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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

Economic Management	Private Sector Development
Education	Public Sector Governance
Environment and Natural Resources Management	Rural Development
Energy and Mining (including Renewable Energy)	Social Development, Gender and Inclusion
Finance (including noncompulsory pensions, insurance and contractual savings)	Social Protection
Health, Nutrition and Population	Transportation
Information and Communication	Urban Development
Law and Justice	Water and Sanitation

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 point of identification of investment opportunities 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 respective 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.

Each issue of the summary contains a list of projects being reported for the first time as well as 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 tells at what point in the cycle a particular project resides.

Project Cycle

During **IDENTIFICATION**, both the client government and the Bank are involved in analyzing development strategies for the country's economy as a whole and in identifying projects that support those strategies.

PREPARATION, the second stage of the cycle, is the responsibility of the client government. During preparation, the technical and institutional alternatives for achieving the objectives of a project are identified and discussed. 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.

Project **APPRAISAL**, the responsibility of the Bank, provides a comprehensive review of all aspects of the project (technical, institutional, economic and financial) and lays 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 **NEGOTIATION**, 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 of project financing agreement signing. Countries, through their

implementing agencies, have full responsibility for the design and execution of World Bank-financed projects, including the hiring of consultants and the procurement of goods and works. Contractors and suppliers, therefore, should contact appropriate officials of the implementing agency to express their interest in specific projects. They should 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).

Environmental Categories

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

Category A: Environmental assessment is normally required, as the project may have adverse and significant environmental impacts.

Category B: More limited environmental analysis is appropriate, as the project may have specific environmental issues.

Category C: Projects include the environmental category A, B or C, except in the case of financial intermediary loans, credits and grants, which are designated "FI," and development policy loans, credits and grants, which are not categorized. The absence of a category is shown by the letter "U".

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>.

A typical summary entry looks like this:

<p>Vietnam</p> <p>➔ (R) Payment Systems and Bank Modernization: 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. PID: VNMPA028.</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 Vietnam, 49 Ly Thai To, Vietnam, Fax: (84-4) 258-385, Contact Mr. Nguyen Van Binh</p>	<p>● Name of borrowing country ● (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. ● 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: (a) if they are eligible for financial assistance through the financial mechanism of either the Climate Change Convention or the Convention on Biological Diversity; or (b) if 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 non-governmental organizations in project implementation.

For additional information on the GEF, contact the GEF secretariat or visit its site on the World Wide Web at: www.gefweb.org

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Africa

Angola

Rural Development

(R) Market Oriented Smallholder Agriculture: The objective is to generate a broad-based and sustainable increase in the income of rural smallholders of the targeted areas, through the improved efficiency of agricultural production and marketing. *Appraisal is scheduled for 2 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 93699. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Maculusso, Street Comandante Gika, Luanda, Angola., Tel: (244-222) 323-224, Fax: (244-222) 323-217, Contact: Mr. Zacarias Sambeny, Vice Minister of Agriculture

Transportation

(R) Second Phase Emergency Multi-Sector Recovery: The objectives are to (a) improve rural incomes, (b) enhance food security in provinces most affected by the conflict, (c) improve access to essential education and health services in those same provinces, (d) rehabilitate and reconstruct critical infrastructure and (e) strengthen government capacity to facilitate long-term development. *Board presentation was scheduled for 22 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95229. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning, Largo 17 de Setembro, Luanda, Angola, Tel: (244-222) 338-686, Fax: (244-222) 336-945, Contact: H.E. Ana Dias Lourenço, Minister

Water and Sanitation

(R) Water Sector Institutional Development: The objective is to improve the quality and sustainability of urban water supply and sanitation services provided by improving the institutional capacity of the water supply and sanitation utilities in the pilot cities and by rehabilitating existing water supply and sanitation systems in selected major urban centers. *Appraisal is scheduled for 2 October 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96360. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Water, Ave. Conego Manuel das Neves, S. Paulo, Luanda, Angola, Tel: (244-222) 339-988, Fax: (244-222) 339-335, Contact: Manuel Gomes da Silva, Director

Benin

Economic Management

(R) Fourth Poverty Reduction Support: The objective is to implement the poverty reduction strategy. *Appraisal was completed on 30 April 2007 and negotiations on 9 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 5 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 96928. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economy, BP 302, Cotonou, Benin, Tel: (229) 2130-0217, (229) 2130-5141, (229) 2130-6103, Fax: (229) 2130-1851, Contact: Mr. Mathias Houndonoughbo, Director, National Commission for Development and the Fight Against Poverty

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Community-Based Coastal and Marine Biodiversity Management: The objective is to manage the coastal zone and biological diversity sustainably. *Negotiations were completed on 10 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 31 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71579. US\$ 4.2 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Agence Beninoise pour l'Environnement, 03 BP 4387 Jericho Cotonou, Bénin, Tel: (229) 214-556, Fax: (229) 214-543, Contact: Mr. Marcel Baglo Ayite, Director General

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Second Multisector HIV/AIDS (Ln: 4290-BEN): The objectives are to (a) increase access to prevention services for vulnerable and high risk groups and (b) improve the medical and psychosocial treatment, care and economic support of the people infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Approved by the Executive Directors on 5 April 2007. *The loan was signed on 14 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96056. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consultants will

be required. National HIV/AIDS Control Committee, PO Box 2586, Cotonou, Benin, Tel: (229) 2132-2727, E-mail: mvkiki@yahoo.fr, Contact: Ms. Valentine Médégan-Fagla, Permanent Secretary of CNLS

Private Sector Development

(R) Competitiveness and Integrated Growth Opportunity: The objective is to support investment and private sector led growth through the provision of an institutional and business environment in selected sectors such as manufacturing, services, tourism, transit (called "growth sectors") while fostering national entrepreneurship development. Decision meeting completed. *Appraisal mission was scheduled for 6 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Cellule d'Appui Technique (CAT-PADSP), 01 BP 219, Cotonou, Benin, Tel: (229) 2131-1810, Fax: (229) 2131-2382, Contact: Mr. Abd-El-Wahab Amoussa, Project Coordinator

Botswana

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Wildlife Conflict Management and Biodiversity Conservation for Improved Livelihoods: The objective is to improve people's livelihoods, resolve conflicts and conserve wildlife by introducing effective measures for sustaining biodiversity and enabling community participation. *Appraisal is scheduled for 12 September 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 95617. US\$ 36.5 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Wildlife and Natural Parks, Private Bag B0199, Gaborone, Botswana, Tel: (267) 391-4955, Fax: (267) 391-4861, E-mail: lgakale@gov.bw, Contact: Dr. Lucas P. Gakale, Permanent Secretary

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) HIV/AIDS Program Support: The objective is to enhance program efficiency and cost effectiveness while re-emphasizing prevention and the balanced response as outlined in the national strategic framework for HIV/AIDS. *Appraisal is scheduled for 23 October 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 102299. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Private Bag 008, Gaborone, Botswana, Tel: (267) 395-0100, Fax: (267) 395-6086, E-mail: kndobano@gov.bw, Contact: Mr. K. Ndobano, Deputy Secretary, Economic Affairs

Burkina Faso

Economic Management

(R) Seventh Poverty Reduction Support Development Policy: The objective is to implement the poverty reduction strategy. *Decision meeting was completed on 25 April 2007, appraisal on 7 May 2007 and negotiations on 11 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 19 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 99010. US\$ amount to be determined (IDA). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Rural Development

(R) Second Community-Based Rural Development: The objective is to strengthen capacity for decentralized rural development. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 11 July 2007, appraisal for 24 July 2007 and negotiations are tentatively scheduled for 3 September 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 50.0/90.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministère de l'Agriculture, 01 BP 1487 Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Tel: (226) 5031-5437, Fax: (226) 5031-7410, E-mail: sawadogopg@yahoo.fr, Contact: Jean Paul Sawadogo, Coordinateur National

Water and Sanitation

(R) Decentralized Urban Capacity Building: The objective is to build up the currently inadequate urban infrastructure to (a) improve links between urban areas and rural hinterlands, (b) support local financial resource mobilization, (c) increase predictability in intergovernmental fiscal transfers and (d) increase local governments' capacity to carry out mandated functions and foster local economic development. *Negotiations were completed on 12 April 2007.* Bank presentation was scheduled for 29 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 84027. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Poles Régionaux de Développement, 01 BP 7050 Ouagadougou 01, Burkina

Faso, Tel: (226) 7027-0983, Fax: (226) 5030-5508, E-mail: ramondgue@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Jean Baptiste Ouedraogo, Coordinator

Burundi

Education

(R) Education Sector Reconstruction (H273-BU): (formerly *Education Support*) The objective is to improve access to and quality of education. *Appraisal was completed on 4 December 2006, and negotiations on 20 December 2006. Approved by the Executive Directors on 20 February 2007. The loan was signed on 27 February 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64557. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Culture, BP 1990, Bujumbura, Burundi, Tel: (257) 225-112, Fax: (257) 226-839, E-mail: jumaedouard@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Edouard Juma, General Inspector

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

Community and Social Development (Ln: H280-BU): The objective is to improve living conditions and develop capacity at the commune level through: (a) construction and rehabilitation of social and economic infrastructure; (b) development of young people's capacity to provide social and economic goods and services; and (c) targeted assistance to vulnerable households for housing and livelihood recovery. Approved by the Executive Directors on 21 March 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95211. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, BP 1830, Bujumbura, Burundi, Tel: (257) 222-775, Fax: (257) 223-827, E-mail: minifin@usan.bu.net, Contact: H.E. Mr. Dieudonné Ngowembona, Minister

Cameroon

Economic Management

(R) Infrastructure/Local Economic Development: The objective is to maximize the contribution of cities to sustain the development of the country while vigorously attacking the roots of poverty in and around urban areas. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 29 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84002. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. PID (Projet d'Infrastructure de Douala) / Volet Urbain, S/C Communauté Urbaine de Douala BP 43, Douala, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 342-3435, (237) 342-6950, Contact: Mr. Missie, Project Coordinator

Health, Nutrition and Population

Multisectoral Contribution to HIV-AIDS National Program: The objectives are to (a) reduce the number of new HIV infections, (b) coordinate case referrals for effective treatment and follow-up and (c) ensure transparent procurement procedures and fiduciary management. This project has been placed on hold. Further reporting will be discontinued until active preparation resumes. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100656. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Health, Tel: (237) 222-5758, Fax: (237) 223-3439, E-mail: mauricefe@yahoo.fr, cnls, Contact: Dr. Maurice Fezeu, Permanent Secretary

Public Sector Governance

(R) Transparency and Accountability Capacity Building: The objective is to enhance transparency and accountability in the use of public resources. Appraisal is scheduled for 6 August 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 84160. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economic Affairs, Programming and Regional Development, Yaoundé, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 222-4270, Fax: (237) 222-4854, E-mail: prctg@yahoo.fr, Contact: Ngouembe Abandza, Project Coordinator

Cape Verde

Private Sector Development

(R) Growth and Competitiveness Supplemental: The objective is to support the additional and scale up of existing activities by enhancing project's impact and development effectiveness articulated in the Project Appraisal Document presented to the Board of Directors on 13 May 2003. The current IDA-financed project is properly imple-

mented and the proposed additional financing will support priority activities that have advanced beyond what was initially envisioned in the project and are pivotal to the government's economic reform agenda. Negotiations were scheduled for 21 May 2007. *Environmental Assessment Category C.* PID: 103329. US\$ 3.0 (IDA). There are no consulting services for the preparation. The government has hired consultants for the implementation of some studies/activities. Ministry of Economy, CP 323, Praia, Republic of Cape Verde, Tel: (238-2) 614-748, Fax: (238) 612-334, E-mail: RuiS@UCP.gov.cv, Contact: Rui Cardoso, Project Coordinator

Central African Republic

Urban Development

(R) Emergency Urban Infrastructure Rehabilitation & Maintenance (H291-CA): The objective is to assist the Government of CAR to rehabilitate, restore, improve and expand sustainable access to basic infrastructure services to the most deprived population of the districts in Bangui and to enhance the living conditions in Bangui by restoring and expanding bulk water supply, solid waste management, drainage and sanitation services. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 104595. US\$ 18.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. AGETIP-CAF, Marcel Nganessem (Director General), Tel: (236-61) 82-95, E-mail: mnganessem@yahoo.fr, Contact: Marcel Nganessem, Director General

Chad

Energy and Mining

(R) Second Petroleum Sector Management Technical Assistance and Capacity Building: The objective is to develop a long-term sustainable approach to management of the petroleum sector. Project concept review meeting is scheduled for 3 August 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 102323. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Cotton Sector Reform: The objective is to restructure and liberalize the cotton sector. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 10 August 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Cellule Technique de la Réforme du Secteur Coton, Ndjamena, Chad, Tel/Fax: (235) 264-854, Contact: Mr. Fauba Padacke, Project Coordinator

Public Sector Governance

(R) Public Financial Management Capacity Building (H292-CD): (formerly *Modernization of Public Financial Management*) The objective is to improve the quality of public financial management systems and strengthen capacity to make the best possible developmental use of all its resources, including oil revenues. *Negotiations were completed on 11 April 2007. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 90265. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Cellule Technique GEEP, Tel: (235) 292-695, Fax: (235) 520-451, E-mail: mahamaxx@hotmail.com, geeep.finances@internet.td, Contact: Mahamat Moussa Ahmat, Coordinator; Cellule Economique du GEEP, BP 144, Ministère des Finances, N'Djamena, Chad, Tel: (235) 520-451, Mobile: (235) 629-9329, Email: ndinanko@yahoo.fr, Contact: Dinanko N'GomibeCoordonateur du STP-PAMFIP

Comoros

Economic Management

(R) Economic Governance Technical Assistance: The objectives are to strengthen personnel and financial management systems and improve the transparency and accountability of government operations. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 16 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 102376. US\$ 1.8 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère des Finances, du Budget, de l'Économie, du Plan et de la Promotion de l'Emploi, BP 324, Moroni, Comoros, Tel: (269) 741-144, Fax: (269) 741-140, E-mail: sgmbf@comorestelecom.km, Contact: Mr. Yahaya Ahmed Houmedi, Secrétaire General

Congo, Democratic Republic of

Education

(R) Education Sector: The objective is to retain students in primary school by strengthening the system's ability to provide access to quality primary education and improving non-formal approaches to achieving broader-based basic education as an alternative for certain groups. Board presentation was scheduled for *31 May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86294. US\$ 130.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Primary, Secondary and Professional Education, Croisement des Aves, Batetela et Cliniques, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-081) 990-8976, Contact: C. N'dom Ndaoembel, Minister

Energy and Mining

Regional and Domestic Power Markets Development: The objectives are to improve the efficient use of existing power generation, increase domestic availability of power to serve unmet demand, increase government revenues from electricity exports, and improve sector management. Board presentation was scheduled for *29 May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 97201. US\$ 235.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Societe Nationale d'Electricite, 2831 Ave. de la Justice, La Gombe, Kinshasa, PO Box 500, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-81) 607-6254, Fax: (243-81) 301-0382, E-mail: sneldg@ic.cd, snel_dg@yahoo.fr, danp_k2000@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Daniel Pembele Kimb, Coordinator; Ministere de l'Energie/Cellule d'Appui Technique, Immeuble Regideso, 15 etage, 5963 Bd du 30 Juin, La Gombe, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-81) 810-2300, E-mail: antokalonji@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Antoine Kalonji

Rural Development

(R) Agriculture Rehabilitation and Recovery: The objectives are to (a) increase agricultural productivity sustainably and (b) improve farmers' access to domestic markets. *Decision meeting was scheduled for 18 May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 92724. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Croisement Blvd., Du 30 Juin Ave., Batetela, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243) 880-2789, (243) 880-2790

Transportation

Multi-Modal Transport: The objectives are to (a) reunify the eastern and western parts of the country and (b) reduce annual transport costs by at least half or the equivalent of 2% of GDP. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 26 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 92537. US\$ 200.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Comité de Pilotage de la Réforme des Entreprises Publiques; Office des Routes

Congo, Republic of

Rural Development

(R) Coastal Zone and Marine Biodiversity: The objective is to promote the sustainable use and conservation of biodiversity resources. *Appraisal is scheduled for 12 February 2007 and negotiations for 19 March 2007*. Board presentation was scheduled for *31 May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96485, 95251. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, BP 2453, Brazzaville, Congo, Tel: (242) 814-131, Contact: Mr. Pierre Claver Oboukangongo, Project Coordinator

Agricultural Development and Rural Road Rehabilitation: The objective is to improve the living standards and increase income of the rural population by promoting economic diversification and growth. Board presentation was scheduled for *6 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95251 US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, BP 2453, Brazzaville, Congo, Tel: (242) 814-131, Contact: Mr. Pierre Claver Oboukangongo, Project Coordinator

Côte d'Ivoire

Economic Management

(R) Emergency Economic Recovery: The objective is to meet post-conflict needs and enable sustained recovery. Project concept review is scheduled for *30 August 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category

to be determined. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Immeuble SCIAM, 19eme Etage, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, Tel: (225) 2020-0842, Fax: (225) 2020-0856, Contact: H.E. Mr. Paul Bohoun Bouabré, Minister

