments' access to support services and incentives designed to improve their capacity to fulfill their service delivery mandate. Bank Approval scheduled for 4 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 4.6 (MNAF). *Consultants will be required.* General Directorate for Local Governments, Ministry of Interior, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-537) 286-427, E-mail: aourzik@interieur.gov.ma, Contact: Mr. Abdelouahad Ourzik

(R) New Governance Framework: The objective is to support the implementation of the new governance reforms foreseen in the Constitution and the Government's development program (2012-2016), which provides a more open mode of governance by enhancing public sector accountability, transparency and fostering public participation across the public sector. *Bank Approval completed on 10 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 4.4 (MSC1). Consultants will be required. Ministry of General Affairs and Governance (MAGG), Morocco, Tel: (212-53) 768-7316, E-mail: bencheqroun@affaires-generales.gov.ma

Transportation

(R) Second Rural Roads Project Additional Financing II: The objective is a continuation to increase rural populations' access to all-weather roads in support of the Guarantor's Program. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 11 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second Urban Transport Sector Development Policy Loan: The objectives are to: (a) continue the development of the urban transport sector's institutional framework; (b) improve the delivery of urban transport services; and (c) improve environmental and social sustainability, including climate change mitigation. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P121497. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministère de l'Intérieur, Hay Riad, Morocco Tel/Fax: (212) 5372-15811, E-mail: mngadi@interieur.gov.ma

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Rural Water Supply: The objective is to increase access to water supply to rural areas by extending conveyance and standpipe distribution networks in the areas surrounding the cities of Safi and El-Jadida in western Morocco. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145529. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Office National de l'Electricité et de l'Eau Potable (ONEE), Avenue Belhassan El ouazzani, Rabat-Chellah, Morocco, Tel: (212-5) 3775-9600, Fax: (212-5) 3765-0649, Contact: Ms. Samira Badri

Integrated Risk Management Project: The objective is to support the development of integrated risk management in Morocco through a variety of interventions including in Disaster Risk Management (DRM), agricultural and commodity risk management. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère des Affaires Générale et de la Gouvernance, Quartier Administratif, Rabat- Agdal, Morocco, Tel: (212-53) 768-7316, Fax: (212-53) 768-774287, E-mail: bencheqroun@affaires-generales.gov.ma, Contact: Mlle Sabah Bencheqroun, Chargée de Mission auprès du Chef du Gouvernement

Regional

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) PSD Governance for Jobs Project: The objective is to augment the quality and accessibility of key government services to the enterprise sector in order to foster greater job creation. Appraisal

scheduled for 10 February 2014. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (MNIS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Investment, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (20-100) 158-5883, E-mail: mzobaa@investment.gov.eg, Contact: Mona Zobia, First Undersecretary and Head of Department

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Solid Waste Management OBA Pilot in West Bank: The objective is to offset the cost of an improved Solid Waste Management service for poor households in Southern West Bank, during the first four years of the new landfill operation, while the primary solid waste collection becomes more efficient. *The loan was signed on 1 September 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 8.3 (GPBA). Consultants will be required. Engineer Yasser Dweik, Executive Manager, Alharas Buildingm 6th Floor, PO Box 173 Hebron, Hebron City, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (970-2) 221-6477, Fax: (970-2) 221-6478, E-mail: info@hjsc-swm.com

Tunisia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Oases Ecosystems and Livelihoods: The objective is to improve natural resources management and promote innovative economic activities. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132157. US\$ 5.8 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment / Ministry of Agriculture, Tunisia, Tel: (216-72) 870-679, Fax: (216-70) 728-595, E-mail: dgeqv@mineat.gov.tn, Contact: Mr. Habib Ben Moussa, General Manager. General Directorate for the Environment and Quality of Life, Tunisia, Tel: (216-70) 728-679, Contact: Salah Hassini, General Director

Wastewater Reuse: The objectives are to support: (a) rehabilitation, extension and creation of at least nine irrigated perimeters using treated wastewater; and (b) specific investment in ONAS wastewater treatment plants to improve the quality of the effluents supplied to the irrigated perimeters. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125176. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Office National de l'Assainissement (ONAS), 32, Rue Hedi Nour, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 343-200, Fax: (216-71) 350-411, E-mail: PDG@onas.nat.tn; Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Centre Urbain Nord, Cedex 1080, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-72) 870-679, Fax: (216-70) 728-595, E-mail: dgeqv@mineat.gov.tn

Education

(R) Training for Employment: The objective is to improve the labor market insertion rates of ALMP beneficiaries through training and wage subsidy programs that involve public-private partnerships. *Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131191. US\$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Vocational Training and Employment, 10 Boulevard Ouled Haffouz, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 791-331, Fax: (216-71) 794-615, E-mail: imed.turki@mfpe.gov.tn, Contact: Imed Turki, Chef de cabinet

Energy and Mining

Societe Tunisienne de l'Electricite et du Gaz Concentrated Solar Power Plant: The objective is to develop a 50-100 MW Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) plant to meet the country's energy and climate change objectives and contribute to global CSP cost reduction. An integral component of the CSP and Clean Technology Fund (CTF) scale-up investment plan. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P122029. US\$ 35.0/35.0/36.0/54.0 (IBRD/AFDB/CCTF/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. Societe Tunisienne de l'Electricite du Gaz (STEG), 38 Rue Kamel Attaturk, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 334-366, Fax: (216-71) 335-031, E-mail: dga@steg.com.tn, Contact: Moncef Harrabi, Project Manager

Finance

(R) Banking Sector Restructuring Loan: The objective is to address the main banking sector issues. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 29 January 2014. Environmental Assessment

Category C. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) MSME Development Project Additional Financing:The objective is a continuation to improve access to finance for micro, small and medium enterprises in the Republic of Tunisia. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Development and International Cooperation, Place Ali Zouaoui, 1000 Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 892-653, Fax: (216-71) 351-666, E-mail: s.bennasr@mdci.gov.tn

Industry and Trade

(R) Virtual Market Place for MENA SME Export Development:The objective is to help MENA SMEs overcome geographic obstacles and empower them with the necessary tools and capacity building to promote their goods and services in a globalized international economy. *Bank Approval scheduled for 3 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143929. US\$ 8.5 (MNAF). Consulting services to be determined. International Trade Center (ITC)

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Competitiveness and Export Development:The objectives are to: (a) improve access to export markets and finance; and (b) enhance the efficiency and performance of trade clearance processes including customs operations and technical controls, thereby making trade logistics more efficient. *Negotiations scheduled for 15 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P132381. US\$ 51.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Commerce and Handicraft, Tunis, Tunisia, Contact: Mr. Khaled Salhi, Director

(R) Second Governance, Opportunities and Jobs Development Policy Loan:The objective is to support the Tunisian Government to consolidate its transition and accelerate economic recovery. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P132709. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère du Développement et de la Coopération Internationale, Tunis, Tunisia

(R) Urban Development:The objectives are to: (a) restore/improve the delivery of basic services and infrastructure to the urban population with focus on lagging regions; and (b) support sectoral reforms and strengthening municipal capacity to ensure better governance and performance of the urban development sector. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130637. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Caisse de Pret et de Soutien aux collectivités locales, 9 rue 8451, 1003 cite Khadra, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 354-500, E-mail: se.dgcp scl@topnet.tn

Transportation

(R) Road Transport Corridor:(formerly Rural Roads) The objective is to support rural roads improvement and technical assistance to the Road Administration within the Ministry of Equipment. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

West Bank and Gaza

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Palestinian National Development Plan Sixth Development Policy Loan:The objective, a continuation, is to support the reform efforts by the Palestinian Authority (PA) aim to fiscal strengthening, enhancement of the public finance management systems and the delivery of public services. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 40.0 (SPF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, West Bank and Gaza, E-mail: lsbahh@yahoo.com, mofirdg@palnet.com, Contact: Laila Sbaih, Acting Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Hebron Wastewater Management:The objective is to install wastewater collection, treatment, and re-use facilities in the Hebron governorate. This is the implementation of Phase 1 of the Hebron Governorate Wastewater Management Master Plan. *Decision Meeting completed on 17 October 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 3 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P117449. US\$ 5.0/18.1/13.0/10.0 (AID/ECEU/GFRC/SPF). Consultants will be required. Palestinian Water Authority, Al-Beireh, Nablus, Jerusalem St. Ramallah, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (972-2) 240-9022, Fax: (972-2) 240-9341, E-mail: adel_pwa@yahoo.com

