

Republic of Togo

Country Partnership Framework

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Chair Summary*

Executive Directors discussed the World Bank Group Country Partnership Framework (CPF) FY17-FY20 for the Republic of Togo. They expressed broad support for the new framework of engagement in the country, in particular its alignment with the Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) and national priorities. Directors welcomed the proposed cross-cutting theme of governance and three strategic focus areas: (i) private sector performance and job creation; (ii) inclusive public service delivery; and (iii) environment sustainability and resilience.

Directors welcomed the CPF's proposed engagement scenarios for IDA financing and noted the full use of the new IDA18 architecture, including mobilizing joint IDA, IFC and MIGA efforts to de-risk investments and promote private sector investment with a particular focus on infrastructure and the electricity sector. They welcomed the emphasis on gender and inclusive growth, underscored the need to modernize the agricultural sector, promote more efficient public spending, and improve the safety net programs to support the most vulnerable. They further recognized the importance of good governance, notably strengthening institutions and accountability, including through citizen engagement and participatory approaches. They stressed the importance of the Bank Group's implementation support to assist the country's absorptive capacity and to help address the various risks including macroeconomic risks.

Directors encouraged the Bank Group to leverage its convening power to mobilize international support for the country, promote regional integration, and continue alignment with the IMF program. It was noted that together with other investment and analytical support, this CPF is a good basis to help generate jobs and lift the country out of fragility.

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