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) National Protected Areas Program: The objective is to strengthen capacity to manage the country's protected areas system. *Appraisal is scheduled for 5 May 2008*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 37583. US\$ 16.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère d'Etat du Ministère de l'Environnement, OIPR, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, Tel: (225-22) 416-116, Contact: H. E. Mme. Angele GNonsa, Ministre

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) HIV/AIDS Multi-sector Response: The objective is to implement a multi-sector HIV/AIDS national program to reduce the spread of HIV infection, with special focus on the most vulnerable groups, and to assist infected persons and affected communities cope with the impact of HIV/AIDS. *Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for 12 December 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71631. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants are required for preparation of the project implementation manual and the accounting and financial management procedures and for recruitment of the coordination unit's core staff. Ministry in Charge of HIV/AIDS, 16 BP, Abidjan 16 Côte d'Ivoire, Tel: (225) 2124-3013, (225) 2124-3014, (225) 2021-0832, (225) 0752-2376, (225) 0505-6699, Fax: (225) 2021-0834, E-mail: clovisko@yahoo.fr, Contacts: Konan Kouassi Clovis, Charge d'Etudes au Cabinet, Adama Bamba, Directeur des Affaires Financières

Social Protection

(R) Demobilization, Reintegration, and Community Rehabilitation: The objectives are to (a) demobilize and reintegrate about 45,000 individuals including ex-combatants, child soldiers, and special groups; (b) rehabilitate or reconstruct social and economic infrastructure in the communities most affected by the war; (c) help vulnerable groups start economic activities; and (d) strengthen social capital. *Negotiations are scheduled for 26 June 2006 and Board presentation for 17 July 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82817. US\$ 120.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Government of Cote d'Ivoire, PNDDR/RC 27 BP 933 Abidjan 27 Cote d'Ivoire, Tel: (225) 2252-7350, (225) 2252-7351, (225) 2252-7352, (225) 2252-7354, E-mail: bsangare@cnddr-ci.org, Contact: Brahim Sangare, Secrétaire General du PNDDR/RC

Eritrea

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Integrated Rural Development: The objective is to achieve more productive and sustainable agricultural performance. *Appraisal is scheduled for 9 July 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93387. US\$ 42.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of National Development, PO Box 1386, Asmara, Eritrea, Tel: (291-1) 249-64, Fax: (291-1) 264-22, E-mail: kidanet@mnd.gov.er, Contact: Mr. Kidane Tsegai, Director General

Transportation

Road Sector: The objectives are (a) building institutional capacity for engineering and financial management, materials testing and quality control; (b) rehabilitating, strengthening and upgrading priority roads, bridges and culverts; and (c) implementing a national road safety program. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 50357. US\$ 24.0 (IDA). Consultants for project preparation are being financed through a PPF advance. Infrastructure Department, Ministry of Public Works, PO Box 841, Asmara, Eritrea, Tel: (291-1) 122-477, Fax: (291-1) 120-661, Contact: Mr. Kidane Berhane, Director General

Ethiopia

Energy and Mining

(R) Second Stage Power Sector: Ethiopia-Sudan Interconnector: (formerly Regional Eastern Nile Power Stage 1: Ethiopia-Sudan Interconnector) The objective is to facilitate power trade with Sudan

and thus optimize utilization of existing and planned generation capacity. *Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for 2 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74011. US\$ 36.0 (IDA). Consultants have been selected. Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation, D'Gaulle Square, 2nd Fl., Rm. 207, PO Box 1233, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-01) 560-042, Fax: (251-01) 550-822, E-mail: eelpa@telecom.net.et, Contact: Miheret Debebe, Secretary and General Manager

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Second Multisectoral HIV/AIDS (H279-ET): The objectives are to (a) reduce the HIV incidence rate and (b) provide universal access to prevention and treatment. *The credit was signed on 30 March 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 98031. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Office, PO Box 122326, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (215-1) 635-101, (215-1) 628-035, Mobile Tel: (251-9) 229-705, E-mail: hiv.aids@telecom.net.et, Contact: Ato Negatu Mereke, Head

Rural Development

(R) Irrigation and Drainage: The objective is to increase the area under irrigation through cost-effective, environmentally and socially sound investments that are beneficial to the rural poor. *Negotiations completed on 2 May 2007. Bank presentation is scheduled for 21 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 92353. US\$ 95.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants are required for (a) feasibility study and detailed design of selected irrigation schemes; (b) transaction model and action plan for private sector involvement; (c) marketing study; (d) environmental impact assessment; and (e) financial management and procurement assessment. Ministry of Water Resources, PO Box 170121, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 662-5516, (251-91) 114-6864, (251-11) 663-6909, Fax: (251-1) 662-6318, E-mail: Hayalsew@yahoo.com, Contacts: Mr. Gulilat Birhane, Head, Planning Department or Ato Hayasew Yilma

Transportation

(N) Road Sector Development III (APL3): The objective is to restore and expand the road network to reduce poverty and increase employment through promoting growth and mobility in a socially and environmentally sustainable manner. *Negotiations completed.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 91077. US\$ 225.0 (IDA). Consultants to be determined. Ethiopian Roads Authority, PO Box 1770, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-11) 551-7170, Fax: (251-11) 551-4866, E-mail: era2@ethionet.et, Contact: Ato Zaid Wolde Gebriel, Director General; Ministry of Works and Urban Development, PO Box 24134/1000, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-11) 554-1271, Fax: (251-11) 554-1214, Contact: Dr. Kasu Yilala, Minister; Ministry of Transport and Communications, PO Box 1238, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-11) 551-8292, Fax: (251-11) 551-5665, Contact: Ato Juneydi Sado, Minister

(R) Second Roads Sector Development Support Additional Financing (Cr: 39891-ET): The objective is to increase the road transport infrastructure and improve its reliability, strengthen the capacity for road construction, management and maintenance, and create conditions conducive to private sector participation in the road transport sector. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 99480. US\$ 87.3 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ethiopian Roads Authority, PO Box 1770, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 515-866, Fax: (251-1) 515-866, E-mail: era1@telecom.net.et, Contact: Ato Zaid Wolde Gebriel, Director General

Urban Development

(N) Urban Local Government Development: The objective is to increase basic service delivery in urban local government administrations through the sustainable mobilization of resources. Project concept review was scheduled for 15 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 110.0 (IDA). Consultants to be determined. Ministry of Works and Urban Development, KK: Ledeta, Kebele 007/14, PO Box 24134/1000, Tel: (251-11) 517-5211, Fax: (251-11) 554-1254, E-mail: udss@ethionet.et, Contact: Abuye Aneley, Director General

Water and Sanitation

(R) Flood Preparedness and Early Warning: The objective is to reduce human suffering and damages, as well as capture the benefits of excess flood waters resulting from flooding in the Eastern Nile. *Preparation is under way.* Appraisal was scheduled for 15 January 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94268. US\$ 5.0/45.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants for preparation are in place. Eastern Nile Regional Technical Office, PO Box 27173-1000, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 461-130, Contact: Dr. Mohamed Anel Aty Sayed, Regional Coordinator

(R) Urban Water Supply and Sanitation (Ln: 4292-ET; H287-ET): The objectives are to (a) reduce the supply-demand gap for potable water; (b) improve access to sanitation; and (c) improve performance of selected urban water and sewer utilities. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 April 2007. The loan was signed on 16 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 101473. US\$ 65.0/35.0 (IDA/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Water Resources, PO Box 62661, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-116) 634-027, Fax: (251-11) 661-0885, (251-11) 661-0710, E-mail: teferimenkir@yahoo.com, Contact: Teferi Menkir, National WSS Project Coordinator; Addis Ababa Water Supply and Sewerage Authority, Tel: (251-116) 623-902, Fax: (251-11) 662-3924, E-mail: aawsa.ha@ethionet.et, Contacts: Seyoum Desta, General Manager, and Wosenu Asfaw, Project Coordinator

Ghana

Economic Management

(R) Fifth Poverty Reduction Support (Cr: 4309-GH): The objective is to implement the growth and poverty reduction strategy focusing on: (a) accelerated private sector-led growth, (b) vigorous human resource development, and (c) good governance and civic responsibility. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 110.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, PO Box MB 40, Accra, Ghana, Contact: Michael Ayesu, Head, World Bank Desk

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Development and Access: The objectives are to: (a) enhance the institutional and regulatory environment for efficient operation and development of the energy sector; and (b) improve the reliability of electricity supply and people's access to it. Board presentation is scheduled for 3 July 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74191. Blended with P070970 GE as EA Category B. US\$ 65.0/5.5 (IDA/GEF). Cofinancing of US\$ 12.0 is anticipated from Switzerland. Consultants will be required for management, research, planning, engineering design and supervision, preparation of legislation, performance assessments, monitoring, evaluation, feasibility studies, technical assistance and training. Ministry of Energy, PO Box SD 40, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 667-154, (233-21) 667-090, (233-21) 667-091, 683-961, Fax: (233-21) 668-262, E-mail: abavana@ghana.com, moen@energymin.gov.gh, Contact: Mr. Clement Abavana, Coordinator; Electricity Corporation of Ghana; Mr. Cephaz Caphko, Coordinator; Volta River Authority; Mr. Ricky Evans-Appiah, Coordinator

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Insurance: The objective is to strengthen the financial management of the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS) by focusing on the (i) NHIS's policy capacity and coordination with key stakeholders in addressing core issues such as contribution collection, risk equalization and provider payment mechanisms; and (ii) the administrative efficiency of the NHIS through financial management information tools and training for the NHIC, District Mutual Health Insurance Schemes and Provider Network. *Decision meeting was completed on 5 April 2007, appraisal on 10 April 2007 and negotiations on 25 April 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 21 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 101852. US\$ 15.0 (Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Tel: (233-21) 226-143, E-mail: rboateng@ssnit.org.gh, Contact: Mr. Ras Boateng, Deputy Director General

(R) Nutrition and Malaria Control for Child Survival Credit: The objective is to build on the experience of Nutrition and Food Se-

curity Component in the Community Based Poverty Reduction (1999-2005). Negotiations were *completed on 10 May 2007*. Board presentation is scheduled for *21 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 105092. US\$ 25.0 (Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, P.O. Box M. 44, Tel: (233-244) 369-067, E-mail: eddieaddai@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Dr. Edward Addai, Director of Policy, Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

Guinea

Rural Development

Second Village Community Support Program: The objective is to scale-up decentralized and participatory rural development. Board presentation is scheduled for 26 July 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 65129. US\$ 17.0/12.0 (IDA/GEF). Cofinancing from IFAD (US\$ 10.0) and ADF (US\$ 8.0) are anticipated. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning, Tel: (224) 464-023, Fax: (224) 464-031, E-mail: pacv@afribone.net.gn, Contact: M. Ibrahima Sori Sidibé, Interim Project Coordinator; M. Mamadouba Max Bangoura, Interim Project Coordinator

Guinea-Bissau

Energy and Mining

Multi-Sector Infrastructure Rehabilitation (H235-GUB): The objectives are to (a) reactivate the economy by rehabilitating critical infrastructure systems, (b) reduce poverty by restoring access to and quality of critical infrastructure services, and (c) improve performance and governance of infrastructure through institutional development and operational strengthening of agencies in the electricity, water and roads sectors. Credit signing has been delayed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 97975. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Public Works, Construction and Urban Planning, CP No. 311, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 222-951, Fax: (245) 222-951, Contact: Eng. Augusto Poquena, Secretary of State for Energy

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) National Community-Driven Development: The objective is to improve living conditions through better access to social and economic services and infrastructure. It will use the community-driven development approach of strengthening the capacity of local communities to determine their priority needs and prepare, implement, and maintain sub-projects. Identification mission is scheduled for *early July 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). A PHRD grant (US\$ 0.4) has been provided for preparation. Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Economy and Finance, 37 Ave. Amilar Cabral, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (243) 520-6894, Contact: Mr. Carlos Andrade, Adviser to the Minister

Kenya

Economic Management

(R) Development of the National Statistical System (Cr: 4276-KE): The objective is to build a more effective and efficient statistical system that will produce better data and improved analysis of economic, financial and social developments. *The credit was signed on 7 May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 85414. US\$ 20.5 (IDA). Contracts have been written for some of the consultants required in preparation. Central Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Planning and National Development, PO Box 30266, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 340-929, Fax: (254-20) 333-030, E-mail: akmkilele@cbs.go.ke, Contact: Mr. Anthony Kilele, Acting Director

Finance

(R) Financial Sector Reform: The objectives are to: (a) increase the soundness and resilience of the financial system; (b) improve its governance; (c) improve its depth, breadth and efficiency; and (d) reduce opportunities for large-scale financial misallocations. *Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for late November 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 84224. US\$ 65.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Treasury Bldg., Harambe Ave., PO Box 30007, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 338-111, Contact: Mr. Joseph Kinyua, Permanent Secretary

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Sector Support: The objective is to implement a sector-wide reform and strengthening of the health sector. *Project preparation is scheduled for 22 June 2007 and decision meeting for 15 August 2007*. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for 9 November 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 74091. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Afya House, PO Box 30016, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 717-077, Fax: (254-20) 713-234, E-mail: secretary@hrsmoh.go.ke, Contact: Dr. T. Gakuruh, Head, Health Sector Reform Secretariat

Second HIV/AIDS Program: The objective is to implement the national AIDS strategic plan, which calls for preventing new infections, improving the quality of life of those infected and affected, and mitigating the socio-economic impact of the epidemic. Board presentation was scheduled for 5 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81712. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. National AIDS Control Council, The Chancery Bldg., 6th Fl., Valley Rd., PO Box 61307, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 711-261, Fax: (254-20) 711-072, Contact: Dr. P.A. Orege, Director

Rural Development

(R) Agricultural Productivity and Sustainable Land Management: The objectives are to (a) attain sustainable use of natural resources for higher productivity and incomes among farmers and (b) maintain critical ecosystem functions in fragile areas. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for *11 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI), PO Box 57811, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 583-301, Fax: (254-20) 583-344, E-mail: kiomer@kari.org, Contact: Romano Kiome, Director

(R) Community-Driven Development and Flood Mitigation (Ln: 4278-KE): The objectives are to empower local communities in the western part of the country to move out of poverty and create wealth, and to reduce the frequency and costs of recurrent floods. *The credit was signed on 7 May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74106. US\$ 86.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for environmental assessment studies, social analysis, institutional analysis and diagnostic studies. Office of the President, Harambee House, PO Box 30510, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 227-411, Contact: Mr. Mahboub M. Maalim, Permanent Secretary

(R) Natural Resource Management (Cr: 4277-KE): The objectives are to (a) enhance institutional capacity to manage water and forests and (b) reduce the incidence and severity of water shocks in the west and the Mt. Elgon and Aberdares catchments. *The credit was signed on 7 May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95050. US\$ 68.5 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Ministry of Environment and Natural Resource Management, PO Box 49720, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 271-6103, Fax: (254-20) 272-7622, Contact: Mr. Simeon Ochieng, Senior Deputy Director of Water

Social Protection

(N) Economic and Social Empowerment: The objective is to address 'risk factors' that affect the targeted individuals, households and communities to employ market-based arrangements, within appropriate social and cultural settings, to help better manage these risks, engage in income generating activities, and reduce their dependence on 'hand-outs'. The groups include the rural/urban poor and vulnerable, including women, youth, orphans, the physically challenged, individuals living in the poorest communities, especially informal settlements, and those with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for 19 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 140.0 (IDA). Consultants and implementing agencies to be determined.