(R) North Gaza Emergency Sewage Treatment Project-Third Additional Financing:The objective is to complete construction of the North Gaza wastewater treatment plant, complete the first phase of the effluent recovery and reuse scheme, and ensure the sustainability of the waste water services by financing capacity building and operation and maintenance costs on a declining basis over three years. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 2.6/5.0/3.0 (BELG/PWUD/SPF). Consultants will be required for wastewater treatment plant management and wastewater reuse implementation. Palestine Water Authority, Al-Wedha Street, Shaath Building, Gaza City, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (970-8) 283-3609, E-mail: sali@pwa-gpmu.org

Gaza Solid Waste Management:The objective is to improve solid waste management services in the Middle and Southern Gaza Strip through the provision of efficient and environmentally- and socially-sound waste management systems. *Negotiations scheduled for 6 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P121648. US\$ 6.6/13.2/0.6/10.0/0.2 (ECEU/FRDE/GSWE/SPF/UNDP). Consultants will be required. Municipal Development and Lending Fund, Al Bireh, Al Rashmawi Building, 3rd Floor, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (970-2) 296-6610, Fax: (970-2) 295-0685, E-mail: abednofal@mdlf.org.ps, Contact: Mr. Abdel Moughni Nofal, General Director

Republic of Yemen

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Climate Resilient ICZM (PPCR/LDC):The objective is to assist the country in adapting to the impact of climate change in the coastal zone of the Gulf of Aden, Hodeida and the Arabian Gulf. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144813. US\$ 20.0/4.5 (CIF/GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Resilience of Rural Communities to Climate Change Pilot:The objective is to support the Government of Yemen's efforts to improve the resilience of the rural population to the impact of climate change and thereby promote sustainable long-term growth and protect vulnerable populations. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 18.6 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Mocha Wind Park Project:The objective is to demonstrate the technical feasibility and economic viability of wind power development in Yemen. *Appraisal completed on 1 November 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 8 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146055. US\$ 20.0/65.0/20.0/20.0 (IDA Grant/ARFU/OPEC/SAUD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

(R) Financial Infrastructure (Cr. H8700-RY):The objective is to strengthen the financial infrastructure architecture through the modernization of the payments system infrastructure and development of the credit registry. *The credit was signed on 11 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P132311. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Central Bank of Yemen, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-7) 3585-5885, E-mail: ialnahari@gmail.com, Contact: Ibrahim Al Nahari, Deputy Governor

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Civil Society Organization Support Project:The objective is to support the developmental role of CSOs as service providers and partners in the state building process. *Appraisal completed on 4 November 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 12 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 8.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Maternal and Newborn Voucher Project:The objective is to provide output-based Maternal and Newborn Health Care to scale up existing OBA pilots that support public health services targeting maternity and newborn health care. Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P144522. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and Communications

(R) Climate Info System and Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) Coordination:The objectives are to: (a) support the feasibility and design work on hydrometeorology systems upgrading, forecasting and warning systems, and climate information systems; and (b) conduct an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, including an Environmental and Social Management Plan. *The loan was signed on 11 October 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132116. US\$ 19.0 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 207-817, E-mail: khalshaibani@yahoo.com, Contact: Khaled Saeed Abdullah Al-Shaibani, Chairman

Broadband Governance and Competitiveness Project:The objective is to foster a competitive and vibrant ICT sector in Yemen by strengthening the legal, policy, and regulatory environment. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 3.0 (MNAF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Accountability Enhancement Project:The objective is to enhance capacity of targeted accountability institutions to provide access to information and to improve enforcement of the anti-corruption law. *Appraisal scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 6.0 (MNIS). Consultants will be required. A local Consultant will be required to support the preparation of project as well as providing implementation support to the implementing agencies. Supreme National Authority for Combating Corruption (SNACC), AlTahreer Square, PO Box 3454, Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 490-400, Fax: (967-1) 299-422, E-mail: alialsunaidar@gmail.com, Contact: Afrah Baduwailan, Chairman

Transportation

North-South Integration Corridor Highway Project:The objective is improved transport connectivity between Aden and Taiz. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145361. US\$ 150.0/320.0 (IDA Credit/SAUD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Latin America and Caribbean

Antigua and Barbuda

Information and Communications

(N) Caribbean Communications Infrastructure Program (CarCIP):The objectives are to: (a) increase access and affordability of broadband communications networks; (b) contribute to the development of regional IT industry; and (c) contribute to improved government efficiency and transparency through regionally harmo-

nized e-government applications. Project Identification underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Argentina

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Forests and Communities:The objective is to improve Forest Livelihoods through: (a) adoption of sustainable multiple-use forestry; (b) sustain/increase political commitment, and public resources for native forests conservation; (c) improve Regional/Local Capacities and undertake Applied Research; and (d) strengthen the National Native Forest Information and Monitoring System. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Rural Corridors and Biodiversity:The objectives are to: (a) increase the protection of vulnerable natural areas and the conservation of biological diversity in both the Argentine Patagonian Steppe and the Argentine Chaco; and (b) bolster the technical capacity and outreach of federal and provincial organizations working in natural resource issues. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P114294. US\$ 6.3/2.3 (GEFU/MSC1). Consultants will be required. Administracion de Parques Nacionales, Av. Santa Fe 690, C1059ABN, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4774-5357, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA, Contact: Dra. Patricia Gandini, President

Socio-Economic Inclusion in Rural Areas:The objective is to support the Government's strategy to raise incomes and improve livelihoods among the rural poor of Argentina. Bank Approval scheduled for 10 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P106685. US\$ 52.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganaderia y Pesca (MAGyP formerly SAG-PyA), Avda. Belgrano 450, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-1300, E-mail: prosap-comunica@prosap.gov.ar, Contact: Lic. Jorge Neme, Coordinador Ejecutivo, Ing Sandro Sassatelli, Coordinador Tecnico

Third Provincial Agricultural Development (PROSAP):The objective is to increase the productivity, competitiveness and market access of small and medium agricultural producers by providing technical assistance, capacity building, and direct investments. Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132416. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Second Rural Education Improvement Project (PROMER):The objective is to support Government of Argentina in extending and improving rural education. *Appraisal scheduled for 19 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133195. US\$ 250.5 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Renewable Energy Project for Rural Areas:The objective is a continuation of the PERMER project and its additional financing, to emphasize access to modern energy services in rural schools and rural health centers, and to provide electricity, solar water heaters, and cooking and heating solutions when needed. Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Non Communicable Diseases (NCD):The objective is to support the Government to reduce premature mortality and morbidity due to chronic NCDs by: (a) strengthening MOH's capacity to monitor, and prevent, control NCDs; (b) improving quality of NCD preventive, diagnosis and control health services; (c) promoting healthy lifestyles; and (d) strengthening surveillance. *Project Concept Note completed on 14 November 2012.* Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category

B. Project: P133193. US\$ 450.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC) Phase Out: The objective is to serve the Hydrochlorofluorocarbons Phase-out Management Plan, Stage I, for the Government to submit for approval by the Multilateral Fund Executive Committee at its first meeting in 2012. The operation is expected to pave the way for further engagement on the Montreal Protocol agenda in face of HPMP Stage 2 starting in 2015. Signing scheduled for 30 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129397. US\$ 1.9 (MPIN). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas Públicas de la Nación, Hipolito Yrigoyen 250, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-8238, E-mail: fmaitini@mecon.gov.ar, Contact: Fernando Maitini

Sustainable Industrial Development: The objective is to support small and medium enterprises in Argentina with inadequate access to credit to improve their compliance with environmental regulations, while simultaneously boosting their industrial competitiveness. Bank Approval scheduled for 10 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P110612. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Economía y Producción, Secretaría de Industria y Pyme, Av. Julio A. Roca 651, Piso 20, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-3726/3728, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA, Contact: Alfredo Junco, Coordinador Ejecutivo UEPRO-PRESAO

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Delivering Progressive Tax Policies: The objective is to provide the Provincial Government with a more stable source of revenue to fund equitable social spending and reduce poverty through the support of the Tax Administration (ARBA)'s efforts to establish a more progressive tax system. Project Identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 53.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Subnational Strengthening of Public Management through Information and Communication Technologies: The objective is to improve service delivery, transparency and accountability of subnational governments in Argentina through the use of Information and Communication Technologies. *Project Identification is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Interior, 25 de Mayo 145, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4339-0800, E-mail: cdiaz@mininterior.gov.ar, Contact: Carlos Diaz, Coordinador Ejecutivo

Youth Employment Support: The objective is to support improvement of the employability of poor low-skilled unemployed youth at risk between the ages of 18 and 24 by providing training, building their experience and improving employment services. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P133129. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Vega Flood Prevention and Drainage Project: The objective is to increase the City of Buenos Aires resilience to flooding through structured and non structured measures. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 9 October 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 29 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 138.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Belize

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Management and Protection of Key Biodiversity Areas: The objective is to strengthen natural resource management and biodiversity conservation through the mitigation of threats to Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) in Belize. *Appraisal completed on 24 October 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 9 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130474. US\$ 6.0/6.1/3.0 (ADPT/GEFU/JSDF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries, and Sustainable Development, Sir Edney Cain Building,

Belmopan, Belize, Tel: (501) 822-2526, Fax: (501) 822-3673, E-mail: foreigntrade@btl.net

Marine Conservation and Climate Adaptation: The objective is to implement the priority ecosystem-based marine conservation and climate adaptation measures to strengthen the climate resilience of the Belize Barrier Reef System. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131408. US\$ 6.0 (ADPT). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries, and Sustainable Development, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan, Belize, Tel: (501) 822-2526, Fax: (501) 822-3673, E-mail: foreigntrade@btl.net, Contact: Wendel Parham, Chief Executive Officer

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Climate Resilient Infrastructure: The objectives are to: (a) provide evidence-based climate resilient infrastructure; and (b) enhance the capacity of the country in coping with climate change. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127338. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Bolivia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Sustainable Development of Ancestral Andean Products: The objective is to promote the sustainable production, among small scale producers, of selected ancestral Andean products and enhance their commercialization and domestic consumption. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 55.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Rural Development and Land (MDRT), entre calles Bueno y Loayza, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 211-1103, Fax: (591-2) 211-4332, E-mail: anaguzman007@gmail.com, Contact: Ana Guzman, Director of Rural Development. EMPODERAR, Plaza Adela Zamudio, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: 5912-2112794, Fax: (591-2) 214533, E-mail: alianzarural@gmail.com, Contact: Jhonny Delgadillo, Coordinator

Energy and Mining

(R) Access and Renewable Energy: The objective is to support Bolivia's access strategy through: (a) energy services for isolated and dispersed individual households and public buildings; (b) renewable mini-grids for isolated rural areas; (c) grid densification; and (d) project management and supervision and capacity building. *Negotiations scheduled for 28 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Hydrocarbon and Energy, Palacio de Comunicaciones, Piso 12, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 211-4690, Fax: (591-2) 211-0887, E-mail: mlorberg@pevd.gob.bo, Contact: Marcelo Lorberg, Head of the Project Implementation Unit

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Public Sector Investment: The objective is to support the Ministry of Planning to strengthen Public Investment Management processes and systems both at the national and local levels. Project Identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 31.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry Development Planning, Av. Mcal. Santa Cruz N°1092, Casilla N°1, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 231-1849, Fax: (591-2) 218-9000, E-mail: marcelo.torres@planificacion.gob.bo, Contact: Marcelo Torres, Director General of Planning

(R) Improving Employability and Job Quality Among Vulnerable Groups: The objectives are to: (a) enhance job quality among vulnerable groups; and (b) strengthen the capacity to monitor the labor market. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143995. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Statistical Capacity Building Additional Financing: The objective is to strengthen the statistical capacity and improve the database to provide quality information that is reliable, timely and accurate. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 16 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 24.5 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Instituto Nacional de Estadísticas, Calle Carrasco No. 1391, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 222-2333,

Fax: (591-2) 222-2885, E-mail: lpereira@ine.gov.bo, Contact: Luis Jose Pererira Stambuk, Director General Ejecutivo

Transportation

National Road Sector Management Program:The objective is to support the maintenance and rehabilitation of the county's primary road network. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0/175.0 (IBRD/ANDC). Consulting services to be determined. Administradora Boliviana de Carreteras (ABC), Av. Mariscal Santa Cruz, Edif. Centro de Comunicaciones, Piso 8, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 235-7220, Fax: (591-2) 239-1764, E-mail: amullisaca@abc.gov.bo, Contact: Antonio Mullisaca, Presidente Ejecutivo

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Climate Resilience Integrated Basin Management:The objective is to strengthen the national capacity to integrate climate resilience in planning, management, and investment through the adoption of a river basin management approach that will be piloted in the Rio Grande River Basin. *Negotiations scheduled for 18 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129640. US\$ 36.0/9.5 (CSCC/CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment and Water, Calle Mercado, Edif. Mariscal Ballivian, Mezzanine, Bolivia Tel/Fax: (591-2) 211-5582, E-mail: carlos.ortuno@miriego.com, Contact: Carlos Ortuno, Vice Minister Water Resources and Irrigation

Brazil

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) for Indigenous People:The objective is to enhance the capacity and support specific initiatives of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Brazil in order to strengthen their participation in FIP and other REDD+ processes at the local, national and global levels. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.5 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Marine Protected Areas:The objective is to support the creation and implementation of a representative and effective marine and coastal protected areas system in Brazil to reduce the loss of coastal and marine biodiversity. *Appraisal scheduled for 2 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128968. US\$ 18.2 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, MMA, Brazil, Tel: NA, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA, Contact: Paulo Rogerio Goncalves, Director

Embrapa Verde Agricultural Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction:The objectives are to: (a) implement existing GHG reducing technologies for crop and livestock activities; (b) develop new technologies designed to achieve further GHG reductions and adopt GHG reduction technologies within Embrapa research system; and (c) promote Embrapa exchange with other agricultural research institutions focused on reducing GHG. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 140.0/140.0 (IBRD/IADB). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Environmental Regularization of Rural Lands in the Cerrado of Brazil:The objectives are to: (a) support the Ministry of Environment to help reduce deforestation and forest degradation on rural landholdings; and (b) reduce emissions and to increase carbon sequestration by ensuring the environmental compliance by owner or occupiers of private landholdings in the 11 states in Brazil, within the Cerrado biome. Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143334. US\$ 32.5 (CSCC). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Esplanada dos Ministerios, Bloco B 70 Andar, Brasilia, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 2028-1413, E-mail: allan.milhomens@mma.gov.br, Contact: Allan Milhomens, Coordinator

Promotion of Low Carbon Agriculture in the Brazilian Cerrado:The objective is to increase the adoption of Low Carbon Agriculture Plan in key areas of the Cerrado region. Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 December 2013. Environmental Assessment

Category B. Project: P143184. US\$ 10.6 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(N) SWAP Pernambuco Education Results and Accounting:The objective is to support critical programs of the state of Pernambuco in education and public sector management. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 3 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 170.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Alagoas Extreme Poverty Eradication:The objective is to support the efforts of the State of Alagoas to eradicate extreme poverty, as part of the Brazilian Federal Government's program to achieve the same goal nationwide. Negotiations scheduled for 25 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126620. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State Secretariat of Planning and Economic Development (SEPLANDE), Rua Dr. Cincinato Pinto, 503, Centro, Maceio, Brazil, Tel: (55-82) 3315-1511, Fax: (55-82) 3315-1711, E-mail: secretario@seplande.al.gov.br, Contact: Luis Otavio Gomes, State Secretary of Planning and Economic Development

(R) Piaui Integrated Green Growth Sustainability and Inclusion: (formerly Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry) The objective is to support the Government of Piauí in the implementation of its policies and programs to achieve higher rates of inclusive green growth. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 16 December 2013. Awaiting Government authorization to proceed. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State of Piauí Secretariat of Planning, Av. Miguel Rosa, 3190, Centro Sul, Teresina, Brazil, Tel: (55-86) 3221-3145/4575, Fax: (55-86) 3221-1660, E-mail: secretario@seplan.pi.gov.br

(R) Second Piaui Green Growth and Inclusion Development Policy Loan:The objective is to support the Government of Piauí in the implementation of its efforts to achieve higher rates of inclusive green growth by: (a) improving land tenure administration, (b) promoting sustainable agricultural practices, (c) improve water resource management and (d) ensuring environmental sustainability. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. State of Piauí Secretariat of Planning, Av. Miguel Rosa, 3190, Centro Sul, Teresina, Brazil, Tel: (55-86) 3221-3145/4575, Fax: (55-86) 3221-1660, E-mail: secretario@seplan.pi.gov.br