Urban Development

Municipal Program: The objective is to improve service delivery in urban centers. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 66488. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Local Government, Jogoo House, A Taifa Rd., PO Box 30004, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 223-346, Fax: (254-20) 243-067, Contact: Mr. John K. Karu, Chief Economist

Liberia

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Systems Reconstruction: The objective is to rebuild the underlying health system to prevent a collapse in essential health services during the transition from relief to development assistance and to strengthen programs used to improve maternal and child survival. *Decision meeting was completed on 3 May 2007. Negotiations were scheduled for 23 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 105282. US\$ 8.5 (Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, PO Box 10-9009, 1000 Monrovia, 10 Liberia, Tel: (231-05) 888-222, E-mail: jfkhospital@yahoo.com, Contact: S. Mohammed Sheriff, Deputy Minister for Administration

Social Protection

(R) Second Community Empowerment Credit: The objective is to improve disadvantaged communities' access to basic services and economic activities through a Community Driven Development approach, by investing in community sub-projects and in capacity building at the community and local government levels. *Appraisal completed on 11 April 2007, decision meeting on 3 May 2007 and negotiations on 8 May 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 14 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 105683. US\$ 5.0 (Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Liberia Agency for Community Empowerment (LACE), Russell Avenue 10th and 11th Streets, Sinkor, Monrovia, Liberia, Tel: (231-7) 087-916, (231-6) 550-910, Contact: Ranses T. Kumbuyah, Executive Director

Transportation

Emergency Infrastructure Additional Financing (H256-LBR): The objective is to restore priority infrastructure with an emphasis on roads, and in the process create jobs. Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 October 2006. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 103276. US\$ 16.5 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Special Implementation Unit, Tel: (231) 651-9691, Fax: (231) 7781-2991, E-mail: npboayue@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. N. Pawon Boayue, Project Manager

Malawi

Private Sector Development

(R) Business Environment Strengthening Technical Assistance (H293-MAI): The objective is to support acceleration of economic growth by reducing the cost of doing business, improving service delivery to the private sector and providing targeted support to small and medium enterprises. *Decision meeting was completed on 14 March 2007, appraisal on 2 April 2007 and negotiations on 10 April 2007. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 103773. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Industry, Trade and Private Sector Development, PO Box 30366, Lilongwe, Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 770-244, Fax: (265-1) 770-680, E-mail: minci@malawi.net, Contact: Mr. Bernard Sande, Principal Secretary

Water and Sanitation

(R) Second National Water Development (H294-MAI): The objective is to improve water resources management and increased access to sustainable water supply and sanitation services for people living in cities, towns and villages. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 May 2007. The signing is scheduled for 17 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96336. US\$ 27.5 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Water Development, Tikwere House, Private Bag 390, Lilongwe, Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 770-344, Fax: (265-1) 773-990

Mali

Economic Management

(R) Poverty Reduction Support (Cr: 4268-MLI): The objectives are to facilitate rapid growth in the rural, mining and infrastructure (energy, transport, telecommunications) sectors, and strengthen public sector performance. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 6 March 2007. Credit was signed on 12 March 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 83803. US\$ 45.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be

terminated. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 223-1654, (223) 222-9632, Fax: (223) 222-8853, Contact: Mr. Abou Bakar Traore, Minister

Education

(R) Second Education Sector Investment Program Additional Financing (Ln: 4222-MLI): The objective of the additional financing will reduce the financing gap of the second phase of the Mali Education Sector Investment Program (ESIP II), that is to increase the proportion of Malian children completing a quality basic education cycle and to improve the overall efficiency of resources used in the education sector. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 105291. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Quartier du Fleuve, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 675-4830, Contact: Ms. Bintou Maiga, Director of the Planning and Statistical Unit

Rural Development

(R) Agricultural Services and Producer Organizations Additional Financing (Ln: 3583-MLI): The objective of the additional financing is to support the implementation of Mali's Agricultural Services and Producer Organizations Project, the objective of which is to establish an institutional framework conducive to the efficient delivery of agricultural services to producers, by supporting the decentralization of core public services, promoting private sector participation and by empowering producer organizations. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 105155. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. *Projet d'Appui aux Services Agricoles et Organisations Paysannes (PASAOP)*, Coordination Unit, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 221-4807, (223) 674-7984, Fax: (223) 223-1023, E-mail: atoure@pasaop.gov.ml, Contact: Mr. Abdoulaye Toure, Project Coordinator

Transportation

(R) Second Transport Sector (Ln: 4303-MLI): The objectives are to increase access to rural communities and facilitate better transportation services by improving infrastructure. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90075. US\$ 90.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Equipment and Transport, BP 78, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 223-2002, Fax: (223) 222-3434, Contact: Mr. Tiémoko Yoro Koné, Coordinator, Cellule de Coordination

Mauritania

Transportation

(R) Transport Sector: The objective is to update and implement the government's transportation plan. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 2 April 2008.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 89672. US\$ 2.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Equipment and Transport, Immeuble du Gouvernement, BP 237, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Tel/Fax: (222) 524-1626, Tel: (222) 660-8153, E-mail: medel-hafed@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mohamed El Hafed Ould Haiba, Director of Planning, Search and Cooperation

Mauritius

Transportation

(R) Environmental Urban Transport: The objective is to reduce or at least stabilize traffic congestion in the Port Louis conurbation. *Appraisal is scheduled for 26 July 2007, negotiations for 27 September and Board presentation for 11 December 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 91828. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Land Transport and Shipping, Urban Transport Programme Secretariat, New Government Center, 4th Fl., Port Louis, Mauritius, Tel: (230) 201-3466, Fax: (230) 201-3417, Contact: Mr. Stefan Atchia, Urban Transport Planner

Mozambique

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Southwest Indian Ocean Fisheries: The objective is to generating scientific knowledge and developing the core legal and institutional capacity to implement an action plan for managing fisheries for

maximum economic returns, consistent with environmental sustainability and socially equitable distribution of the benefits of exploitation. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 24 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 72202. US\$ 12.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Program Coordinating Committee

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Services Delivery: The objective is to increase the coverage of health services by improving the population's access to health services in the most disadvantaged provinces through: (a) strengthening community-based service delivery, (b) scaling up outreach services, and (c) improving and expanding facility-based services. *Appraisal was scheduled for 30 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 99930. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, 1008, Av. Eduardo Mondlane, Maputo, Mozambique, Contact: Prof. Dr. Paulo Ivo Garrido, Minister of Health

Rural Development

(R) Market-Led Smallholder Development in the Zambezi Valley (Cr. 4198-MOZ): The objective is to increase the income of owners of small farms by empowering communities, building community organizations, increasing production and productivity and facilitating farm-to-market access. IDA credit was approved by the Executive Directors on 20 June 2006. GEF grant appraisal is completed. GEF grant Board presentation was scheduled for 31 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 93165, 98040. US\$ 20.0/7.5 (IDA/GEF). Cofinancing from AfDB (US\$ 3.0) is anticipated. Consultants will be required. National Directorate of Promotion of Rural Development, Ministry of Planning and Development, Av. Ahmed Sekou Touré, 21 Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 414-434, Fax: (258-21) 419-824, E-mail: dndr1@tvcabo.co.mz, salimkrvala, Contact: Mr. Salimo Vala, National Director

Transportation

(R) Roads and Bridges Management and Maintenance-APL II (Ln: 4308-MOZ): The objective is to improve management and maintenance of the roads and bridges systems. *Negotiations completed on 18 April 2007. Approved by the Executive Directors on 23 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Administração Nacional de Estradas, Ave. de Moçambique, 1225 Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-1) 476-018, Fax: (258-1) 475-290, E-mail: Amugunhe@ane.gov.mz, Contact: Atanasio Mugunhe, Director

Water and Sanitation

(R) Water Services and Institutional Support: The objectives are to: (a) increase coverage in the five cities of Maputo, Beira, Nampula, Quelimane and Pemba to consolidate financial sustainability of the Fundo de Investimento e Patrimônio do Abastecimento de Água, maintain the delegated management model and increase growth prospects; (b) provide capacity building and institutional support; and (c) support on-going government and donor efforts to establish a sector wide approach for the villages to align future activities. *Appraisal was completed on 3 May 2007. Negotiations are scheduled for 18 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 104566. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Water Supply and Investment Fund, Tel: (258-21) 491-529, (258-21) 498-840, Fax: (258-21) 498-881, E-mail: nbeete@fipag.co.mz, Contact Name: Mr. Nelson Beete, Title: Chairman; National Regulatory Authority, Tel: (258-1) 312-825, (258-1) 307-986, Fax: (258-21) 312-826, E-mail: cra-presidente@teledata.mz, Contact: Mr. Mauel Alvarinho, President; National Water Directorate, Tel: (258-21) 302-129, Fax: (258-21) 498-881, E-mail: jalferes@virconn.com, Contact: Juliao Alferes, Director

Namibia

Education

(R) Education and Training Sector Improvement (Ln: 7447-NA): The objectives are to: (a) increase the number of trainable and skilled workers; especially in areas of skills shortage; and (b) strengthen capacity to create and apply knowledge to promote productivity in criti-

cal growth sectors. Appraisal completed on 27 February 2007 and negotiations on 13 March 2007. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 86875. US\$ 7.5 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Private Bag 13391, Windhoek, Namibia, Tel: (264-61) 270-6300, E-mail: svanzyl@mec.gov, jellis@mec.gov, Contact: Mr. Justin Ellis, Undersecretary, and Ms. Sandra van Zyl

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Promoting Environmental Sustainability Through Improved Land Use Planning: The objective is to develop an adaptive management framework to guide policy and investment decisions for integrated land use. GEF approval is scheduled for 25 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 1.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Private Bag 13306, Windhoek, Namibia, Tel: (264-61) 284-2185, Fax: (264-61) 284-2216, E-mail: malan.1@mweb.com.na, Contact: Dr. Malan Lindeque, Permanent Secretary

Niger

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Multi-Sector Demographic Program: The objective is to build a national response to address rapid population growth, focused on advocacy; communication, behavior change, empowerment of women and gender-equity. *Board presentation is scheduled for 19 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 96198. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. They will be funded through a PPF advance. Ministry of Population and Social Action, BP 10461, Niamey, Niger, Tel: (227-20) 739-442, E-mail: sgmpas@intnet.ne, bead@intnet.ne, Contact: Mr. Ibrahim Halilou, Secretary General

Rural Development

(R) Agro-Pastoral Export: The objective is to promote food exports. Project concept review is tentatively scheduled for 25 June 2007. *Environmental Assessment Category B.* US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, BP 12091, Niamey, Niger, Tel: (227-20) 732-058, Fax: (227-20) 732-008, E-mail: se-sdr@intnet.ne, Contact: M. Abdou Chaibou, Secrétaire Général

Social Protection

(R) Second Rural and Social Policy Reform (RSRC-2) Grant: The objective is to continue to support the Government of Niger in improving service delivery to the poor while continuing reforms in public sector management to secure adequate financing in critical sectors of the economy. Appraisal completed. *Negotiations were scheduled for 30 April 2007. Environmental Assessment Category U.* US\$ 50.0 (Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economy

Transportation

(R) Transport Sector Support Program: The objectives are to (a) improve access of population to markets and services on the unpaved sections of the national road network, and (b) strengthen the institutional framework, management and implementation of road maintenance and safety activities. Project preparation completed. Preappraisal is scheduled for late June 2007. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 10 October 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 101434. US\$ 20.00 (IDA). Consultants will be required during preparation for environmental assessment, technical studies, procurement, and financial management. Financing for consultants is included in the PPF advance of US\$ 0.6, which has been effective since 25 October 2006. General Directorate of Public Works, PO Box 389, Niamey, Niger, Tel: (227) 722-374, Fax: (227) 735-934, E-mail: pri@intnet.ne, Contact: M. Sina Moumouni, Project Coordinator

Urban Development

(R) Local Urban Infrastructure Development: The objectives are to increase access to infrastructure services in underserved urban areas and improve capacity of local governments to plan, manage and operate them. *Decision meeting was scheduled for 30 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95949. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). PPF (US\$ 0.7) has been approved. Consultants will be recruited for preparation of urban, financial and organizational audits for beneficiary municipalities, feasibility studies for household waste management, roads,

drainage, market rehabilitation and truck parking, preparation of environmental and social management and resettlement policy frameworks, updates of manual of procedures, small and medium enterprise evaluation, and technical assistance. Bureau National de Coordination, BP 12989, Niamey, Niger, Tel: (227) 735-438, Fax: (227) 732-191, E-mail: pri@intnet.ne, Contact: M. Sina Moumouni, Project Coordinator

Nigeria

Economic Management

(R) Community-Based Poverty Reduction Additional Financing (Ln: 3447-UNI): The objectives are to (a) improve access of the poor to social and economic infrastructure and (b) increase the availability and management of development resources at the community level. Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 February 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 102966. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Finance Headquarters, Central Area, Nigeria; National Planning Commission, Old CBN Bldg., Garki, Abuja FCT Nigeria, Tel: (234) 234-1836, E-mail: cprp@rosecom.net; State Poverty Reduction Agencies, *General Managers in the following States: Umuahia, Abia state, E-mail: cui-hekuwumere@yahoo.com; Calabar, Cross River State, E-mail: cr-cpra@yahoo.com; Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, E-mail: ekcpra2005@yahoo.com; Lokoja, Kogi State, E-mail: jodiba@ksapr.org; Kebbi, Kebbi State, E-mail: kbccprp@yahoo.com; Damaturu, Yobe State, E-mail: gonibaba@yahoo.com; Ilorin, Kwara State, E-mail: masumaila2001@yahoo.com; and Abakaliki, Ebonyi State, E-mail: cprmanagement@yahoo.com, Tel: (234) 5822-1371*

Education

(R) Science and Technical Education Post-Basic (Ln: 4304-UNI): (formerly Post Basic Education and Training for the Knowledge Economy) The objective is to develop and implement a strategy for post-basic education and training for the knowledge economy. Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74132. US\$ 180.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Kaduna Ministry of Education, State Secretariat Complex, Independence Way, Kaduna, Nigeria, Tel: (234-62) 417-232, Mobile Tel: (234-80) 3648-4077, E-mail: sespkaduna@yahoo.com, Contact: Moh'd Bello Umar, Hon. Commissioner; National Universities Commission, Plot 430 Aguiyi Ironsi St., Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 4133-1781, Fax: (234-9) 4133-520, E-mail: mail@nucnigeria.info, Contact: Prof. M.U. Adikwu, National Coordinator; National Commission for Colleges of Education; National Board for Technical Education, Plot B, Bida Road, Kaduna, Kaduna State, Tel: (24-62) 246-554, Fax: (234-62) 247-507, E-mail: es@nbte-nigeria.org, Contact: Dr. Nuru A. Yakubu, Executive Secretary

(R) State Education Sector (Ln: 4295-UNI): The objectives are to (a) improve access to quality basic and secondary education, especially for the poor and disadvantaged groups (in particular girls) and (b) strengthen the capacity of planning, management and monitoring at the state and local levels for more effective delivery of basic and secondary education services. Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 April 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96151. US\$ 65.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Kaduna State Ministry of Education, State Secretariat Complex, Kaduna, Tel: (234-62) 417-232, E-mail: sespkaduna@mail.com, Contact: Mrs. Esther J. Myahwegii, Project Coordinator; Kano State Ministry of Education, State Secretariat, Kano, Kano State, E-mail: kano_sespo709@yahoo.com, Contact: Danlami Garba, Project Coordinator; Kwara State Ministry of Education, E-mail: sespkwara@yahoo.com, Contact: Mrs. Katherine Adeyemi, Project Coordinator

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Commercial Agriculture Development: The objective is to increase productivity and employment in small and medium farms in the states of Cross River, Enugu, Kaduna, Kano and Lagos. Decision meeting is scheduled for 13 September 2007. Environmental Assessment Category is to be determined. PID: 96648. US\$ 200.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. State Ministry of Agriculture and Project Coordinating Unit, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Project Coordinating Unit, Plot 223D Mabushi District, Cadestral Zone B6, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel:

(234-9) 523-5684, (234-9) 314-7438, E-mail: pcuq@pcuagric.org, aaadeniyi@mail.com, Contact: Mr. A.A. Adeniyi

Third Fadama: The objectives are to (a) sustainably increase the incomes of farmers and other economic interest groups through a more diversified agricultural development program, including for fadama users, i.e., those who derive their livelihood through direct or indirect exploitation of the resources in the fadama aquifers of the major river systems as well as surface water irrigation, and (b) expand the operations and benefits of the second Fadama project to the remaining 19 states. Preappraisal was scheduled for 20 April 2007 and decision meeting scheduled for 14 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96572. US\$ 200.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Projects Coordinating Unit, National Fadama Development, Plot 223D Mabushi District, Cadestral Zone B 6, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 523-5685, (234-9) 314-7438, E-mail: pcuhq@pcuagric.org, aaadeniyi@mail.com, Contact: Dr. O. O. Adeniyi, National Project Coordinator

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Malaria Control Booster: The objective is to provide improved access to and utilization of malaria interventions and stronger federal and state capacity to deliver them. The loan was signed on 19 February 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 97921. US\$ 180.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Federal Government of Nigeria, Plot 223D, Cadestral, Zone 6, Mabushi, Utako District, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 882-1051, Fax: (234-9) 523-5685, E-mail: pcuhq@pcuagric.org; Federal Ministry of Health, Federal Secretariat, Abuja, FCT, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 523-8367

Public Sector Governance

Second State Governance and Capacity Building: The objective is to enhance efficiency and accountability in the management of financial and human resources in participating states. Decision meeting is scheduled for 10 August 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 97026. US\$ 18.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Abuja, Nigeria

Social Protection

Community Social Development: The objective is to increase access of poor communities to basic social services and increase their capacity for natural resource management. Appraisal is scheduled for 14 January 2008. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90644. US\$ 210.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. National Planning Commission, Old CBN Bldg., Zaria St., Garki, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 234-836, (234-9) 234-1826, E-mail: cprp@rosecom.net, Contact: Dr. Mrs. E. Nwadinobi, Project Manager

Transportation

(R) Federal Roads Development: The objective is to develop and maintain, on a sustainable basis, adequate federal roads infrastructure conducive to private sector driven economic growth. Appraisal is scheduled for 18 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90135. US\$ 500.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Road Sector Development Team, Ministry of Works, No 5, Mandara Close, Off Aso Dr., Asokoro, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 273-0718, E-mail: blastgiwa@yahoo.com, Contact: Engr. B. G. Giwa, Project Manager

Lagos Urban Transport Additional Financing (Ln: 3720-UNI):

The objectives are to: (a) improve the management of the Lagos Metropolitan transport sector; (b) enhance the public transport road network in an environmentally, socially and financially sustainable manner; (c) enhance bus services; (d) promote water and non-motorized transport and (e) prepare future phases of the program. Appraisal completed and negotiations completed. Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 April 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 102029. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority, C Block, 2nd Fl., Motorways Center 1, Motorways Ave., Lagos, Nigeria, E-mail: dmbereola@lamata-ng.com, Contact: Dr. Dayo Moberoala, Managing Director

Rural Access and Mobility Phase 1 (Kaduna State): The objective is to improve sustainable access and mobility in rural areas of participating states and local government councils. Decision meeting is scheduled for 5 September 2007 and appraisal for 24 September 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 72644. US\$ 50.0 (IDA).

Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Michael Okpara Way, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 234-0802, (234-9) 234-9134, E-mail: rioagric2000@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Hon. Alhaji Adamu Bello, Minister; RAMP Office, NAIC House, Plot 590, Zone AO, Along Airport Rd., Central Area, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 234-8034, (234-9) 234-8044, (234-9) 234-8053, E-mail: wazike@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Engr. Mr. E. Nwaezike, National RAMP Coordinator

Regional

Energy and Mining

(R) West Africa Power Pool APL 1, Phase 2 (Cr. 4214-BEN, Cr. 4213-GH): The objective is to assure more stable and reliable exchange of electricity among the national power systems of Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Benin, Togo and Nigeria. This phase consists of the funding for Benin and Ghana. *The loan signing was scheduled for 16 March 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94917. US\$ 60.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Communauté d'Electricité du Bénin, Rue de la Kozah, BP 1368, Lome, Togo, Tel: (228) 221-6132, Fax: (228) 221-3764, E-mail: dg@cebnet.org, Contact: Cyr Kouagou, Directeur-General, and Yawo Blu, Directeur, Planning; Volta River Authority, Electro-Volta House, PO Box MB 77, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 664-941, (233-21) 664-949, Fax: (233-21) 662-610, E-mail: chiefx@vra.com, Contact: Joshua Ofedie, Chief Executive, and Richmond Evans-Appiah, Director, Engineering Services

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Marine Highway and Coastal Contamination Prevention: The objective is to increase the safety and efficiency of navigation by establishing a demonstration marine highway to guide ships around environmentally sensitive areas and through selected busy sea lanes and by strengthening capacity for port state control. The beneficiary countries are Comoros, Kenya, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Seychelles, South Africa and Tanzania, have signed a memorandum of understanding for implementation. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78643. US\$ 11.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. South African Maritime Safety Authority, Hatfield Gardens, Block E, 333 Grosvenor St., PO Box 13186, Hatfield 0028 Pretoria, South Africa, Tel: (27-12) 342-3049, Fax: (27-12) 342-3160, E-mail: cbriesch@samsa.org.za, Contact: Carl Briesch, Acting Chief Executive Officer; Indian Ocean Commission, Indian Ocean Commission, BP 7-Q4, Sir Guy Forget, Quatre Borne, Mauritius, Tel: (230) 425-9564, (230) 425-1652, Fax: (230) 425-2709, E-mail: coi7@bow.intnet.mu, Contact: Mrs. Monique Andreas Esoavelomandroso, Secretary General

(R) Stockpiles Program: The objective is to eliminate publicly-held obsolete pesticide stockpiles and associated waste in three countries and implement measures to reduce and prevent future related risks. The countries are Mali and Tanzania in the Africa Region and Morocco in the Middle East and North Africa Region. *The loan was signed on 26 December 2006.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 103189. US\$ 6.9 (GEF). Consultants will be required. National Environment Management Council, PO Box 63154, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 213-4603, Fax: (255-22) 211-1579, E-mail: nemc@nemctz.org, Contact: Mr. Bonaventure Baya, Acting Director General

(R) Targeted Capacity Building for Sustainable Land Management: The objective is to enhance capacity for sustainable land management. *The project was erroneously reported approved by the Executive Directors.* Concept review meeting is scheduled for 1 June 2007 and decision meeting for 16 July 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 100736. US\$ 50.0 (GEF). No consultants are required. World Conservation Union, Rue Mauverney 28, Gland 1196 Switzerland, Tel: (41-22) 999-0001, Fax: (41-22) 999-0025, E-mail: wetlands-water@iucn.org, Contact: Elroy Bos, Communication Officer

(R) West Africa Regional Biosafety: The objective is to help establish, and getting accreditation (including compliance with ISO 17025) for a regional reference biosafety laboratory in Burkina Faso. The proposed laboratory would act as the "executive arm" of the regulatory framework to be developed by WAEMU, providing objective and transparent biosafety risk assessment support for its member countries. *Board presentation is scheduled for 3 July 2007.* Environmental

Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 105140. US\$ 3.9 (IDA). West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), 380, Rue Agostino Neto, 01 BP 453 Ouagadougou 01, Burkina Faso, Tel: (226) 5031-8873, Fax: (226) 5031-8872, E-mail: malick.diallo@uemoa.int, Contact: Malick Diallo, Director of Environment; National Biosafety Agency (NBA), PO Box 7044, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Fax: (226) 5031-1676, E-mail: lompo.zourata@univ-ouaga.bf, Contact: Zourata Lompo, Director

Stockpiles Program: The objective is to eliminate publicly-held obsolete pesticide stockpiles and associated waste in seven countries and implement measures to reduce and prevent future related risks. The countries are Ethiopia, Mali, Nigeria, South Africa and Tanzania in the Africa Region and Morocco and Tunisia in the Middle East and North Africa Region. Tunisia grant signed on 21 November 2005. South Africa grant signed 4 April 2006. Nigeria grant signed 4 August 2006. Morocco, Mali and Tanzania grants were separated from the project and approved as a second combined project (P103189) on 5 December 2006. Negotiations for Ethiopia are being prepared. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 75776. US\$ 21.7/2.7 (GEF/Trust Funds). Cofinancing to bring the total amount to US\$ 60.0 is anticipated from AfDB (US\$ 10.0), a bilateral trust fund with contributions from EU, Denmark, Sweden and Switzerland (US\$ 7.1), Belgium (US\$ 4.1), FAO (US\$ 3.4, of which US\$ 3.3 will be an additional contribution from GEF), CIDA (US\$ 2.3), France (US\$ 1.8), Japan (US\$ 1.1), Netherlands (US\$ 1.0), Finland (US\$ 1.0), and the governments involved (US\$ 3.8). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, PO Box 6247, Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 251-2734, Fax: (251-1) 463-686, E-mail: fikrem2001@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Fikre Markos, Head, Crop Protection Department; Ministère de l'Agriculture, du Développement Rural et des Pêches Maritimes, Direction de la Protection des Végétaux des Contrôles Techniques et de la Répression des Fraudes, Rabat Royaume de Maroc, Tel: (212) 372-314, Fax: (212-37) 297-544, E-mail: ahilali@menara.ma, Contact: M. Abderrahmane Hilali, Directeur; Ministère de l'Environnement, Direction Nationale de l'Assainissement et du Contrôle des Pollutions et des Nuisances, Rue 415, Porte 191, Dravela-Bolibana, Bmako, Mali, Tel: (223) 229-2410, Fax: (223) 229-5090, E-mail: lassinate@hotmail.com, Contact: M. Lassina Traore, Coordinateur du Programme; Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, Agence Nationale de Protection de l'Environnement, 12 Rue du Cameroun-Belvedere, 1002 Tunis, Tunisie, Tel: (216) 7184-7493, Fax: (216) 7189-0581, E-mail: dds@anpe.nat.tn, Contact: M. Mounir Ferchichi, Directeur, Department Dechets Solides; Federal Ministry of Environment, National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, 7th Floor, Federal Secretariat, Phase 1, Garki, PMB 468, Nigeria, Tel/Fax: (234-9) 523-4119, Contact: Mr. S. O. Adekunle, Permanent Secretary; Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Private Bag X447, Pretoria 0001 South Africa, Tel: (27-12) 310-3911, Fax: (27-12) 320-1243, E-mail: pyako@deat.gov.za, Contact: Ms. Pamela Yako, Director General; National Environment Management Council, PO Box 63154, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 213-4603, Fax: (255-22) 211-1579, E-mail: nemc@nemctz.org, Contact: Dr. Magnus A. K. Ngoile, Director General

Finance

(R) Economic and Monetary Community of Central Africa (CEMAC) Financial Institutions Support: The objective is to improve financial integration and intermediation in the CEMAC region, which will help increase economic activity and reduce poverty. Decision meeting is scheduled for 29 August 2007 and appraisal for 11 September 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 99833. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Banque des Etats de l'Afrique Centrale, PO Box 1917, Yaounde, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 223-4030, Fax: (237) 223-8258, E-mail: prspr@beac.int, Contact: Jean-Felix Mamalepot, Governor

Information and Communication

(R) Communications Infrastructure (Ln: 4284-KE; Ln: 4285-MAG; H283-BU): The objective is to enable people and businesses in the eastern and southern portions of the continent to have access to good quality, affordable information and communication services. The countries included are Madagascar, Mozambique, Tanzania,

Kenya, Somalia, Eritrea, Sudan, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi. *Loan signing was scheduled for 29 March 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 94103. US\$ 114.4/30.0/20.1 (IDA/IDA/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport, Post and Telecommunications (Rwanda), Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: (250) 250-336, Contact: Hon. Goreth Nizigama, Minister; Ministry of Transport and Communications (Mozambique), Mapatu, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 320-223, Fax: (258-21) 431-028, Contact: Antonio Francisco Munguambe, Minister; Ministry of Information and Communication (Kenya), Teleposta Towers, PO Box 10756-00100, Nairobi, Kenya, E-mail: infocomm@information.go.ke, Contact: Hon. Mutahi Kagwe, Minister

Rural Development

(R) West Africa Agricultural Productivity Program (WAAPP) (Ln: 4286-GH; Ln: 4287-MLI; Ln: 4288-SE): The objective is to contribute to agricultural productivity increase in the participating country's top priority commodities sub-sectors that are aligned with regional priorities. The countries involved are Mali, Ghana and Senegal. Aligning national and regional priorities ensures the program's regional spillover. The development objective of the series of overlapping APLs is to contribute to sustained productivity increase in the ECOWAS regions top priority commodity sub-sectors. *Loan signing was scheduled for 15 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94084. US\$ 15.0/15.0/15.0 (IDA/IDA/IDA). Consultants will be required. Conseil Ouest et Centre Africain Pour la Recherche et le Développement Agricole (CORAF/WECARD), 7 Ave. Bourghiba, BP 48, CP18623, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 825-9618, Fax: (221) 825-5569, E-mail: secora@coraf.org; Projet d'Appui aux Services Agricoles et aux Organisations des Producteurs (PSAOP), Senegal Ministry of Agriculture, Sacre Coeur 3, no. 9231 sur la VDN, Senegal, Tel: (221) 869-4071, E-mail:diadavid@yahoo.fr, Contact: Daouda Dia, Coordinator; Projet d'Appui aux Services Agricoles et aux Organisations des Producteurs (PSAOP), Mali Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Food and Agriculture Projects Coordination Unit, POBox M37, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 665-763, (233-244) 380-037 Fax: (233-21) 668-248 Email: absiriboe, Contact: Ms. Adelaide Siriboe-Boateng, Director PPMED

Transportation

(R) West and Central Africa Air Transport Safety and Security: The objective is to improve the safety and security of air travel in the western and central portions of the continent. Decision meeting completed on 5 April 2007 and appraisal on 2 May 2007. Negotiations were scheduled for 4 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100785. US\$ 59.4 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Aviation (Nigeria), Block 5A, 3rd Fl., Federal Secretariat Complex, Shehu Shagari Way, Central Area, PMB 146, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 523-7487, (234-9) 523-7489, (234-9) 523-2132, Contact: Honorable Babalola Borishade, Minister; National Civil Aviation Agency (Senegal), PO Box 8184, Aéroport L. S. Senghor, Dakar-Yoff, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 869-5335, Fax: (221) 820-0403, (221) 820-3967, E-mail: daviacivile@sentoo.sn, mathiaco, Contact: Mr. Mathiaco Bessane, Director General

Transport Trade Facilitation: The objective is to create a common market for goods, services, capital and persons in the Central African Economic and Monetary Community, which includes Cameroon, Central African Republic (CAR), Chad, Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea and Gabon. Decision meeting completed on 30 January 2007 and negotiations on 30 March 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 21 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79736. US\$ 64.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Communauté Économique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale, Executive Secretariat, PO Box 969, Bangui, Central African Republic, Tel: (236) 611-885, (236) 612-179, E-mail: secemac@hotmail.com, sgudeac@intnet.cf, Contacts: Madame Jacqueline Meyo, Department Chief (DTT-CEMAC), Mr. Eddy Justin Mbanza, Director of Transportation and Telecommunications; Ministry of Public Works, BP 4180, Yaounde, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 222-8711, E-mail: celcommintp@iccnnet.cm

Water and Sanitation

(R) Niger Basin Water Resources Development and Ecosystems Management: The objective is to achieve a sustainable increase in the overall productivity of existing water resources to foster economic

development in Benin, Guinea, Mali, Niger and Nigeria. Decision meeting was scheduled for 2 April 2007. *Appraisal was completed on 16 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 93806. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Niger Basin Authority, PO Box 79, Niamey, Niger, Tel: (227) 724-595, Fax: (227) 724-208, E-mail: nbasec@intnet.ne, Contact: Mr. Mohammad Bello Tuga, Executive Secretary

Rwanda

Transportation

(R) Transport Sector Development: The objectives are to preserve part of the paved road network and strengthen capacity in the transportation sector. *Appraisal was completed on 24 May 2007. Negotiations are scheduled for 29 June 2007 and Board presentation for 27 September 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79414. US\$ 45.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Infrastructure, BP 24, Kigali, Rwanda

Senegal

Economic Management

(R) Third Poverty Reduction Support: The objective is to consolidate reforms in the poverty reduction program. Board presentation is scheduled for 20 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 98964. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 821-0378, Fax: (221) 822-4195, Contact: M. Abdoulaye Diop, Minister

Transportation

(R) Dakar-Diamniadio Toll Road: The objective is to build a road between Dakar and Diamniadio to foster economic development by (a) diminishing transport congestion and its associated costs and (b) sustainably spreading out economic activities and housing within and outside the Cap Vert peninsula. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 30 July 2007 and appraisal for 20 August 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 87304. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). A PPF (US\$ 0.8) advance has been approved. IDA (US\$ 30.0) partial risk guarantee is planned to attract private sector involvement in private-public partnerships. Cofinancing will be required to bridge the financing gap. Consultants will be required for road studies, investment banking, and urban upgrading. Agence National Chargée de la Promotion de l'Investissement et des Grands Travaux, BP 430, CP 18524, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 842-3110, E-mail: apix@sentoo.sn, Contact: Mme. Marie Ndaw, Project Director

Sierra Leone

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Mineral Sector Technical Assistance: The objectives are to accelerate sustainable development of extractive industries through strengthening the policy, fiscal and regulatory framework and thereafter to attract investments for continued sector growth. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 99357. US\$ 6.0 (IDA). Preparation will require (a) an international consulting firm to prepare environment and social assessments prior to appraisal and (b) individual consultants to refine project components. These will include a mining adviser and experts in mining cadastre, licensing and regulations. During implementation, consultants will be required in mining sector development, small-scale and artisanal mining, mining cadastres, geoscience, promotion and awareness raising about mining. Ministry of Mines and Mineral Resources, Youyi Bldg., 5th Fl., Brookfields, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232-22) 240-142, Fax: (232-22) 235-234, E-mail: minmines@hotmail.com, Contact: Alhaji M.S. Deen, Minister

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Sector Reconstruction & Development Additional Grant: (H289-SL): The objective of the additional grant will finance the costs associated with: (i) cost overrun for civil works activities under the HSRDP; and (ii) implementing additional activities related to control and prevention of onchocerciasis and avian influenza in Sierra Leone. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 103740. US\$ 8.0 (IDA Grant). Con-

sulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and Sanitation, Youyi Building, Brookfields, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232-22) 235-036, Fax: (232-22) 240-427, E-mail: cwkamara@sierratel.sl, Contact: Dr. Clifford Kamara, Director of Planning and Information

Rural Development

(R) Rural Development and Private Sector Development (H290-SL): The objectives are to raise rural incomes through improved agricultural exports and farm revenues. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 May 2007. Loan signing is scheduled for 15 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96105. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food Security, Tel: (232-22) 232-101, Fax: (232-22) 231-404, E-mail: info@statehouse-sl.org, Contact: Dr. Sama S. Monde, Minister; Ministry of Trade and Industry, Contact: Dr. (Mrs.) Kadi A. Sesay, Minister; Ministry of Local Government, Contact: Mr. Sidikie Brima, Minister