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Rio Municipality Technical Assistance Loan (Ln. 82710-BR):The objectives are to: (a) support activities to further consolidate the reforms undertaken as part of the DPL to the Municipality of Rio de Janeiro; and (b) promote improvements in the areas of public investment management, delivery of social services and public sector management, including monitoring and evaluation of social programs. *Signing scheduled for 10 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127245. US\$ 16.2 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Secretaria Municipal de Fazenda, Rua Afonso Cavalcanti, 455, Anexo, Sala 604, Ciudad Nova, 20211-110, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Tel: (55-21) 2976-3280, Fax: (55-21) 2976-2661, E-mail: macardoso.smf@perj.rj.gov.br, Contact: Marco Aurélio Santos Cardozo, Head of the Municipal Treasury

(R) Sergipe Development Policy Loan II:The objective is a continuation to support the Government of Sergipe in improving public sector management and expanding access to quality public services and economic opportunities for the extremely poor. Project Concept Note scheduled for 11 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Strengthening Service Delivery for Growth, Poverty Reduction and Environmental Sustainability in Ceara (Ln. 83020-BR):The objective is to support the Government to improve public service delivery particularly in the areas of skills development, early childhood development and water quality. *Bank Approval*

completed on 21 November 2013. Signing tentatively scheduled for mid December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127463. US\$ 350.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretariat of Planning and Management, Rua da Aurora, 1377, Recife, Brazil, Tel: (55-81) 3182-3819, Fax: (55-81) 3182-3858, E-mail: cintia.albuquerque@seplag.pe.gov.br, Contact: Cristina Madeiros, Project Coordinator

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Acre: Strengthening Public Policies Development Policy Loan (Ln. 83100-BR):The objectives are to enhance public policies and service delivery by: (a) improving the efficiency and effectiveness of public administration by strengthened planning, monitoring and evaluation of public management; and (b) enhancing social and productive inclusion by improved student performance, and greater gender equality. *Negotiations completed on 30 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 5 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State Secretary of Planning, Government of the State of Acre, Palácio das Secretarias, 232, Quarta, Andar, Centro, Rio Branco, Acre, Brazil, Tel: (55-68) 3224-0481, E-mail: marcio.verissimo@ac.gov.br, Contact: Marcio Verissimo, Secretary of Planning

(R) Amazonas Development Policy Loan:The objective is to support the creation of fiscal space for investments in citizen security through results-based management. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 14 November 2013. Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P147979. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaria da Fazenda do Amazonas/SEFAZ, Av. André Araújo, 150, Aleixo Manaus / AM, Brazil, Tel: (55 92) 2121-1868, Fax: (55 92) 2121-1914, E-mail: ucp.am@sefaz.am.gov.br, Contact: Francisco Junior, Director

(R) Bahia Development Policy Loan:The objective is to improve service delivery and support social inclusion in priority sectors, including gender, education, crime prevention, planning and tax administration. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. State Secretariat of Planning, Av. Luis Viana Filho, 2a avenida, no.250, Centro Administrativo da Bahia, Salvador, Brazil, Tel: (55-71) 3115-3944, Fax: (55-71) 3115-3945, E-mail: luiza.mello@seplan.ba.gov.br, Contact: Luiza Amelia Guedes Machado, Superintendent

(R) Belo Horizonte Urban Development Policy Loan (Ln. 81690-BR):The objectives are to: (a) support the municipality's strategy and policies to strengthen efforts to plan and manage territorial urban development in the city; (b) promote affordable housing; and (c) provide targeted and integrated social assistance programs to the urban poor. *Signing tentatively scheduled for early-December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P126749. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Secretaria Municipal de Financas, Rua Espirito Santo 593, Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil, Tel: (31) 3277-9253, Fax: (31) 3277-1069, E-mail: paulo.araujo@pbh.gov.br, Contact: Paulo Roberto Araujo, Gerente de Captacao de Recursos

(R) Fortaleza Municipal:The objective is to strengthen conditions for inclusive growth through support to policy reforms aimed at enhancing metropolitan governance, strengthening municipal finance, and improving the delivery of social services (health, education, etc.). *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD).

(R) Gender and Social Inclusion:The objective is to design an innovative model for addressing a comprehensive approach to gender and social inclusion that builds on recent research that focuses on the WDR 2012 framework for gender equality by exploring issues of endowments, economic opportunities and agency. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 16 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaria de Estado de Planejamento - BA, 2 Avenida, 250, Centro Administrativo, da Bahia, Salvador, Brazil, Tel: (55-71) 3115-3550, Fax: (55-71) 3115-3945, E-mail: Sergio.gabrielli@seplan.ba.gov.br, Contact: Jose Sergio Gabrielli de Azevedo, Secretario de Estado

(R) Parana Multi-sector Development SWAp (Ln. 82010-BR):The objective is to support the modernization of public sector management to access economic opportunities and human development in the state of Parana. *Signing scheduled for 14 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126343. US\$ 350.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State Secretariat of Planning and General Coordination PR, Palácio das Araucárias, 40 Andar, Centro Cívico, Curitiba, PR, Brazil, Tel: (55-41) 3313-6272/70, Fax: (55-41) 3313-6276, E-mail: cassiotaniguchi@sepl.pr.gov.br, Contact: Cassio Taniguchi, State Secretary of Planning and General Coordination PR

(R) Public Management Additional Financing:The objectives are to scale-up: (a) the integrated territorial development approach to Rio de Janeiro by expanding sectoral activities in the metropolitan governance and urban transport, environment and disaster risk management, housing, and social development; and (b) the services and activities offered in health and education. *Bank Approval scheduled for 30 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126735. US\$ 48.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Estados de Obras (SEOBRAS), Rua Mexico, 125/90 Andar, Centro, RJ, Brasil, CEP: 20031-145, Brazil, Tel: (55-21) 2333-0165, Fax: NA, E-mail: vloureiro@obras.rj.gov.br, Contact: Vicente Loureiro, Secretario

(R) Recife Municipal Development Policy Loan:The objective is to strengthen conditions for inclusive growth through support to policy reforms aimed at strengthening public sector management. *Project Identification is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretary of Planning and Management, Municipality of Recife, Rua da Aurora, 1377, Recife, Brazil, Tel: (55-81) 3355-8839, E-mail: virginia.lacerda@recife.pe.gov.br, Contact: Virginia Lacerda, Project Manager

(R) Strengthening Fiscal and Water Resources Management Development Policy Loan:The objective is to promote economic development of the State of Rio Grande do Sul by means of strengthening of water resources management and support for the consolidation of fiscal balance. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 5 November 2013. Decision Meeting tentatively scheduled for mid-December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 280.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretariat of Finance, Av. Maua, 1155-50 Andar, Brazil, Tel: (55-51) 3214-5104, Contact: Odir Tonollier, Secretary of Finance

Development of Systems to Prevent Forest Fires and Monitor Vegetation in Brazilian Cerrado:The objectives are to: (a) generate and disseminate geospatial and on-time information about deforestation, forest degradation and land use in the Cerrado, Caatinga and Pantanal biomes; and (b) develop an early-warning system to prevent forest fires at national scale. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143185. US\$ 9.2 (CSCF). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Enhancing Public Management for Service Delivery in Rio de Janeiro (Ln. 83070-BR):The objective is to support reforms to improve the quality and enhance the integration of urban mobility in Rio de Janeiro. *Bank Approval completed on 21 November 2013.* Signing tentatively scheduled for mid-December, 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Rio de Janeiro State Secretariat of Transport, Brazil, Contact: Tatiana Carius, Sub-Secretaria

Transport Institutions and Technology Development:The objective is to support the improvement of the country's transport sector's efficiency and safety. Awaiting Government Authorization to proceed. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport, Brazil