South Africa

Energy and Mining

Renewable Energy Market Transformation: The objective is to implement the renewable energy strategy. Negotiations were completed on 23 April 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 21 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 73322. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Department of Minerals and Energy, Mineralia Center, 391 Andries St., Pretoria, South Africa, Tel: (27-12) 317-8617, Fax: (27-12) 322-5224, E-mail: kadrinassiep@dme.goc.za, Contact: K. Nassiep, Chief Director, Energy Planning

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Development, Empowerment and Conservation in the Greater St. Lucia Wetland Park and Surrounding Region: The objective is to protect the exceptional biodiversity of the greater St. Lucia wetland area through conservation, sustainable resources use, planning for rational land use and local economic development. Appraisal was scheduled for 5 March 2007. Negotiations were scheduled for 7 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 53.5 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. St. Lucia Greater Wetlands Park Authority, Kwazul Natal, Private Bag X05, St. Lucia 3936 South Africa, Tel: (27-35) 590-1633, Fax: (27-35) 590-1602, E-mail: wetlandsauthority@mweb.co.za, Contact: Andrew Zaloumis, CEO

Swaziland

Urban Development

(R) Local Government: The objective is to strengthen the capacity and resource mobilization functions of the local governance system to deliver and sustain basic services, in particular to benefit the poorer sections of the population. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 22 October 2007 and appraisal for 29 October 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95232. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Housing and Urban Development, Mhlabanyasi Rd., PO Box 1832, Mbabane, Swaziland, Tel: (268) 404-1741, (268) 404-1743, Fax: (268) 404-4085, E-mail: nkambulep@gov.sz, Contact: Mr. Paul Nkambule, Acting Permanent Secretary

Tanzania

Education

(R) Zanzibar Basic Education Improvement (Ln: 4293-TA): The development objective is to improve completion in lower secondary education (the first four years) in Zanzibar, with successful performance among students. *The loan was approved by the Executive Directors on 24 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 102262. US\$ 42.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be required. Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, PO Box 394, Zanzibar, Tanzania, Tel/Fax: (255-24) 223-2827, Contact: Ms. Mwanaidi S. Abdalla, Deputy Principal Secretary

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Development and Access Expansion: The objective is to scale up access to electricity services. Decision meeting is scheduled for 30 January 2008. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 105.0/6.5 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Min-

istry of Energy and Minerals, Maji Bldg., Sokoine Dr. and Mwepu St., PO Box 2000, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-7156, (255-22) 211-7157, (255-22) 211-7158, (255-22) 211-7159, (255-22) 213-1192, (255-22) 213-1193, (255-22) 213-1194, Fax: (255-22) 211-7790, Contact: Mr. Bashir Mrindoko, Commissioner for Energy and Petroleum

(R) Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources: The objectives are to (a) increase capacity to manage mineral resources sustainably and (b) develop artisan mining. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 28 September 2007 and appraisal for 12 October 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 96302. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Minerals, 754-33 Samora Ave., PO Box 2000, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-7156, (255-22) 211-7159, Fax: (255-22) 211-7790, Contact: Mr. Asah Mwakapugi

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Sector Development II - Scale Up: The objective is to scale up an existing operation that aims at upgrading strategic road links, enhancing road management capacity and improving railway operations. *Board presentation is scheduled for 3 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 105093. US\$ 60.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, PO Box 9083, Corner Samora Ave., Mirambo St., Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-6684, Fax: (255-22) 213-9951, Contact: Mrs. Hilda Gondwe

Public Sector Governance

(R) Fifth Poverty Reduction (Cr: 4294-TA): The objective is to implement the program laid out in the National Strategy for Growth and Reduction of Poverty. *The credit was approved by the Executive Directors on 24 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 95657. US\$ 190.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 9111, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-2856, (255-22) 211-1174, (255-22) 211-1176, Fax: (255-22) 211-7790, Contact: Mr. Gray S. Mgonja, Permanent Secretary, Treasury

Transportation

(R) Central Transport Corridor Scale-Up: The objective is to scale up an existing operation that aims at further improving the management of health resources and the quality of health services through sector reforms and institutional capacity building. Decision meeting is scheduled for 26 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 170.0/40.0 (IDA/MIGA). Consultants will be required. Tanzania National Roads, PO Box 11364, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 215-2576, Fax: (255-22) 215-0022, Contact: Dr. F.Y. Addo-Abedi, Chief Executive

Water and Sanitation

(R) Water Sector Support Program: The objective is to improve governance of water resources management and assure sustainable delivery of water supply and sanitation services. *The credit was signed on 29 March 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 87154. US\$ 200.0 (IDA). Project is being cofinanced by AfDB (US\$ 80.0), US Millennium Challenge Account (US\$ 207.0), KfW (US\$ 70.0), Netherlands (US\$ 60.0), and Others: Japan, France, EIB, etc. (US\$ 83.0). Consulting services will be required. Ministry of Water and Livestock Development, PO Box 9153, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (225-22) 245-0838, (225-22) 245-0841, (225-22) 245-0001, Fax: (255-22) 245-1451, E-mail: mowmaji@maji.go.tz, Contact: Mr. Vincent Mrisho, Permanent Secretary

Togo

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) HIV/AIDS Emergency Response: The objective is to build up effective activities in the prevention of HIV infection and care of people living with AIDS. Appraisal is scheduled for 30 July 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71634. US\$ 16.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Conseil national de lutte contre le SIDA et les infections sexuellement transmissibles (National AIDS Country Council), 01 BP 2237, Lomé, Togo, Tel: (228) 262-717, Fax: (228) 218-941, Contact: Dr. Abi Tchao Tagba, Permanent Secretary

Uganda

Economic Management

(R) Sixth Poverty Reduction Support (Ln: 4296-UG): The objective is to implement the strategy laid out in the Poverty Eradication Action Plan. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 90219. US\$ 125.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Finance Building, Nile Ave., PO Box 8147, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 232-095, Fax: (256-41) 343-023, Contact: Mr. Chris Kassami, Permanent Secretary/Secretary to the Treasury

Energy and Mining

(R) Power Sector Development (Ln: 4297-UG): (*formerly Thermal Power Generation*) The objective is to increase thermal power generation in order to minimize load shedding and economic disruption during the coming four years in a sustainable and affordable manner. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 69208. US\$ 300.0 (IDA). Consultants are required, but anticipated needs are already met. Uganda Electricity Transmission Company Ltd., Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 233-433, (256-41) 233-434, E-mail: transco@uetcl.com, Contact: Mr. Eriasi Kiyemba, Managing Director; Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Amber House, PO Box 7270, Kampala Rd., Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 342-550, (256-41) 233-331, Fax: (256-41) 230-220, E-mail: kkaliisa@energy.go.ug, Contact: Mr. Fred Kabagambe-Kaliisa, Permanent Secretary

(R) Private Power Generation (Ln: B013-UG): The objective is to provide adequate, reliable and cost-effective power generation in an economically and environmentally sustainable manner, to enhance the economic growth and well-being. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 89659. US\$ 115.0 MIGA. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy, Amber House, Kampala Road, PO Box 7270, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 234-733, Fax: (256-41) 234-732, E-mail: kkaliisa@energy.go.ug, Contact: Mr. Fred Kabagambe-Kaliisa, Permanent Secretary

Transportation

(R) Kampala Institutional and Infrastructure: The objective is to develop a strong governance and institutional structure in the Kampala City Council to enhance service delivery and improve the economic performance of the city. *Board presentation is scheduled for 9 October 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78382. US\$ 33.5 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Kampala City Council, PO Box 7010, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 231-440, (256-231) 344-000, Fax: (256-41) 231-916, E-mail: urban@kccpcu.or.ug, Contact: Mr. James K.N. Ssegane, Town Clerk

Urban Development

(R) Local Government Management Service Delivery: The objective is to provide local development grants and capacity building grants to local governments. *Decision meeting is scheduled for July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Local Government, Uganda House, Kampala Rd., PO Box 7037, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-4) 341-224, (256-4) 258-435, Fax: (256-4) 347-339, (256-4) 258-127, Contact: Mr. Vincent B. Sekkono, Permanent Secretary

Zambia

Economic Management

(R) Second Economic Management and Growth: The objective is to implement policy and institution reforms outlined in the poverty reduction strategy. *Appraisal was scheduled for 29 March 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID 74445. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and National Planning, PO Box 50062, Lusaka, Zambia, Tel: (260-1) 253-512, Fax: (260-1) 251-078, Contact: Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane, Secretary to Treasury

Energy and Mining

(R) Increased Access to Electricity and ICT Services: The objective is to expand access to electricity, telephone and internet services in rural areas. *Decision meeting was completed on 6 February 2007.* *Ap-*

praisal meeting was scheduled for 29 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77452, 76320. US\$ 24.0/8.0/2.5 (IDA/GEF/PCF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Water Development, PO Box 36079, Lusaka 10101 Zambia, Tel: (260-1) 251-337, Fax: (260-1) 254-491, (260-1) 252-339, E-mail: doe@zament.zm, Contact: W. Serenje, Director, Department of Energy

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Local Development Fund: The objective is to advance local development initiatives by operating a financial intermediary to provide funding for projects estimated to be good prospects for success. *Appraisal is scheduled for 18 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95193. US\$ amount to be determined (IDA). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency (cies) to be determined

Transportation

(R) Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance Additional Financing (Ln: 3866-ZA): (*formerly Essential Bridge Rehabilitation*) The objective is to reinstate river crossings to those parts of the country that were negatively affected by the floods of recent years. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 March 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93611. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Communications and Transport, Roads Development Agency, PO Box 50066, Lusaka, Zambia, Tel: (260-1) 251-728, Fax: (260-1) 251-795; Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Lusaka, Zambia, Contact: Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane, Secretary to the Treasury

East Asia and Pacific

Cambodia

Energy and Mining

(R) Greater Mekong Sub-Region Power Trade: (*formerly Regional, Great Mekong Sub-Region Power Trade Program, Phase 1*) The objective is to improve the economic efficiency of providing electric power in the sub-region by establishing cross-border transmission connection. *Board presentation was scheduled for 31 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 92884. US\$ 33.0 (IDA). Consultants are being funded through PHRD grants. Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy, Cambodia, 47 Preah Norodom Blvd., Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855) 2372-3447, Contact: H.E. Suy Sem, Minister; Ministry of Industry and Handicrafts, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Nong Bon Rd., Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856) 2141-3002, Contact: H.E. Onneua Phommachanh, Minister

Public Sector Governance

(R) First Development Policy Grant: (*formerly Poverty Reduction Support*) The objective is to implement key policy measures of the National Poverty Reduction Strategy. *Negotiations were completed on 24 April 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 17 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, St. 92 Sangkat Wat Phnom, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 1286-1355, Fax: (855-23) 428-7798, E-mail: ferp-mefwbd@camnet.com.kh, Contact: Mr. Tauch Chan Kresna, Chief, World Bank Division

Rural Development

(R) Land Allocation for Social and Economic Development: The objective is to transfer good quality agricultural land to poor, landless farmers for social and economic development. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 7 September 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, 771 Monivong Blvd., Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel/Fax: (855-23) 211-354, E-mail: lasedppt@camnet.com.kh, Contact: Mr. Seng Thany, Project Director

Avian and Human Influenza Control and Preparedness: The objective is to minimize the threat to humans and poultry from the HPAI virus and to prepare for, control and respond to influenza pandemics

and other infectious disease emergencies in humans. Negotiations were scheduled for *31 May 2007 and Board presentation for 14 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100084. US\$ 6.0 (IDA Grant). (Cofinancing grants of US\$ 3.0 from Japan (PHRD) and US\$ 2.0 from the Avian and Human Influenza facility have been approved). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, St. 92 Sangkat Wat Phnom, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 1286-1355, Fax: (855-23) 428-7798, E-mail: ferp-mefwbd@camnet.com.kh, Contact: Mr. Tauch Chan Kresna, Chief, World Bank Division

Second Rural Investment and Local Governance: The objective is to continue and expand support for commune-level rural investment and local governance initiated under the predecessor project, as well as to broaden rural investment and local governance support to the district level using the new institutional framework established under the upcoming Organic Law on Decentralization and Decentralization. Concept review is scheduled for 14 September 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Empowerment for the Poor in Siem Reap: (*formerly Community Empowerment*) The objective is to empower the poor by strengthening their organizations and supporting their livelihoods. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 97082. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Interior, 275 Norodom Blvd., Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 726-052, (855-23) 721-190, Fax: (855-23) 721-905, Contact: H.E. Prum Sokha, Secretary of State

Demand for Good Governance: The objective is to promote transparency, accountability and public service improvement through Demand for Good Governance institutions, networks and coalitions. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 12.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Interior, 275 Norodom Blvd., Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 726-052, (855-23) 721-190, Fax: (855-23) 721-905, Contact: H.E. Prum Sokha, Secretary of State

China

Education

(R) Technical and Vocational Education Training: The objectives are (a) to improve quality and relevance of Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) in order to meet labor market demand; and (b) to improve policy analysis pilot innovation and dissemination lessons learned. *Identification completed. Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing Agency to be determined

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Efficiency Financing: The objective is to catalyze large-scale domestic financing for energy efficiency projects among energy-intensive industries. *Preappraisal mission completed. Appraisal mission was scheduled for 11 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0/13.5 (IBRD/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

(R) Shandong Power Plant Flue Gas Desulfurization: The objective is to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions in the heat and power sector and enhance the capacity of regulatory authorities to monitor and enforce compliance with their sulfur dioxide emissions reduction program. *Appraisal completed. Negotiations are scheduled for end June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 104.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Shandong Provincial Environmental Protection Bureau, 46 Jingwu Xiaowei Rd., Jinan 25001 China, Tel: (86-531) 8610-6153, Fax: (86-531) 8603-8443, E-mail: huotaiying@sdein.gov.cn, Contact: Mr. Huo Taiying, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department

(R) Shanxi Coalbed Methane Development: The objective is to develop coal bed methane/coal mine methane technology for thermal energy in homes, industry and businesses. *Preparation mission com-*

pleted. Preappraisal is scheduled for October 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Shanxi Energy Industries Group. Ltd., Bldg. A Fl., 24, Jingang Plaze, 35 Bingzhou Beilu, Taiyuan City, Shanxi Province 030001 China, Tel: (86-351) 461-8538, Fax: (85-351) 461-8501, E-mail: sxnyjtmccq@126.com, Contact: Ms. Gao Qiang, Director

Thermal Power Efficiency: The objective is to achieve large improvements in the ratio of coal consumption per unit of electricity production through removal of regulatory, institutional and technical barriers to phasing out smaller, older and inefficient units and through facilitating increased investments in efficiency improvements for larger, newer power plants. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 19.7 (GEF). International and domestic consultants will be hired to perform technical assistance assignments. A GEF-provided grant of US\$ 0.4 was proposed for preparation for about one year, and would be used for hiring international and domestic consultants. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Finance

(R) Commercially Sustainable Micro and Small Business Finance: The objective is to initiate a high volume of loans to small businesses on a commercially sustainable basis using sound business practices and lending technologies. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 19 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 96285. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). A contract has been drawn up with Global Development Services LLC. for (a) lead advisory services; (b) procurement of a project implementation consultant, and (c) institution-building advice to the China Development Bank and commercial banks. China Development Bank, No. 29 Fuchengmenwaidajie, Xicheng District, Beijing 100037 China, Tel: (86-10) 6830-7209, Fax: (86-10) 6830-7316, E-mail: tanbo@cdb.com.cn, Contact: Mr. Tan Bo, Deputy Director General, Project Appraisal Department III

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Rural Health: The objective is to reform health care systems in selected poor rural provinces and address regional inequalities. *Preappraisal mission completed. Appraisal mission is scheduled for 25 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 84437. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Foreign Loan Office, Ministry of Health, No. 154, Gulou West St., Xicheng District, Beijing 100009 China, Tel: (86-10) 8404-5750, Fax: (86-10) 8404-5749, Contact: Dr. Wang Longde, Vice Minister

Rural Development

(R) Eco-Farming: The objective is to achieve household level environmental improvements through the establishment and improvement of biogas systems and biogas related on-farm investments. Decision meeting was scheduled for late *May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Foreign Economic Cooperation Center, Ministry of Agriculture, 20 Maizidian Rd., Beijing 200026 China, Tel: (86-10) 6508-0856, Fax: (86-10) 6506-3012, E-mail: hangji@agri.gov.cn, Contact: Mr. Han Gaojun, Director General

(R) Jilin Food Safety: The objective is to improve food quality and safety in Jilin Province by investing in laboratories, water supply system, and providing medium-term loans to small and medium enterprises to expand the production of safe, high-quality food. Concept review was tentatively scheduled for *June 2008*. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Jilin Provincial Office for Comprehensive Agricultural Development, Jilin Provincial Department of Finance, 3646 Remin Dajie, Changchun, Jilin Province 130021 China, Fax: (86-431) 855-0972, Contact: Mr. Liang Dailiang, Deputy Director

(R) Shanxi Saline Alkali Land Improvement: The objective is to (a) enhance farmers' earning opportunities through the improvement of saline-alkali and low yield lands and (b) the development of the livestock sector in five counties of Shuozhou Municipality in Shanxi Province. Project preparation is scheduled for *7 July 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 90.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Government of Xhanxi, No. 345, Yingze Dajie, Taiyuan, Shanxi 030001 China, Tel: (86-351) 404-3310, Fax: (86-351) 404-0626,

E-mail: lihaixiang@hotmail.com, Contact: Hong Xiao, Director, International Finance Division, Shanxi Provincial Finance Bureau

(R) Sustainable Development in Poor Rural Areas: The objectives are to: (a) provide the poorest villages and households with the poverty reduction measures and assistance that is needed, (b) improve the well-being of rural migrants living in urban areas, and (c) augment small town development in poor areas. Identification mission *completed*.