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Acre Social and Economic Inclusion and Sustainable Development Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) develop and implement water supply and sanitation urban service delivery in five municipalities; and (b) expand and deepen the range

of activities in education, health and sustainable development to scale up the project's impact and development effectiveness. *Decision Meeting completed on 30 October 2013. Appraisal scheduled for 7 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Alto Solimões Basic Services and Sustainable Development Project Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) support the Zona Franca Verde Program (PRODERAM, Po83977) to address the financing gap of the original project (APL1); and (b) continue to support the assessment of existing urban development policies. *Appraisal completed on 4 November 2013.* Project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Espirito Santo Integrated Sustainable Development:The objective is to improve efficiency of the State of Espírito Santo in managing water resources and infrastructure in a sustainable, resilient and integrated manner. Negotiations tentatively scheduled for mid-December. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130682. US\$ 225.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation of various water resources management and water supply and sanitation activities planned. CESAN, Av. Governador Bley, 186, Brazil, Tel: (55-27) 3132-8200, Fax: (55-27) 3222-4369, E-mail: www.cesan.com.br; Instituto Estadual do Meio Ambiente (IEMA), Rod. BR 262 Km 0, Patio Porto Velho, Brazil, Tel: (55-27) 3136-3437, Fax: (55-27) 3136-3441, E-mail: presidente@iema.es.gov.br; Secretaria de Estado de Projetos Especiais e Articulação Metropolitana, Palácio da Fonte Grande, Rua Sete de Setembro, No. 362 8o Andar, Centro Vitória, Brazil, Tel: (55-27) 3636-1190, Fax: (55-27) 3321-3889, E-mail: www.es.gov.br

Colombia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Conservation for Peace in the Heart of the Colombian Amazon:The objective is to consolidate a protected area's system in the heart of the Colombian Amazon through an integrated landscape approach, improved forest governance and sustainable land management practices. Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144271. US\$ 10.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministerio del Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible, Calle 37 No 8-40, Bogota, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 332-3415, E-mail: olbautista@minambiente.gov.co, Contact: Olga Lucia Bautista

(R) Mainstreaming Sustainable Cattle Ranching Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) promote adoption of environment-friendly Silvopastoral Production Systems (SPS) for cattle ranching in Colombia's project areas; (b) improve natural resource management and enhance the provision of environmental services (biodiversity, land, carbon, and water); and (c) raise the productivity in participating farms. Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145732. US\$ 21.7 (SPTF). Consulting services to be determined. Colombian Cattle Ranching Organization-FEDEGAN, Calle 37 No. 14-31, Bogota, Colombia, Tel: (571) 578-2020, E-mail: cosorio@fedegan.org.co, Contact: Carlos Osorio, Subgerente Tecnico

Education

(R) Improving Access and Quality of Upper Secondary Education:The objectives are to: (a) increase access; and (b) improve the quality of upper secondary education to achieve the transition to tertiary education and labor market in equitable conditions. *Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145353. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Third Student Loan Support Project-Series of Projects (SOP)-Phase II:The objective is to increase coverage, graduation and equity in the higher education system, prioritizing quality higher education institutions. *Appraisal completed on 11 October 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 17 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145782. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Con-

sulting services to be determined. Instituto Colombiano de Crédito Educativo y Estudios Técnicos en El Exterior (ICETEX), Colombia, Tel: (571) 382-1670, E-mail: frodriguez@icetex.gov.co, Contact: Fernando Rodriguez Carrizosa

Industry and Trade

Second Programmatic Productive and Sustainable Cities Development Policy Loan:The objectives are to support the implementation of: (a) sustainable and inclusive cities; (b) access to affordable housing; (c) institutional strengthening and regional coordination; and (d) connectivity across the urban system and regional infrastructure financing. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministerio de Hacienda y Credito Publico, Carrera 8, No. 6-64, Bogota, Colombia Tel/Fax: (57-1) 381-5000, E-mail: malmonac@minhacienda.gov.co, Contact: Monica Almonacid, Subdirectora de Financiamiento Organismos Multilaterales y G

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Subnational Institutional Strengthening (Ln. 83200-CO):The objective is to support the strengthening of the managerial capabilities at the subnational level in Colombia. *Negotiations completed on 31 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 17 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P123879. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Departamento Nacional de Planeacion, Calle 26 No. 13-19 Edificio Fonade, Bogota, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 381-5000 Ext. 3500, Fax: NA, E-mail: nbargans@dnpc.gov.co, Contact: Natalia Bargans Ballesteros, Subdirector de Credito

Transportation

Urban Transport Clean Technology Fund:The objective is to support the Government in developing the urban transport project for Bogota identified under the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) Investment Plan, to improve public transit service provision. The CTF for Bogota envisions a comprehensive mobility and climate change agenda for Bogota's Carrera 7 corridor. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (CCTF). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Transporte, Av. El Dorado CAN, Bogota, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 324-0800, E-mail: mgranados@mintransporte.gov.co, Contact: Felipe Targa, Viceministro de Transporte

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Barranquilla Flood Management:The objectives are to: (a) assist with the Flood Risk Reduction Investments; (b) strengthen the municipal government institution; and (c) assist in the resettlement of people in high risk areas and compensation for involuntary loss of land. Decision Meeting scheduled for 5 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P120159. US\$ 85.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretariat of Planning District of Barranquilla, Calle 34 No. 43-31, Colombia, Tel: (57-317) 641-7757, E-mail: mabuchaibe@barranquilla.gov.co, Contact: Maria Elia Abuchaibe, Secretary of Planning

National Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Phase 2:The objective is to further strengthen Colombia's disaster risk management framework through: (a) the application of disaster risk analysis and management in policy making at the sectoral and territorial levels, and (b) strengthening of risk reduction at subnational levels. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130456. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Housing, Cities, and Territory, Bogota, Colombia, Tel: (571) 288-6020, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA

Costa Rica

Health and Other Social Services

(N) National Health Insurance System:The objective is to support the Government of Costa Rica to strengthen the National Health Insurance System Efficiency and Performance. Project Concept Note scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment

Category B. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Dominica

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Third Phase Disaster Vulnerability Reduction:The objective is to finance physical disaster mitigation investments and technical assistance activities to measurably reduce Dominica's vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129992. US\$ 11.3/9.0/12.0 (IDA Credit/CSCC/CSCF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 5th Floor, Financial Centre, Kennedy Ave. Roseau, Dominica, Tel: (767) 266-3340, Fax: (767) 448-0054, E-mail: finance@dominica.gov.dm, Contact: Rosamund Edwards, Financial Secretary. Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, Physical Planning and Fisheries, 2nd Floor, Government Headquarters, Kennedy Ave. Roseau, Dominica, Tel: (767) 266-3544, Fax: (767) 440-7761, E-mail: environment@dominica.gov.dm, Contact: Kenneth Darroux, Minister. Environmental Coordination Unit (ECU), Roseau Fisheries Complex Building, Dame Mary Eugenia Charles Boulevard, Roseau, Dominica, Tel: (767) 266-5256, Fax: (767) 448-4577, E-mail: ecu@dominica.gov.dm, Contact: Lloyd Pascal, Director

Dominican Republic

Education

(R) Education Quality Project:The objectives are to develop and implement new key policies and programs in fundamental areas of the Dominican Republic education sector strategy, including teacher quality and student learning. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(N) Distribution Networks Rehabilitation:The objectives are to: (a) increase the Cash Recovery Index of the three electricity distribution companies in selected areas; and, (b) improve the quality of electricity service. Identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Flexible Active Labor Market Programs:The objective is to support the Ministry of Labor in improving the employability of: (a) poor, low-skilled, long-term unemployed people between the ages of 18 and 65; and (b) poor at-risk youth by building their work experience and life skills. Appraisal scheduled for 7 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131109. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Labor, Av. Jimenez Moya, Centro de Los Heroes, Dominican Republic, Tel: (809) 535-4404, Ext. 2306, Fax: (809) 533-1548, E-mail: jose.polanco@mt.gob.do, Contact: Jose Luis Polanco de Leon, Coordinator

Social Protection System:The objective is to expand the access to services and opportunities for households in extreme-poverty by strengthening the social protection system in an innovative, integrated approach in selected regions of the country. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 26 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and Communications

Caribbean Regional Communications Infrastructure Program:The objectives are to: (a) increase access and affordability of broadband communications networks; (b) contribute to the development of the regional IT industry; and (c) contribute to improved Government efficiency and transparency through regionally harmonized e-government applications. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Ecuador

Transportation

(R) Ibarra Road Infrastructure Improvement Project:The objective is to improve access and inclusion of communities in the municipality of Ibarra through the provision of road infrastructure and institutional strengthening activities. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 5 November 2013.* Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147280. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Ibarra, y Calle Simon Bolivar, Ibarra, Ecuador, Tel: (593-06) 264-1677, Fax: (593-06) 295-4997, E-mail: guillosuarez.c@hotmail.com, Contact: Jorge Martinez, Mayor of Ibarra