Preparation is scheduled for July 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Foreign Capital Project Management Center, State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development, 3rd Fl., South Bldg., Shuangyushu Xili 36, Haidian District, Beijing 100086 China, Tel: (86-10) 8261-7155, Fax: (86-10) 8261-7165, E-mail: fcPMC@public2.bta.net.cn, Contact: Mr. Ou Qingping, Deputy Director

Henan Yellow River Ecological Animal Husbandry Belt: The objective is to address the interlinked challenges of improving the environment and increasing farmers' income. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Henan, Henan Provincial Bureau of Animal Husbandry, Zhengzhou, Henan China, Tel: (86-371) 6577-8978, Fax: (86-371) 6577-8979, E-mail: 13837131366hn@163.com, Contact: Mr. Yuntao Zhang, Director of PMO

Social Protection

(R) Migrant Skills and Employment: The objective is to enable rural migrants to urban areas to increase their access to employment opportunities, and improve their incomes and working conditions by enhancing educational attainment, improving access to quality training and employment services, and strengthening worker protection. Preappraisal mission *is under way*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Labor and Social Security, No. 12, Hepingli Zhongjie, Beijing 100716 China, Tel: (86-10) 8420-1235, Fax: (86-10) 8422-3987, Contact: Mr. Zhang Xinmin, Director, World Bank Operations Office

Transportation

(R) Anhui Road Rehabilitation and Improvement: The objective is to increase the effective use of the road infrastructure in Anhui Province, improving the flows of passenger and freight traffic safely and efficiently. Appraisal mission *completed*. *Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for October 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Anhui Provincial Communications Department, 528 Tunxi Rd., Hefei City 230022 China, Tel: (86-551) 265-5163, Fax: (86-551) 362-3530, E-mail: apcdpeo@mail.hf.ah.cn, Contact: Mr. Luo Ning, Vice Director General

(R) Guiyang Transport: The objective is to increase the access and mobility of Guiyang Municipality's transport users by implementing cost-effective and sustainable transportation infrastructure improvements. Negotiations are scheduled for *1 August 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 93963. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants were contracted during project preparation. Guiyang Communications Bureau, 9th Floor, Zhongsha Bldg., No. 109, North Zhonghua Rd., Guiyang, Guizhou Province, China, Tel: (86-851) 682-0984/7798, Fax: (86-851) 682-0914, E-mail: gpmo@vip.163.com, Contact: Mr. He Jun, Director, Leading Group Office of the World Bank Loan Projects

(R) Jiangxi Shihutang Navigation and Hydropower Complex: The objective is to enhance the standard of living in the Gan River Region by developing its potential water resources, including: (a) the increase of the waterway transport capacity and the cost-effectiveness thereof; and (b) the provision of environmentally friendly energy. Identification mission *completed*. *Preparation was scheduled for late May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during project preparation. Shihutang Project Management Office of Jiangxi Provincial Waterways Bureau, No. 130, Yan Jiang Bei Da Dao, Nanchang, Jiangxi Province, China, Tel/Fax: (86-791) 681-7370, E-mail: shihutang@126.com, Contact: Mr. Yang Lisheng, Deputy Director, Jiangxi Provincial Waterways Bureau; Mr. Huang Minghong, Director, Shihutang Project Management Office

(R) Shizheng Railway: The objective is to satisfy growing demand for freight and passenger rail services in the corridor between Shiji-

azhuang and Zhengzhou, while sustainably improving the level of services offered. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for late *July 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Railways, Foreign Capital and Technical Import Center, 10 Fuxing Rd, Beijing 100844 China, Tel: (86-10) 5184-1825, Fax: (86-10) 5184-1845, Contact: Mr. Chen Juemin, Deputy Director-General

(R) Xian Urban Transport: The objective is to advance the rapid economic growth of Xian by developing a solid foundation of urban and transportation planning. *Decision meeting was scheduled for 17 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 92631. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Xian, Foreign Capital Utilization Division, Xian, China, Tel: (86-29) 8729-5821, Fax: (86-29) 8721-0878, E-mail: xajwwjc@vip.163.com, Contact: Mr. Cheng Zhixun, Division Chief

Fujian Highway Sector Investment (Ln: 4840-CHA): The objective is to improve traffic flows by (a) implementing a Rural Roads Improvement Program, (b) constructing 195 km of expressway from Yongan to Wuping; and (c) providing technical assistance. Approved by the Executive Directors on 12 October 2006. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 91020. US\$ 320.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for construction supervision and technical assistance in toll rate analysis, impact analysis and maintenance. World Bank Loan Office, Fujian Provincial Communications Department, 7th Floor, Jiangtong Bldg., No. 18 Dongshui Rd., Fuzhou City, Fujian 350001 China, Tel: (86-591) 8707-7710, Fax: (86-591) 8707-7707, E-mail: shb@fjtt.gov.cn, Contacts: Mr. Xie Lan Jie, Director, Mr. Wu Dayuan, Deputy Director, Expressway Construction Directorate

GEF World Bank Urban Transport Partnership Program: The objectives are to establish an enabling framework for the development of sustainable urban transport in China by supporting (a) the development of more effective mechanisms (including enabling policy, regulatory and legal frameworks) to facilitate urban transport planning, financing and management and central government oversight to ensure that local actions are consistent with national priorities and global concerns; (b) capacity enhancement of academics, students, practitioners and decision-makers on issues relating to urban transport; and (c) the implementation and dissemination of a set of demonstration projects that highlight sustainable approaches (cost-effective public transport development, support for non-motorized trips, road development consistent with compact growth) to urban mobility in the Chinese context. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 21.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, San Li He Lu, Beijing 100820 China, Tel: (86-10) 6855-2097, Fax: (86-10) 6855-1125, E-mail: wufan@mof.gov.cn, Contact: Ms. Wu Fan, Project Officer

Shaanxi Ankang Road Development (Ln: 4853-CHA): The objective is to improve passenger and freight traffic flows along the corridor from Ankang to the Sichuan border, including the construction of a 86.2-km expressway and a program of rehabilitation of local/provincial roads. Approved by the Executive Directors on 13 March 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 75613. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required to supervise construction and technical assistance on impact evaluation studies and training and advice on data collection equipment and on road data condition analysis. Shaanxi Provincial Transport Department, Youyi West Rd. No. 300, Xian, Shaanxi 710068 China, Tel/Fax: (86-29) 8523-3105, Contacts: Mr. Jiao Fangqun, Deputy Director, and Mr. Lei Peiji, Director, Foreign Fund Financed Project Office

Urban Development

(R) Gansu Cultural and Natural Heritage: The objective is to protect and develop Gansu cultural and natural heritage sites. Appraisal is scheduled for *26 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 91949. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Gansu Provincial Development and Reform Commission, Lanzhou, Gansu Province 730030 China, Tel: (86-931) 846-4760, Fax: (86-931) 848-4190, Contact: Mr. Li Feng, Vice-Director

(R) Guizhou Cultural and Natural Heritage Infrastructure and Management: The objective is to develop the economy of and alleviate poverty in Guizhou Province in a sustainable manner through the protection and development of cultural and natural heritage assets. Con-

cept review meeting *completed*. *Appraisal is scheduled for March 2008*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 91950. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Tourism Administration of Guizhou Province, No. 242-5 Zhonghua North Rd., Guiyang, Guizhou 550004 China, Tel: (86-851) 683-2251, 681-7801, Fax: (86-851) 683-6309, E-mail: sunny_yang@gzgov.gov.cn, Contact: Ms. Yang Shengming, Director General

(R) Second Guangdong Pearl River Delta Urban Environment (Ln: 4856-CHA): The objective is to reduce domestic and industrial source pollution in the Pearl River Delta river network originating from Foshan and Jiangmen municipalities. Approved by the Executive Directors on 21 March 2007. *The loan was signed on 8 May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 81776. US\$ 96.0 (IBRD). International and domestic consultants have been contracted. Guangdong Provincial Finance Bureau, World Bank Project Management Office, Guangdong, China, Tel: (86-20) 8333-0007, Fax: (86-20) 8333-6405, Contact: Mr. Zeng Yuchang, Director

(R) Second Hubei Urban Environment: (formerly Han River Urban Environment Improvement) The objective is to reduce pollution caused by wastewater and solid waste in the urban areas of Hubei, particularly in cities in the Han River Basin. Preappraisal mission *completed*. *Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for 16 July 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 87224. US\$ 87.7 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Hubei Provincial Project Management Office, Hubei Provincial Government, Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, Tel: (86-27) 8774-3203, Fax: (86-27) 8774-3202, E-mail: pmo@hbepb.gov.cn, Contact: Mr. Zhou Xinxin, Director

(R) Western Provinces Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Promotion: The objective is to carry out an integrated approach to the design and delivery of rural water supply, sanitation and hygiene services, while incorporating past innovations and lessons learned. *Negotiations were completed on 14 May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95315. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Sichuan and Shaanxi Provinces, Tel: (86-29) 8729-1987, (86-28) 8660-4737, Fax: (86-29) 8729-1248, (86-28) 8660-4737, E-mail: vagrant727@sina.com, sfm@shaanxi.gov.cn, lewyxin@sina.com, Contact: Mr. Wang Shuancang, Division Chief, Shaanxi DRC, Ms. Yang Yin, Division Chief, Sichuan DRC

Second Liaoning Medium Cities Infrastructure: The objective is to renew and enhance the efficiency of existing infrastructure assets in selected medium-sized cities. Board presentation is scheduled for 26 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PIDs: 92618, 90375. US\$ 167.0/5.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Urban Construction and Renewal Office, Liaoning Provincial Government, 19 Caita St., Shenyang 110015 China, Tel: (86-24) 2384-2898, Fax: (86-24) 2392-2290, E-mail: lucrpo@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Lu Jixing, Director

Shanghai Agricultural and Non-point Source Pollution Reduction: The objective is to improve the environment with positive impacts on the East China Sea. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Shanghai Municipal Government, No. 1 Lane 1114, Liyang Rd., Shanghai 200082 China, Tel: (86-21) 5666-8104, Fax: (86-21) 6540-6094, E-mail: xgfu@sh163.net, Contact: Mr. Qiu Wenjin, Director, Project Office

Third Guangdong Pearl River Delta Urban Environment: The objectives are to provide a safe environment for long-term local economic growth to contribute to environmental pollution control and water resources preservation through sanitation and flood control investments. Appraisal has been delayed. Identification mission is scheduled for late FY07 or early FY08. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 87273. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Shenzhen Municipal Government, Shenzhen Water Resources Bureau, 3rd Fl. Hongtao Bldg., No. 2 BaoAn Rd. Shenzhen 518008 China, Tel: (86-755) 2559-3766, Fax: (86-755) 2559-3447, Contact: Mr. Chen Jie, Deputy Director

Yunnan Urban Environmental: The objectives are to (a) integrate lake basin management for Dianchi and Er'hai, and (b) develop urban environmental infrastructure in about 20 towns in Kunming Municipality, Dali Prefecture, Lijiang Municipality and Wenshan Prefecture. Preappraisal mission is tentatively scheduled for late June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 96812. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD).

Consultants have been identified. Yunnan Provincial Project Management Office, 27 Xi Yuan Nan Lu, Kunming 650032 China, Tel: (86-871) 410-4554, Fax: (86-871) 410-4963, E-mail: zhoubo@ynepb.gov.cn, Contact: Mr. Zhou Bo, Director, Foreign Techno-Economic Corporation Division, Yunnan Provincial Environment Protection Bureau

Water and Sanitation

(R) Bengbu Integrated Environmental Improvement: The objective is to improve water resources, flood and environmental management to enhance environmental quality and restore the river and lake ecosystem of Bengbu. *Preparation was completed on 5 February 2007*. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 14 September 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Project Management Office, Anhui Bengbu Development and Reform Commission, Administrative Center of Bengbu, Anhui Province, China, Tel: (86-55) 2311-5215, Fax: (86-55) 2311-5222, E-mail: ldj@xxzx.bb.ah.cn, Contact: Mr. Wu Zhongyao, Director

(R) Jiangsu Water and Sewerage: The objective is to expand city water supply and wastewater services to small towns along the Yangtze river. Project concept review was scheduled for *June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 96926. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Jiangsu Provincial Construction Commission, Jiangsu Construction Bureau, Rm. 401, Huahui Dasha, 69 Beijing Xilu, Nanjing, Jiangsu Province 210024 China, Tel: (86-25) 8332-9553, Fax: (86-25) 8501-5079, E-mail: jsp_pmo@vip.163.com, Contact: Mr. Chen Yaocai, Deputy Director

(R) Second Shandong Environment (Ln: 4852-CHA): The objective is to improve environmental quality in selected cities and counties through improved wastewater collection and treatment, solid waste management, and water supply. *The loan was signed on 30 March 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 77752. US\$ 147.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during implementation in construction supervision and institutional capacity building for utilities. Shandong Province Project Management Office, No. 46 Xiaoweisi Rd., Jinan 250001 China, Tel: (86-531) 8708-0823, Fax: (86-531) 8794-1408, E-mail: sppmo@163.net, Contact: Ms. Ying Wu, Director

Second Shandong Environment: The objective is to introduce innovative methods to reduce land-based pollution from the coastal cities into the Bohai Sea. Approved by the Executive Directors on 27 February 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 90377. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Shandong Project Management Office, No. 46, Jing Wu Lu, Xiao Wei Si Lu, Jinan, Shandong Province 250001 China, Tel: (86-531) 8791-5106, Fax: (86-531) 8794-1408, E-mail: sppmo@163.com; sppmo@jn-public.sd.cninfo.net, Contact: Ms. Ying Wu, Director, Project Management Office

Fiji

Energy and Mining

Renewable Power Development: The objective is to expand electricity generation capacity by approximately 60MW, using renewable resources such as small hydro-electric units and solar photo voltaic technology. Preappraisal is scheduled for May-August 2007. Board presentation has been postponed to 23 October 2007, awaiting normalization of Fiji Government. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 99308. US\$ 34.8 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Fiji Electricity Authority, Private Mail Bag, Suva, Fiji, Tel: (679) 331-333, Fax: (679) 666-2019, E-mail: omdutt@fea.com.fj, Contacts: Anasa Vocea, Chief Executive Officer, and Davendra Kumaran, Director for Energy

Indonesia

Education

(N) Education System Improvement through Sector Wide Approaches (SISWA): The objective is to improve efficiency and equity in the use of resources to increase access to basic education and improve the quality. Such improvements are expected to lead to increased net enrollment rates in lower secondary schools, higher and more timely completion of basic education, and better student learning achievement. Project concept review was scheduled for 25 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants to be determined. Ministry of National Education, Jl. Jend. Sudirman Senayan,

Gedung A. Lantai 2, Jakarta Pusat Pusat, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 5790-1004, Fax: (62-21) 5790-0960

(N) Youth Employment Program: The objective is to improve the labor market for youth by addressing key bottlenecks on both the demand, supply side of the skills market and to increase employment opportunities for out of school youth by improving the incentives for training providers to deliver relevant and high-quality training. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants to be determined. PID: 100763. Ministry of National Education, Jl. Jend. Sudirman Senayan, Gedung A. Lantai 2, Jakarta Pusat Pusat, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 5790-1004, Fax: (62-21) 5790-0960

(R) Better Education and Reformed Management for Universal Teacher Upgrading: The objective is to improve teaching quality by improving teachers' knowledge of subject matter, pedagogical skills and classroom performance. *Negotiations were completed on 22 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 26 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 87.5/52.0 (IBRD/Dutch Grant). Consultants will be required. A pilot study financed by a Dutch Trust Fund is under way. Directorate of Improvement of Quality and Education Personnel, Ministry of National Education, Jl. Jend. Sudirman Senayan, Gedung A. Lantai 2, Jakarta Pusat Pusat, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 5790-1004, Fax: (62-21) 5790-0960, E-mail: faslijal@yahoo.com; ssurapranta@depdiknas.go.id, Contact: Dr. Fasli Jalal, Director General for Improvement of Education and Personnel