(R) Quito Metro Line One (Ln. 82850-EC):The objectives are to: (a) improve the level of service provided to public transportation users in a safe and cost-efficient manner; (b) lower the carbon footprint of the transit system; and (c) achieve sustainable urban transportation in Quito. *The loan was signed on 11 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P144489. US\$ 205.0/250.0/259.3/200.0 (IBRD/ANDC/EUIB/IADB). Consultants will be required. Empresa Publica Metropolitana Metro de Quito (EPMQ), Av. 6 de Diciembre, N33-42, Edif. Titanium, P11, Quito, Pichincha, Ecuador, Tel: (593-2) 333-1821, E-mail: ejacome@metrodequito.gob.ec, Contact: Edgar Jacome, Manager

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Manta Urban Services Improvement Project (Ln. 82890-EC):The objective is to improve the Basic Municipal Infrastructure of Manta City in Ecuador focused on urban water, sewerage and drainage, and transport. *The loan was signed on 20 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143996. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Municipality of Manta, Calle 9 Avenida 4, Manta, Ecuador, E-mail: gmverdesoto@gmail.com, Contact: Gabriela Verdesoto

(R) Prosaneamiento Water and Sanitation:The objective is to support the Government's Prosaneamiento Program to increase water and sanitation coverage to about 95% by 2017 to all Ecuadorian municipalities (and their rural areas). *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 31 October 2013.* Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147951. US\$ 170.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Banco del Estado (BEDE), Ecuador, Tel: (593-2) 299-9600, E-mail: saavedral@bancoestado.com, Contact: Lorena Saavedra, Projects and Products Manager

Grenada

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Comprehensive Debt Framework Development Policy Loan:The objective is to support the Government to create fiscal space, improve resilience to natural disasters, and strengthen competitiveness in order to achieve debt sustainability. *Project Identification is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Planning, Economy, Energy and Cooperatives, Financial Complex, the Carenage, St. George's, Grenada, Tel: (473) 440-2928, Fax: (473) 440-4115, E-mail: timothy.Antoine@gov.gd

Guatemala

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) First Programmatic Development Policy Loan (Ln. 82030-GT):The objective is to support the Government's reform agenda in three areas: (a) strengthening tax administration and tax policy; (b) improving the coordination and management of social policy; and (c) enhancing the transparency and quality of public expenditure. *The loan was signed on 13 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P131763. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Directorate of Public Credit, Ministry of Public Finance, 8a. Avenida 20-65 Zona 1, Centro Civico, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 2322-8888 Ext. 11538, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA, Contact: Mynor Argueta, Head of Department, Management and Negotiation

(R) Second Programmatic Fiscal Space for Expanding Opportunities Development Policy Loan:The objective is to support the Guatemalan Government in creating fiscal space and expanding opportunities for the most vulnerable segments of society. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 7 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Directorate of Public Credit, Ministry of Public Finance, 8a. Avenida 20-65 Zona 1, Centro Civico, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 2322-8888 Ext. 11538, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA, Contact: Mynor Argueta, Head of Department, Management and Negotiation

Urban Infrastructure:The objectives are to: (a) support increased access to infrastructure; and (b) reduce crime and violence in low-income and precarious urban settlements in the country. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143495. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Instituto de Fomento Municipal (INFOM), 8a Calle 1-66 Zona 9, Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 336-8100, Contact: Edin Roberto Casasola, Coordinator de Cooperacion Internacional

Guyana

Education

(R) Universal Secondary Education:The objective is to improve secondary education learning conditions and increases the number of students that complete secondary education in Guyana's Regions 3 and 4 (including Georgetown), by constructing and equipping schools, training teachers, and distributing learning materials. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 31 October 2013. Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147924. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Disaster Risk Management:The objective is to reduce the vulnerability of Guyana's low-lying coastal area to flooding by implementing key strategic infrastructure investments. Identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 11.9 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Haiti

Education

(N) Education for All Phase II Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) support enrollment of students in select non-public primary schools in disadvantaged areas; (b) support student attendance in select primary schools in disadvantaged areas; and (c) strengthen management the primary education sector. Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (HRTF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Second Global Partnership Education for Education for All Program Grant:The objective is to support the Government of Haiti's Ministry of Education in the development of a three-year sector Transitional Action Plan which will prioritize areas for engagement in the education sector from 2013-2015. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 24.1 (EFAS). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Heritage and Sustainable Tourism in the Northern Region:The objective is to promote tourism in Haiti's Northern Region through valorization of cultural heritage, selected investments and local initiatives. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144614. US\$ 45.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Unite Technique d' Execution (UTE), Rue 3, no 26 PACOT, Port au Prince, Haiti, Tel: (509) 3389-3646, E-mail: mdelandsheer@ute.gouv.ht, Contact: Michael de Landsheer, Executive Director

Transportation

(R) Center and Artibonite Regional Development and Growth Pole:The objective is to support the economic development in the Center and Artibonite Loop (CAL) through a multi-sector spatial development initiative including better transport connectivity, networked cities and selective promotion of investments with community participation to support productive areas and inclusive growth. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0/8.0 (IDA Credit/CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Unite Technique d' Execution (UTE), Rue 3, no 26 PACOT, Port au Prince, Haiti, Tel: (509) 3389-3646, E-mail: mdelandsheer@ute.gouv.ht, Contact: Michael de Landsheer, Executive Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Strengthening Hydro-Met Services:The objective is to strengthen capacity of select institutions in delivering reliable and timely hydrological and meteorological information services to inform policy dialogue and decision making. Identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.5 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Honduras

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Corredor Seco Food Security Project:The objective is to contribute to reduce extreme poverty and malnutrition of rural families through increased agricultural productivity, rural incomes and nutritional status. Project Identification underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (GAFS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Sustainable Rural Energy Services:The objective is to scale up the provision of sustainable energy services (off-grid) and advanced biomass cookstoves for rural and periurban areas in Honduras. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131602. US\$ 10.0 (CSCF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Bo. El Jazmin 5ta. Ave. 3ra Ave, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 2220-1538, Fax: (504) 2222-6120, E-mail: rayala@sefin.gob.hn, Contact: Leonardo Matute, Coordinador

Jamaica

Education

(R) Early Childhood Development Project:The objectives are to: (a) improve the monitoring of children's development, the screening of household level risks, and the risk mitigation and early intervention systems; (b) enhance the quality of early childhood schools and care facilities; and (c) strengthen early childhood organizations and institutions. *Decision Meeting completed on 14 November 2013. Appraisal scheduled for 11 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P147074. US\$ 12.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(N) Youth Employment in Digital and Creative Industries:The objective is to create an enabling environment in the digital and animation industries for: (a) youth employment in the virtual Global Economy; and (b) youth employment and entrepreneurship through new startups or expansion of existing companies. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P148013. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Second Inner Cities Basic Services for the Poor Project:The objective is to improve quality of life in inner-city areas and poor urban informal settlements through improved access to basic urban infrastructure, financial services, land tenure regularization, enhanced community capacity and improvements in public safety. *Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146460. US\$ 42.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Social Protection Additional Finance:The objectives are to: (a) improve the PATH program's efficiency and effectiveness to invest in human capital accumulation; (b) develop a structured system to facilitate employment among working-aged members of PATH households; (c) build capacity to implement integrated pension reform; and (d) build capacity to implement a social protection strategy. *Decision Meeting completed on 11 November 2013. Appraisal scheduled for 27 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146606. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), PIOJ Building 16 Oxford Road Kingston 5, PO Box 634, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 935-5059, Fax: (876) 906-2214; Ministry of Labor and Social Security, 14 National Heroes Circle, PO Box 512, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 922-8000, Ext 13, Fax: (876) 924-9639

Industry and Trade

(R) Growth and Competitiveness:The objectives are to support: (a) investment climate issues identified in the First Programmatic DPL; (b) include innovation/entrepreneurship work in the areas of policy on MSMEs and entrepreneurship; and (c) support the competitive industries logistics hub initiative and value chains such as agri-business and tourism. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 14 November 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Disaster Vulnerability Reduction:The objective is to measurably reduce vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Jamaica Social Investment fund, 1c-1f Pawsey Road, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 968-4545, Contact: Loy Malcolm, General Manager, Project Management