Energy and Mining

(R) Electricity Access for Rural: The objective is to increase and enhance modern electricity services to the rural poor. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93047. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). The project preparation grant (PHRD) agreement has been signed. The government is now hiring consultants who will assist in project preparation: market assessment, pre-investment studies, regulation and policies, institutional aspects and participation. Directorate General of Electricity and Energy Utilization, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Jl. H.R. Rasuma Said Blok X-2, Kav 07-08, Limangan Kalarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 527-9347, 522-5180, Ext. 217, Fax: (62-21) 525-6064, E-mail: perdanahari@hotmail.com, Contact: Emy Perdanahari, Director of Electricity Program Supervision

(R) Geothermal Sector Reform: The objectives are to improve the policy framework, build domestic capacity, and catalyze investments in the geothermal sector. Concept review was scheduled for 31 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 4.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, Jln. Prof. Dr. Supomo No. 10, Jarkarta 12870 Indonesia, Tel/Fax: (0-21) 8370-2847, E-mail: sugiharto@djm-bpsdm.go.id, Contact: Mr. Sugiharto Harso Prayitno, Director of Geothermal

(R) Lahendong Geothermal: The objective is to generate power from geothermal resources. Concept review meeting was scheduled for 25 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 4.2/5.2 (Trust Fund/Prototype Carbon Fund purchase of carbon credits is anticipated). Consulting services to be determined. Perusahaan Listrik Negara, Jl. Trunojoyo Blok M I/135 Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta 12160 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 725-1234, Fax: (62-21) 739-6873, E-mail: tagus@pln.co.id, hardiv@indo.net.id, Contacts: Mr. Tony Agus, Deputy Director of Generation and Primary Energy, and Mr. Hardiv Situmeang, Adviser to the Board of Directors

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Kecamatan Development Program Community Conservation: The objective is to mainstream biodiversity conservation into community-driven development by targeting kecamatan in areas of high global biodiversity, where the kecamatan development program (KDP) already works. Decision meeting *completed. Appraisal is scheduled for 16 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 4.0/10.0 (GEF/Cofinancing). Consultants will be required to design and implement training programs and awareness raising programs for KDP staff in target areas and conduct mapping and land-use assessments to target activities and areas for assistance and specific activities. Ministry of Home Affairs, Pemberdayaan Masyarakat dan Desa, Departement Dalam Negeri Republic Indonesia, Jl. TMP Kalibata No. 17,

Makarta Selatan 12750 Indonesia, Contact: Mr. Ayip Muflich, Director General

Finance

(R) Guarantee Fund: The objective is to establish a government-owned financing vehicle to guarantee payment obligations of public institutions contracting with the private sector for infrastructure services. Decision meeting is scheduled for 19 February 2008. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 101543. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants from Castalia will examine legal and institutional set-up issues. Consultants are required for preparation. Ministry of Finance, Building B, 3rd Floor, Jalan. Dr. Wahidin No. 1, Jakarta Pusat 10710, Indonesia, Tel: (62-81) 683-4459, Fax: (62-81) 345-2558, E-mail: silaban.rio@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Rio Silaban, Head, Risk Management Unit

(R) Infrastructure Development Policy: The objective is to implement the infrastructure reform agenda, including reforms in public-private partnership, risk management, land acquisition, avoidance of corruption, and sectoral policies. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 100578. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Bappenas, Jl. Taman Surapati, No. 2, Jarkata 10310 Indonesia, Tel/Fax: (62-21) 392-6257, E-mail: imron@bappenas.go.id, Contact: Mr. Imron Bulkin, Deputy Prime Minister for Infrastructure

Second Government Financial Management and Revenue Administration: The objective is to reform revenue administration. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 100740. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, DG Tax, DG Tax, B Bldg., 14th Floor, Jl. Jend. Gatot Subroto Kav. 40-42, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 526-2918, Fax: (62-21) 522-5136, E-mail: robert@gfmrap.org, Contact: Mr. Robert Pakpahan, Coordinator, Tax Administration

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) National Agency for Food and Drug Control: The objective is to improve the safety and quality of food and pharmaceuticals by strengthening the food and pharmaceuticals quality assurance management system. Negotiations are scheduled for 22 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82673. US\$ 48.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required. National Agency for Drug and Food Control, Jl. Percetakan Negara No. 23, Jakarta 10560 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 424-5331, Fax: (62-21) 425-0764, 424-4974, E-mail: infopom@indo.net.id, Contact: Dra. Mawarwati Djamaluddin, Secretary

(R) Third Water Supply and Sanitation for Low-Income Communities (Cr: 4204-IND): The objective is to improve delivery of water supply and sanitation to the eastern kabupatens. *The credit was erroneously reported as signed on 12 April 2007. The credit signing is scheduled for 26 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85375. US\$ 137.5 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, J. Pattimura No. 20, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 7279-6158, Fax: (62-21) 7279-6155, Contact: Ir. Agoes Widjanarko, MIP, Directorate General of Human Settlements

Improving Outcomes in a Decentralized Health System: The objective is to strengthen the performance of core public health services in pursuit of priority health outcomes and control of emerging diseases such as Avian Flu. Concept review meeting was scheduled for late May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 40.0/20.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Jln. H.R. Rasuna Said X5, Kav. 4-9, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 520-1590, Fax: (62-21) 520-1597, E-mail: pusdatin@depkes.go.id, Contact: Mr. Syafii Ahmad, Secretary General

Private Sector Development

(R) Private Infrastructure Financing and Support Facility: The objective is to promote public-private partnership in infrastructure and to attract private long-term capital into commercially viable infrastructure projects by offering a range of financial products through a new financial intermediary. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 15 October 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 92218. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Jl. Lapangan Banteng 2-4, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 251-2222, Fax: (62-21) 572-2446, E-mail: raden@ptppa.com, Contact: Mr.

Freddy Saragih, Head, Bureau of Banking and other Financial Institutions; Coordinating Ministry of Economic Affairs

Rural Development

(R) Agricultural Exports Competitiveness: The objectives are to improve the policy environment for facilitating agricultural exports and implement long-term reforms in local governance and rural service delivery. *Appraisal is scheduled for 14 September 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 66.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during project implementation. Ministry of Trade, J. M.I. Ridwan Rais No. 5, Jakarta 10110 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 385-8204, 386-0940, Fax: (62-21) 385-8191, E-mail: dmaulida2001@yahoo.com, Contact: Ms. Diah Maulida, Director General, International Trade

(R) Dam Operational Improvement and Safety: The objective is to improve reservoir dams and make them safer. *Preparation completed. Decision meeting is scheduled for 11 September 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consultants are required for preparation. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura 20, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 739-6616, Fax: (62-21) 720-8285, Contact: Ir. Siswoko, Director General, Department Water Resources

(R) Fisheries Revitalization: The objective is to reduce poverty in rural coastal communities through the sustainable utilization and collaborative management of coastal ecosystems so that their productive capacity is maximized for the benefit of those dependent on them for their livelihoods. *Appraisal was scheduled for 30 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 90257, 95592. US\$ 80.0/10.0 (IBRD/IDA/GEF). Consultants will be required for preparation. State Ministry for National Development Planning/National Development Planning Agency, Jl. Taman Suropati No. 2, Jakarta, Pusat 10310 Indonesia, Tel/Fax: (62-21) 351-9070, Ext. 7723, 310-7960, Contacts: Mr. Saut Hutagalung, Director for Planning and Foreign Cooperation, and Ir Wahyuningsih Darajati, Director for Marine Affairs and Fisheries Bappenas

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(N) National Program for Community Empowerment: The objective is to reduce poverty and improve local-level governance in rural Indonesia for NPCE include: (a) institutionalizing participatory processes in local government; (b) providing cost-effective, basic social and economic infrastructure; (c) promoting greater use of health and education services by poor communities; (d) providing emergency reconstruction assistance; and (e) improving production and marketing skills in poor communities. *Appraisal is scheduled for September 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants to be determined. Ministry of Home Affairs, Jl. Medan Merdeka Utara No. 7, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 345-3503, Fax: (62-2) 351-8767

(R) Third Kecamatan Development Program-Phase II Additional Financing (Ln: 3453-IND): The objective is to reduce poverty and improve local-level governance in rural areas. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 104185. US\$ 123.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Home Affairs, Jl. Raya Pasar Minggu Km. 19, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 7919-9648, Fax: (62-21) 7919-6008, Contact: Dr. Ayip Muflich, SH, MSi, Director General of Village and Community Empowerment

Strengthening Services for Community Governance: (formerly Environment and Natural Resources Management) The objective is to strengthen subdistrict planning and management. *Concept review meeting is scheduled for 10 September 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Home Affairs, PMD, Km. 19, Jl. Pasar Minggu Raya, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 7917-1684, Fax: (62-21) 7919-6118, Contact: Mr. Ayip Muflich, Director General

Transportation

Freeways Program: The objective is to construct a freeway system that will support long-term economic and social development. *Concept review meeting is scheduled for 2 August 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Jakarta Selatan 12110 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 720-0281, Fax: (62-21) 720-1760, Contact: Mrs.

Sri Apriatini Soekardi, Director of Planning, Directorate General of Highways

National Roads Improvement: The objective is to (a) enable decentralization and sustain regional economic competitiveness and social well-being by upgrading substandard roads that have been reclassified as national and strategic roads to the required national standards and by eliminating traffic bottlenecks along strategic and national roads; and (b) enhance road sector management capacity. *Concept review meeting was scheduled for 23 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). A contract is under negotiation with the consultant selected for project preparation. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Jakarta Selatan 12110 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 720-0281, Fax: (62-21) 720-1760, Contact: Mrs. Sri Apriatini Soekardi, Director of Planning, Directorate General of Highways

Strategic Roads Infrastructure (Ln: 4834-IND): The objective is to improve road conditions and increase capacity along key traffic corridors to support economic growth. *The loan signing is scheduled for 2 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 79906. US\$ 208.0 (IBRD). Consultants are required for (a) design and supervision of civil works and monitoring of environmental assessments and action plans and land acquisition and resettlement action plans, and (b) technical assistance. Directorate General of Highways, Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Jakarta Selatan 12110 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 720-0281, (62-21) 727-6581, Fax: (62-21) 720-1760, (62-21) 727-9232, Contact: Mrs. Sri Apriatini Soekardi, Director of Planning

Urban Development

(N) National Program for Community Empowerment in Urban Areas: The objective is to improve services and infrastructure identified and delivered in a more effective and participatory manner through scaling up of a sustainable national program for poverty reduction. *Project identification mission is scheduled for September 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Consultants and implementing agency(ies) to be determined

(R) East Java: The objective is to design and establish pilot community-based wastewater and sanitation systems in the Greater Surabaya Metropolitan Region. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 95436. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. East Java Provincial Government, Jl. Pahlawan No. 108-110, Surabaya, Indonesia, Tel: (62-31) 353-3875, Fax: (62-31) 353-3877, E-mail: didiekh@rad.net.id, Contact: Mr. Hadi Prasetyo, Head of Bappeda, East Java Province

(R) East Java Regional Development and Reform Program: The objective is to improve long-term regional economic development in East Java. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84090. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. East Java Provincial Government, Jl. Pahlawan No. 108-110, Surabaya, Indonesia, Tel/Fax: (62-31) 353-3877, (62-31) 353-3875, E-mail: didiekh@rad.net.id, Contact: Mr. Hadi Prasetyo, Head of Bappeda East Java Province

(R) Second Urban Poverty Additional Financing (Ln: 4664-IND; Ln: 3658-IND): The objective is to improve services for the urban poor and strengthen community and government institutions for responsive service delivery using community-driven approaches. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96813. US\$ 29.5/135.5 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Directorate General of Human Settlements, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 7279-6158, Fax: (62-21) 7279-6155, E-mail: widjanarko@pu.go.id; agoeswidjanarko@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Agoes Widjanarko, Director General of Human Settlements

(R) West Tarum Canal: The objective is to improve the quality, quantity and reliability of the raw water supply to Jakarta. *Concept review meeting was scheduled for 16 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96757. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation. Directorate General of Water Resources, Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta 12110 Indonesia, Tel: (62-021) 722-2804, Fax: (62-021) 726-1956, E-mail: mo-

hasan@centrin.net.id, Contact: Ir. Siswoko, Director General of Water Resources

Umbulan Springs: The objective is to improve water supply for six million consumers in Surabaya, Gresik, Sidoarjo and Pasuruan by increasing water supply from Umbulan springs. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 91021. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta 12110 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 7179-6158, Fax: (62-21) 7279-6155, Contact: Ir. Agoes Widjanarko, Director General of Human Settlements

Western Java Environment Management APL 2: The objectives are to strengthen the institutional capacity of local governments to implement environmental waste management and drainage/flood control projects. Appraisal is scheduled for early January 2008. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82388. US\$ 79.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be needed for supervising investments in solid waste management facilities and capacity building. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta, Selatan 12110 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 7279-6158, Fax: (62-21) 7279-6155, Contact: Agoes Widjanarko, Director General of Human Settlements

Water and Sanitation

Urban Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective is to improve water supply services by strengthening public water utilities to become operationally efficient and financially sustainable, and by involving local private enterprises in construction and operation of water systems under the design-build-lease scheme. Negotiations are scheduled for 16 July 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90991. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta 12110 Indonesia, Tel: (62-021) 7179-6158, Fax: (62-021) 7279-6155, Contact: Ir. Agoes Widjanarko, Director General of Human Settlements

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Finance

(R) Financial Management Capacity Building Additional Finance: The objective is to scale-up implementation of the new Budget Law-Centralization of National Treasury and developing a new framework for intergovernmental fiscal transfers. *Appraisal was completed on 8 May 2007 and negotiations on 22 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 26 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 2.5 (IDA). Consultants will be required for developing business plan for Treasury Centralization. The Director General, External Financial Relations Department, Ministry of Finance, That Luang Rd., PO Box 46, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 412-406, Fax: (856-21) 412-415, Contact: H.E. Soukanh Mahalath, Minister

Private Sector Development

Trade Facilitation: The objective is to implement the trade-related reform agenda. Identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 1.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Phonxay Village, Phonxay Rd., PO Box 4107, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 415-930, 412-007, Fax: (856-21) 412-434, E-mail: khemmani@laopdr.com, Contact: Mrs. Khemmani Pholsena, Director General, Forestry Trade Policy Department

Public Sector Governance

(R) Third Poverty Reduction Support: The objective is to implement the National Growth and Poverty Eradication Strategy. Board presentation was scheduled for 5 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 96710. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 46, 23 Singha Rd., Saysetha District, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel/Fax: (856-21) 412-142, E-mail: thip61@yahoo.com, Contact: Mme. Thippakorne Chathavongsa, Deputy Director General, External Finance Relations Department

Rural Development

(R) Khammouane Rural Livelihood: The objective is to enhance opportunities for rural villagers to participate in the Xe Bang Fai Basin's expected economic development. *Project preparation review is scheduled for 17 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Governance Reform

and Livelihood Strengthening Program, PO Box 456, Khammouane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-51) 213-326, Fax: (856-51) 213-334, Contacts: Mr. Oday Soudaphone, Vice Governor of Khammouane; Mr. Bounhong Khinasamone, National Project Director, Chief of Provincial Propaganda; Mr. Bounmy Himmasone, Director of Finance Department; Mr. Sinthavy, Project Manager; Mr. Bikash Ranjan Dash, Program Support Coordinator

Transportation

(R) Transport Sector: The objective is to promote economic growth through improvement of transport infrastructure and services; to accelerate rural poverty reduction and promote social inclusion through improvement of transport basic access to the rural, remote and disadvantaged communities; and to strengthen institutional capacity at central and local levels for the efficient management of transport programs, assets and donor resources. *Project identification is under way. Concept review meeting was scheduled for 6 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation, implementation, engineering supervision and technical assistance. Ministry of Construction, Transport, Post and Communications, Lanexang Ave., PO Box 4467, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 412-741, E-mail: sommad@laotel.com, Contact: H.E. Sommad Pholsena, Minister, MCTPC

Mongolia

Energy and Mining

(R) Infrastructure Services Delivery: The objective is to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of centralized heating in Ulaanbaatar and selected Aimags, and urban transport in Ulaanbaatar. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 103255. US\$ 15.0/15.0 (IDA/GEF). Consultants will be required for preparation studies in heating and transport. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Forest Landscapes Development and Conservation: (*formerly Forest Landscapes Development and Conservation*) The objective is to enable forest products and the ecosystem services that forests provide to make significant contributions to economic development and environmental protection. *Concept review meeting was completed on 16 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 3.0/1.2 (IDA/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Nature and Environment, Baga toiruu-44, Ulaanbaatar-48, MNE, 210648 Mongolia, Tel/Fax: (976-11) 321-401, E-mail: mne@mongol.net, Contact: Mr. Enkhmandakh, Vice Minister and National Project Director