(R) First Programmatic Development Policy Loan (Ln. 83170-JM):The objective is to support the critical structural reforms: (a) reduce vulnerability and enhancing resilience; (b) building conditions for broad-based private sector led growth; and (c) modernize the public sector. *Negotiations completed on 7 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 12 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 130.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Planning Institute of Jamaica, 16 Oxford Road, Kingston, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 935-5084, Fax: (876) 906-4465, Contact: Barbara Scott, Director

(R) Improving Climate Data and Information Management:The objective is to improve the quality of climate information for effective planning and action at local and national levels in Jamaica. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.8 (CSCF). Consultants will be required. Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), PIOJ Building 16 Oxford Road Kingston 5, PO Box 634, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 935-5059, Fax: (876) 906-2214, Contact: Hopeton Peterson, Manager

(R) Public Sector Modernization:The objective is to improve public sector management for efficient use of resources and increasing productivity. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 5 November 2013. Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Planning Institute of Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 960-9339, E-mail: info@pioj.gov.jm, Contact: Barbara Scott, Deputy Director

Mexico

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Conservation of Coastal Watersheds:The objective is to support an innovative multi-institutional collaborative framework to achieve results across four GEF focal areas: (a) Biodiversity (BD), (b) Climate Change (CCM), (c) Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), and (d) Land Degradation (LD). Bank Approval scheduled for 21 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131709. US\$ 39.5 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público, Mexico

Education

(R) School Based Management Project APL III:The objective is to improve the quality of education as measured by coverage, social participation, and educational outcomes. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 9 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Third Upper Secondary Education Development Policy Loan (Ln. 83140-MX):The objective is to support the Government in the implementation of Mexico's Integral Upper Secondary Education Reform (Reforma Integral de la Educación Media Superior, RIEMS) to improve the internal efficiency of EMS and its responsiveness to the labor market. *Negotiations completed on 4 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 19 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretariat of Public Education, Brasil 31-312 Centro Historico, 06029, Mexico, DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 9183-4000

Second Tertiary Education Student Assistance:The objective is to further support and develop efforts by the federal Government of Mexico in the field of tertiary education student assistance, thus leading to improvements in the equity and coverage of tertiary education. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Sustainable Energy Technologies Development for Climate Change:The objective is to improve the functioning of Mexico's Sustainable Energy Fund which generates around US\$100 million per year for developing clean energy technologies. Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 18.0 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy Efficiency Supply Side:The objectives are to: (a) identify and support investments and measures in supply-side efficiency in Mexico; and (b) support the government of Mexico's agenda to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG). This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

Social Protection System:The objective is to provide technical and financial support to the redesign and implementation of the National Conditional Cash Transfer Program- Oportunidades- and also support the coordination of this program with social protection programs/services. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Fiscal Risk Management Development Policy Loan:The objective is to support policies for enhanced fiscal sustainability, predictability and transparency of public expenditure to support stable economic growth and development. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P123505. US\$ 300.8 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público SHCP, Av. Constituyentes 1001, Edificio B, 6to Piso, Col. Belen de las Flores, CP, Mexico DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 3688-1486, Fax: (52-55) 3688-4962, E-mail: guillermo_bernal@hacienda.gob.mx, Contact: Guillermo Bernal, Coordinator

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Oaxaca Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Modernization:The objectives are to support the modernization of the water supply and sanitation sector of Oaxaca through (a) reforming institutional framework, and (b) improving the quality and sustainability of the water services in Oaxaca city, provincial cities and rural areas. Decision Meeting scheduled for 8 January 2014. Environmental

Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Nicaragua

Health and Other Social Services

Community Health Project Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) improve access to, and the quality of, preventive and promotion health and nutrition services among poor and vulnerable populations in Nicaragua; (b) strengthen the operational capacity of Nicaragua's Ministry of Health through the rehabilitation of health centers; etc. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146880. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health (MOH), Complejo Nacional de Salud, Costado oeste Colonia 1 de mayo, Managua, Nicaragua Tel/Fax: (505) 2289-4700, E-mail: cooperacion@minsa.gob.ni, Contact: Emilce Herrera, Coordinadora de Cooperacion Externa

Transportation

Rural Roads Infrastructure Improvement Additional Financing:The objectives are to: (a) improve access of rural population to markets, social, and administrative services through: (i) the carrying out of improvements in road infrastructure, and (ii) the strengthening of MTT's institutional capacity for asset and DRM; and (b) support the generation of short-term employment opportunities for the rural population. Decision Meeting scheduled for 24 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport (MTI), Frente al Estadio Nacional, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 2222-5913, E-mail: cristel.guzman@mti.gob.ni

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Sustainable Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Sector:The objective is to consolidate the rural water supply and sanitation (WSS) sector in Nicaragua as a means to guarantee sustainable access to WSS services to the rural population of Nicaragua. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 28 October 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147006. US\$ 14.3/15.7 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Panama

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Biodiversity-Friendly Sustainable Productive Systems and Conservation of Protected Areas:The objective is to mainstream biodiversity-friendly sustainable systems in productive landscapes and improve selected protected areas management within the Panamanian Mesoamerican Biological Corridor. Decision Meeting scheduled for 7 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145621. US\$ 9.6/5.7/12.0 (GEFU/IFAD/ZPCI). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Third Programmatic Development Policy Loan:The objectives are to: (a) increase fiscal space; (b) strengthen fiscal management; (c) enhance transparency; (d) improve the efficiency of public spending; and (e) strengthen social programs. *Negotiations completed on 8 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 30 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P146942. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Finance, Via Espana y Calle 52, Edificio Ogawa, 4to Piso, Panama, Tel: (507) 507-7202, Fax: (507) 507-7200, E-mail: amendez@mef.gob.pa; crpmp@bloomberg.net, Contact: Mahesh C. Khemlani, Director of Public Credit

Paraguay

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development Additional Financing:The objective is to scale up project activities in five departments of Eastern Paraguay (Region Oriental), where

97 percent of the population and virtually all smallholder farmers live. Negotiations scheduled for mid-November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148504. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Pte. Franco 475 c/ 14 de Mayo, Asuncion, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 441-036, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA, Contact: Jorge Gattini, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock

Peru

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Dedicated Grant Mechanism:The objective is to enhance the capacity of, and support, on-the-ground activities to be carried out by indigenous peoples and local communities in the Forest Investment Program (FIP) pilot countries. Project identification underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.5 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) National Agricultural Innovation (Ln. 83310-PE):The objective is to increase the contribution of agricultural innovation to inclusive and sustainable sector growth, with the ultimate aim of rewarding all participants, especially small and medium sized farms at levels comparable to other sectors. *Negotiations completed on 4 November 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 17 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131013. US\$ 40.0/1.0 (IBRD/IADB). Consultants will be required. Instituto Nacional de Innovacion Agraria, Av. La Molina 1981, La Molina, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 349-5616, Fax: (51-1) 349-5964, E-mail: jefatura@inia.gob.pe, Contact: Arturo Florez, Manager (Jefe)

(R) Strengthening Sustainable Management of the Guano Islands, Isles and Capes National Reserve System:The objective is to improve the management effectiveness of the Guano Islands, Islets and Capes National Reserve System of Peru. *Negotiations completed on 24 October 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 5 December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129647. US\$ 8.9/2.0 (GEFU/KFW). *Consultants will be required.* PROFONANPE, Av. Javier Prado Oeste 2378, Magdalena, Lima, Peru, Tel: (511) 218-1097, Fax: (511) 218-1049, E-mail: apaniagua@profonanpe.org.pe, Contact: Alberto Paniagua, Executive Director

Health and Other Social Services

Second Social Inclusion DPL II:The objectives are to: (a) support the institutionalized leadership and stewardship of the social inclusion agenda; (b) lay out the foundations to improve the inclusiveness and effectiveness of key social programs executed by MIDIS; (c) develop adequate systems for targeting; (d) provide monitoring and evaluation; and (e) execute the overall coordination. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Cusco Transport Improvement:The objectives are to: (a) alleviate congestion in the urban road network, and (b) contribute to the protection of the Historical Center of Cusco by improving; (i) the Municipal Government's capacity to plan and manage the network; (ii) transport services and road safety; and (iii) perform routine maintenance. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132505. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. COPESCO, Plaza Tupac Amaru s/n, Distrito Wanchaq, Cuzco, Peru, Tel: (51-84) 581-540, Fax: (51-84) 236-712, E-mail: pcastro@copesco.gob.pe, Contact: Percy Castro, Coordinator

(R) Lima Metro Line 2:The objective is to enhance the mobility of travelers and accessibility of socioeconomic opportunities in a key corridor of Metropolitan Lima. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

National Roads Bridge Improvement:The objective is to improve the country's all-weather access on bridges located in the national road network by: (a) upgrading the national roads bridge network and road sections in critical conditions; and (b) improving the capacity of the Ministry of Transport to plan and manage these

bridges. Preparation is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. PROVIAS Nacional, Jr. Zorritos 1203, Lima, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 615-7800, Ext. 4004, Fax: (51-1) 615-7453, E-mail: rtorres@proviasnac.gob.pe, Contact: Raul Torres, Executive Director

Rural and Regional Decentralization:The objective is to contribute to sustainable economic development and rural poverty reduction in Peru through the improvement of accessibility of departmental and rural roads that are managed by the regional and local governments. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 13 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. PROVIAS Descentralizado, Jr Camana 678, Piso 10, Cercado de Lima, Lima, Peru Tel/Fax: (51-1) 614-5300, E-mail: jrodriguez@proviades.gob.pe, Contact: Jose Rodriguez, Executive Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Cusco Regional Development (Ln. 83060-PE):The objective is to enhance the capacity of the Regional Government of Cuzco to provide basic services and infrastructure in key sectors in the Cuzco Region. *Bank Approval completed on 22 November 2013. Signing tentatively scheduled for mid-December 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P117318. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. COPESCO, Plaza Tupac Amaru s/n, Distrito Wanchaq, Cuzco, Peru, Tel: (51-84) 581-540, Fax: (51-84) 236-712, E-mail: pcastro@copesco.gob.pe, Contact: Helio Hebert Molina Aranda, Executive Director

(R) Lima Norte II Additional Finance:The objective is to improve efficiency, continuity and reliability of water supply and sanitation services in the Northern Service Area of Lima. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 15 October 2013.* Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 55.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. SEDAPAL, Autopista R. Priale 210, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 317-3000, Fax: (51-1) 362-5148, E-mail: rmanchem@sedapal.com.pe, Contact: Rossina Manche, General Manager

Regional

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Second Phase Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Adaptable Lending Program:The objectives are to support: (a) structural investments in selected critical public buildings and infrastructure; and (b) technical assistance activities to measurably reduce Saint Lucia's vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts. *Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127226. US\$ 4.9/24.9/12.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit/CIF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and National Development, Financial Center, Bridge St. 3rd Floor, Castries, Saint Lucia, Tel: (1-758) 468-5500, Fax: (1-758) 452-6700, E-mail: ianthony@gosl.gov.lc, Contact: Isaac Anthony, Permanent Secretary

Andes Adaptation to the Impact of Climate Change in Water Resources:The objective is to support countries in developing strategies, policies and on-the-ground interventions to manage their scarce water resources in an integrated fashion, prioritizing critically threatened ecosystems and economies. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145345. US\$ 9.7 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaria General de la Comunidad Andina, Paseo de la República 3895, San Isidro, Lima, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 710-6400, Fax: (51-1) 221-3329, E-mail: tursula@comunidadandina.org, Contact: Tomas Ursula, Coordinator

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project Additional Finance:The objective is to reduce vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts in the Eastern Caribbean Sub-region. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 16.6/5.0 (IDA Credit/CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Worldwide

Regional

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Forest Investment Program (FIP) Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities:The objective is to enhance the capacity and support specific initiatives of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in FIP Pilot countries in order to strengthen their participation in FIP and other REDD+ processes at the local, national and global levels. *Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P128748. US\$ 5.0 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Oceans Financing Facility:The objective is to finance sustainable fisheries management activities in up to five priority ocean areas around the world, together with increased funding from the Oceans Financing Facility to implement all of the objectives of the GPO, e.g. more sustainable aquaculture, reduced marine pollution, and habitat conservation or protection. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128437. US\$ 10.0 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Strategic Ecosystem Management:The objective is to introduce an ecosystem-based management (EBM) approach through: (a) building monitoring networks and a harmonized knowledge base; (b) community organization for the management; and (c) conservation and benefit sharing of marine resources in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. *The loan/credit/grant was signed on 4 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P113794. US\$ 3.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, PO Box 53662, Jeddah 21583, Saudi Arabia, Tel: (966-2) 652-3224, Fax: (966-2) 652-1901, E-mail: persga@persga.org, Contact: Dr. Mohammed Badran, Director

Guarantee Operations

By covering some of the risks that the market is not able to bear or adequately evaluate, the Bank's guarantee can attract new sources of finance, reduce financing costs, and extend maturities. The guarantee can be especially valuable for countries with limited market access and where activities traditionally undertaken and financed by the government are being shifted to the private sector but where the government remains as a regulator or provider of inputs and a buyer of outputs. The Bank's participation as guarantor can also facilitate the transparency of these transactions.

Since the guarantee is intended to be a catalytic instrument, the Bank offers only partial guarantees, and risks are clearly shared between the Bank and private lenders. The Bank's objective is to cover risks that it is well-positioned to bear given its credit, its experience with developing countries, and its special relationships with governments. The risk-sharing may be for specific risks (the partial risk guarantee) or for part of the financing (the partial credit guarantee).

A partial risk guarantee covers risks arising from nonperformance of sovereign contractual obligations or from force majeure aspects in a project. A partial credit guarantee and a policy-based guarantee typically extend maturities beyond what private creditors could otherwise provide, for example, by guaranteeing late-dated repayments.

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Portuguese and Spanish), please contact the Finance Economics and Urban Department (FEU) Tel: (202) 458-8111; Fax: (202) 522-0761, or visit www.worldbank.org/guarantees.

Africa

Cote d'Ivoire

Energy and Mining

Foxtrot Gas Field Expansion (Private Sector): The objective is to improve the availability of natural gas for power generation in an environmentally sound manner. IDA PRG US\$ 60 million. Board Approval completed on 18 June 2013.

Mauritania

Energy and Mining

Gas to Power PRG (Private Sector): The objective is to increase the electricity supply through development of gas infrastructure. IDA PRG US\$ 80 million. The Board Approval scheduled for FY14.

Nigeria

Energy and Mining

Nigeria Power Sector IPP Guarantees Project (Private Sector): The objective is to support power sector development and privatization of distribution and power generation companies. A

series of IDA PRGs US\$ 1 billion. Board Approval scheduled for FY14.

Tanzania

Energy and Mining

Singida Wind power (Private Sector): The objective is to improve the environment for private sector investments in climate-friendly wind generation capacity. IDA PRG of US\$ 100 million. Board Approval scheduled for FY14.

Energy and Mining

Ruhudji Hydropower Project (Private Sector): The objective is to improve the environment for private sector investment in power sector, thereby increasing electricity supply. IDA PRG of US\$ 200 million. Board Approval scheduled for FY15.

Europe and Central Asia

Croatia

Financial Sector

Croatia PCG (Private Sector): The objective is to support the Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development (HBOR) to improve long-term financing terms. PCG EU€ 200 million. Board Approval completed on 27 June 2013.

LIST OF ACRONYMS

AUSAID	Australian Agency for International Development	IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
ADB	Asian Development Bank	IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
ADF	African Development Fund	IsDB	Islamic Development Bank
AfDB	African Development Bank	JBIC	Japan Bank for International Cooperation
APL	Adaptable Program Loan	ITF	Interim Trust Fund
BADEA	Banque Arabe de Développement Économique en Afrique	KfW	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (Germany)
BOAD	Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement	LIL	Learning and Innovation Loan
CDB	Caribbean Development Bank	NCB	National Competitive Bidding
CFD	Caisse Française de Développement	NGO	Nongovernmental Organization
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency	NORAD	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency	OECD	Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (Japan)
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)	OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	PAD	Project Appraisal Document
EDF	European Development Fund	PCD	Project Concept Document
EIB	European Investment Bank	PCF	Prototype Carbon Fund
EU	European Union	PCN	Project Concept Note
FAC	Fonds d'Aide et de Coopération (France)	PHRD	Policy and Human Resources Development (Japan)
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations	PID	Project Identification (Number)
FAO/CP	FAO Cooperative Program (with the World Bank)	PPF	Project Preparation Facility
FINNIDA	Finland International Development Agency	QCBS	Quality and Cost-Based Selection
GEF	Global Environment Facility	SDC	Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit	SIDA	Swedish International Development Authority
IAPSO	Inter-Agency Procurement Service Office	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
ICB	International Competitive Bidding	UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
IDA	International Development Association	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
		WHO	World Health Organization