Law and Justice

(R) Poverty Reduction Support: The objective is to develop and implement policies and structural reforms that are consistent with and supportive of the country's overall economic development strategy in a sequenced and phased manner. *Negotiations were completed on 17 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 19 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78386. US\$ 12.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Negdsen Undestnii St., 5/1, Government Bldg. No.2, Room 203, Ulaanbaatar 210646 Mongolia, Tel/Fax: (976-11) 320-247, Contact: Mr. Sandadorj, Head of Fiscal Policy Department

Second Poverty Reduction Support: The objective is to establish a sound institutional and regulatory environment to complete the transition to a market economy and enable the private sector to become an engine of growth. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Government Bldg. No. 2, Ulaanbaatar 2105646 Mongolia, Tel/Fax: (976-11) 320-247, Contact: Ms. Damba Bassankhuu, Head of Fiscal Policy

Rural Development

(R) Second Sustainable Livelihoods: The objective is to enhance livelihood security and sustainability by scaling up institutional mechanisms that reduce the vulnerability of rural communities through Mongolia. *Appraisal was completed on 14 March 2007 and negotiations on 8 May 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 14 June 2007.* En-

Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96439. US\$ 33.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Household Livelihoods Support Program Office, Chingeltei District, Khuvisgalchdiin Ave., 38, State Bldg. No. 7, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 322-465, Fax: (976-11) 328-107, E-mail: hlspo@mongol.net, Contact: Ms. G. Pagma, Director

Papua New Guinea

Rural Development

(R) Smallholder Agriculture Development: The objective is to improve the living standards of rural communities in selected areas of oil palm-growing provinces. *Negotiations were completed on 30 April 2007.* Board presentation was scheduled for 20 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79140. US\$ 27.5 (IDA). Consultants will be required. The Oil Palm Industry Corporation, Ela Beach, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (675) 320-1588, (675) 320-1583, (675) 320-1592, Fax: (675) 320-1577, E-mail: opic@datec.net.pg, Contact: Mr. Felix Bakani, General Secretary

Transportation

(R) Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Additional Financing (Ln: 4298-PNG): The objective is to maintain the network of key roads and bridges in six provinces. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 37.3 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Works and Transport, PO Box 1108, Boroko, New Capital District, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (675) 324-1190, Fax: (675) 324-1264, E-mail: roymumu@daltron.com.pg, Contact: Mr. Roy Mumu, Deputy Secretary

Philippines

Public Sector Governance

Public Expenditure Rationalization: The objective is to improve governance, combat poverty and improve the delivery of basic services. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78068. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be financed by a PHRD grant, US\$ 1.1, will prepare reports, recommendations, strategies and action plans for: (a) functional and efficiency reviews of central departments; (b) improving the macroeconomic, fiscal and sector expenditure frameworks and linkages among different planning tiers; (c) civil service pay and employment reform and (d) improving implementation of the medium-term expenditure framework and program evaluation. Consultants are also required for implementation and coordination of the PHRD grant. Department of Budget and Management, Ground Fl., Bldg. I, General Solano St., San Miguel, Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 735-4934, Fax: (63-2) 735-4961, E-mail: lpassua@dbm.gov.ph, Contact: Ms. Laura B. Pascua, Undersecretary

Rural Development

(R) Climate Change Adaptation Program: The objective is to develop and demonstrate the systematic diagnosis of climate-related as well as design of cost-effective adaptation measures while continuing integration of climate risk awareness and responsiveness into economic and operational planning. *Concept review was scheduled for 11 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants, to be funded by a GEF preparation grant, will be required. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Elliptical Rd., Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel/Fax: (63-2) 926-8065, E-mail: osec@denr.gov.ph, Contact: Analiza Rebueta-Teh, Assistant Secretary

(R) Mindanao Rural Development - Phase 2 (Ln. 7440-PH): (formerly National Program Support for Second Mindanao Rural Development) The objectives are to: (a) improve access to viable livelihood opportunities for targeted communities and (b) institutionalize a decentralized system for services delivery to enhance productivity, transparency, accountability and community participation. Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 March 2007. *The loan was signed on 3 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84967, 96836. US\$ 84.0/7.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants for preparation have been contracted and preparation activities have been completed. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary, Elliptical Rd., Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel/Fax: (63-2) 920-4079, E-mail: llanera72@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Segfredo Serrano, Undersecretary

(R) National Program Support for Participatory Irrigation Development: The objectives are to (a) improve the National Irrigation Administration's financial viability and irrigation service delivery to farmers; and (b) facilitate farmer participation and close the gap between service areas and actual irrigated areas. *Project preparation review is scheduled for 9 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88926. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. National Irrigation Administration, 4/F, DCIE Bldg., NIA Compound EDSA, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 926-7602, E-mail: sps_soem@nia.gov.ph, Contact: Mr. Mario Gulinao, Project Coordinator

(R) National Program Support to Environment and Natural Resources Management: The objective is to achieve sustainable growth and improved environment and natural resources management by developing and implementing appropriate policies and practices. *Negotiations were completed on 3 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 19 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 96174, 91147. US\$ 50.0/7.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants have been hired for preparation. Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, Elliptical Rd., Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 928-9691, (63-2) 925-2329, Fax: (63-2) 924-2540, (63-2) 924-4352, E-mail: osec@denr.gov.ph, Contact: Hon. Angelo T. Reyes, Secretary

National Program Support for Agrarian Reform: The objective is to reduce the economic and social costs of prolonged uncertainties in the agriculture sector that hamper investment and hence performance competitiveness and the response of the sector to changing global trends. Project preparation is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78252. US\$ 40.0/50.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired for preparation. Department of Agrarian Reform, FAPSO Bldg., DAR Compound, Elliptical Rd., Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 928-7031, Fax: (63-2) 927-0752, E-mail: minniesjph@yahoo.com, Contact: Ms. Herminia San Juan, Director

Social Protection

National Sector Support for Social Welfare and Development Reform: The objective is to support the comprehensive medium term agenda of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in addressing the issues of poverty and sustainable social development focusing on the more disadvantaged sectors of society. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Social Welfare and Development, DSWD Bldg., Batasan Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 951-7521, Fax: (63-2) 931-8138, E-mail: lfp@dswd.gov.ph, Contact: Ms. Luwalhati F. Pablo, Undersecretary

Transportation

(N) Light Rail Transit Line 1 South Extension: The objective is to support the Light Rail Transit Authority (LRTA) with the construction of Light Rail Transit (LRT) Line 1 South extension and concessioning the Manila LRT Line 1 through a public-private partnership. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 260.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation. Light Rail Transit Authority, Administration Bldg., LRTA Compound, Aurora Blvd., Pasay City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 833-2466, 832-0423, 853-0041, Fax: (63-2) 831-6449, E-mail: melrobles@lrta.gov.ph, lrtamain@philonline.com, Contact: Mr. Melquiades Robles, Administrator

(R) Cavite-Laguna North South Highway: The objectives are to (a) improve road access to the country's premier industrial belt by reducing traffic congestion through construction of the North-South Expressway; and (b) to assist in creating an enabling environment for private sector participation through public-private partnerships. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 101581. US\$ 140.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation. Department of Public Works and Highways, Bonifacio Dr., Port Area, Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 304-3000, Fax: (63-2) 304-3487, E-mail: bonoan.manuel@dpwh.gov.ph, Contact: Mr. Manuel M. Bonoan, Undersecretary

(R) Second National Roads Improvement and Management Program: The objective of the second phase APL is to improve efficiency and sustainability in the management of the road sector. Negotiations were scheduled for 29 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category

A. PID: 79935. US\$ 220.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Department of Public Works and Highways, Bonifacio Dr., Port Area, Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 304-3260, Fax: (63-2) 304-3485, E-mail: bonoan.manuel.m@dpwh.gov.ph, Contact: Mr. Manuel Bonoan, Undersecretary, Technical Services and Bureaus

Water and Sanitation

(R) Manila Third Sewerage: The objective is to reduce transboundary pollution in large marine ecosystems caused by Manila Bay pollution. Board presentation is scheduled for 26 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 89082. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants have been engaged. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, FASPO Bldg., DENR Compound, Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City 1100 Philippines, Tel: (632) 929-6626, Fax: (632) 927-1518, E-mail: analiza@denr.gov.ph, lilibeth-medrono@denr.gov.ph, Contact: Attorney Analiza Rebuelta-Teh, Assistant Secretary, Foreign-Assisted and Special Projects Office

Local Government Support for Performance Grants: The objective is to support the implementation of a performance grant system for LGUs to provide incentives for governance improvement in areas such as local revenue mobilization, fiduciary control, planning and budgeting, and public participation. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 97445. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Japan CTF received to assist in preparation. Department of Finance, Municipal Development Fund Office, DOF Bldg., BSP Complex, Roxas Blvd., Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 523-9215, Fax: (63-2) 526-8474, Contact: Ms. Margarito Teves, Secretary

Local Government Support for Regional Water Supply: The objectives of the project are to improve the Local Water Utilities Administration's financial status and support its reorganization. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 96833. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation. Local Water Utilities Administration, LWUA Bldg., Katipunan Road, Balara, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 920-5581, Fax: (63-2) 920-1229, E-mail: mario@quitoriano.org, Contact: Mr. Mario Quitoriano, Department Manager, Loans and Water Rates Evaluation Department

Manila Water Supply Financial Strengthening and Service Expansion: The objective is to restructure and rehabilitate the water supply network in the northern and central hydraulic areas of the Maaynilad Water Services concession. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71119. US\$ 125.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, Katipunan Rd., Balara, Quezon City 1105 Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 928-5691, Fax: (63-2) 922-2568, Contact: Mr. Orlando C. Hondrade, Administrator

Regional

Energy and Mining

(R) Sustainable Energy Finance: The objective is to provide technical assistance and affordable financing in Pacific Island countries, including Fiji, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, for small enterprises and households to buy alternative sources of energy such as bio-fuels and solar and hydroelectric power. Board presentation was scheduled for 5 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 98423. US\$ 10.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Works and Energy, PO Box 2493, Government Buildings, Suva, Fiji, Tel: (679) 338-4111, Fax: (679) 338-3198, Contact: Anasa Vocea, Chief Executive Officer, Davendra Kumaran, Director for Energy; Central Bank of Solomon Islands, PO Box 634, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Tel: (677) 217-91, Fax: (677) 235-13, E-mail: rhou@cbsi.com.sb, Contact: Rick N. Hou, Governor

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Sustainable Transport and Environment: The objectives are to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve air quality. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Samoa

Health, Nutrition and Population

Second Health Sector Management: The objective is to improve effectiveness and efficiency by developing a sector-wide approach to health development. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 3.5 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Private Mail Bag Motoootua, Apia, Samoa, Tel: (685) 24496, Fax: (685) 21212

Transportation

(R) Second Infrastructure Asset Management Additional Financing: The objectives are to (a) reform transport institutions and administration of land and the environment, (b) implement asset management for roads, coastal and aviation infrastructure, (c) extend the road network to serve remote and poor communities, and (d) implement the coastal management and adaptation strategy including emergency and risk-management provisions. *Negotiations were completed on 15 May 2007.* Board presentation is scheduled for 19 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 91025. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 3017, Apia, Samoa, Tel: (685) 343-33, (685) 343-32, Fax: (685) 213-12, E-mail: hinauri.petana@mof.gov.ws, Contact: Ms. Hinauri Petana, Chief Executive Officer

Solomon Islands

Energy and Mining

Sustainable Energy: The objective is to extend electricity service to outer islands and develop decentralized power grids. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 4.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation of feasibility studies, management and other purposes. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Sector Support Program: The objective is to improve priority health outcomes. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 97671. US\$ 1.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, PO Box 349, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Tel: (67-7) 234-04, (67-7) 944-72, Contact: Dr. George Malefo'asi, SIHSDP Director

Rural Development

(R) Rural Development: The objective is to increase benefits to rural households from more responsive delivery of social and economic services and infrastructure, thereby contributing to improved level and security of their livelihoods. Preparation is under way. *Decision meeting was scheduled for 30 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 89297. US\$ 10.0/6.5 (IDA/AUSAID). *Cofinancing is anticipated from the EU.* Consultants will be required. Department of National Planning and Aid, PO Box G30, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Tel: (677) 286-08, Fax: (677) 301-63, E-mail: psnrp@pmc.gov.sb, Contact: Ms. Jane Wa'etara, Permanent Secretary

Timor-Leste

Education

(R) Education Sector Support: The objective is to achieve sustainable improvements in the quality of education services. *Decision meeting was completed on 23 April 2007 and negotiations on 10 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 19 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 95873. US\$ 6.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Culture, Vila Verde, Dili, Timor-Leste, Tel: (670) 333-9631, E-mail: dydiximenes@yahoo.com, Contact: Hon. Rosaria Maria Corte-Real, Minister

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Service Delivery: The objective is to expand electricity access and improve the reliability and efficiency of existing electricity supply. *Decision meeting completed on 21 May 2007. Negotiations were scheduled for 29 May 2007 and Board presentation for 28 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 4.5 (IDA). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.5 will finance project preparation. Consultants are required

for preparation and implementation including (a) loss reduction studies for the power system in Dili; (b) district and sub-district system rehabilitation and extension studies. Ministry of Natural Resources, Minerals and Energy Policy, Fomento Bldg., 1st Fl., Rua Dom Aleixo Corte Real, Mandarin, Dili, Timor-Leste, Tel: (670) 333-9178, Contact: Mr. Jose A. Fernandes Teixeira, Minister

(R) Gas Seep Harvesting: The objectives are to (a) harvest natural gas, currently escaping into the atmosphere from seeps near Aliambata, and (b) generate power for local communities with the harvested gas. Approved by the *Executive Directors* on 28 March 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 92055. US\$ 0.85 (Special Financing). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.3 is funding preparation. Consultants are needed for preparation. Directorate of Energy and Mineral Resources, Ministry of Development and Environment, Fomento Bldg., 1st Floor, Dili, Timor-Leste, Tel/Fax: (670) 331-7143, E-mail: lorenzo_pedro@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Lorenzo Pedro, Project Manager, Onshore Oil and Gas

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Sector: The objective is to improve the quality and coverage of preventive and curative health services, particularly for women and children, in order to accelerate progress toward the health MDGs. Decision meeting was scheduled for 3 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 104794. US\$ 1.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Rua Calcoll Caixa Postal 374, Timor-Leste, Tel: (670) 332-2467, Fax: (670) 332-5189, Contact: Dr. Rui Maria De Araujo, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Health

Tonga

Transportation

Transport Sector Consolidation: The objective is to consolidate administration of land, sea and air transport sub-sectors within the framework of the newly created Ministry of Transport. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Civil Aviation, Corner of Queen Salote Rd. and Tupoulahi Rd., PO Box 845, Nukualofa, Tonga, Tel: (676) 24-144, (676) 24-045, Fax: (676) 24-145, E-mail: mca_staff@mca.gov.to, vmaake@mca.gov.to, Contact: Mr. Viliami Ma'aki, Acting Secretary, Ministry of Works and Transport, Vailoaloa, PO Box 52, Nukualofa, Tonga, Tel: (676) 23-100, Fax: (676) 25-440, Contact: Mr. Sione Taumoepeau, Secretary

Vietnam

Economic Management

(R) Sixth Poverty Reduction Support: The objective is to implement the socio-economic development plan. *Decision meeting was completed on 24 April 2007, appraisal on 10 May 2007 and negotiations on 17 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 20 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 101724. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. State Bank of Vietnam, 47-49 Ly Thai To St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel/Fax: (84-4) 934-3361, E-mail: icdwb@vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Dang Anh Mai, Deputy Director, International Cooperation Department

(R) Tax Administration Modernization: The objectives are to improve revenue collection efficiency and governance, reduce corruption potential, foster economic growth, promote the investment climate, and enhance public confidence in the quality and integrity of governmental institutions. Negotiations were scheduled for 11 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 99376. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. General Department of Taxation, Ministry of Finance, 123 Lo Duc St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 971-2288, Fax: (84-4) 971-2287, E-mail: nmchi@gdt.gov.vn, Contact: Mme. Nguyen Hong Hai, Deputy Director General

Education

(R) School Education Quality Assurance: The objective is to raise the quality of teaching in basic education and to promote universal access to full-day primary education. Preparation mission is *under way*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 45.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Training, 49 Dai

Co., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 869-2479, Contact: Mr. Trinh Quoc Thai, Director Primary Education

(R) Second Higher Education: The objective is to increase the quality of teaching and research in Higher Education Institution (HEI) in ways that improve the employability of graduates and the relevance of research and development. *Negotiations were completed on 10 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 20 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79665. US\$ 60.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Training, 49 Dai Co, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 869-2479, Contact: Ms. Tran Thi Ha, Director Higher Education

Higher Education Reform Support: The objective is to operationalize the Government's Higher Education Reform Agenda 2006-2020. Identification mission was scheduled for June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Training, 49 Dai Co., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 869-2479, Contact: Ms. Tran Thi Ha, Director Higher Education

Energy and Mining

(R) Rural Distribution: The objective is to upgrade and expand the medium voltage distribution networks in 29 provinces, affecting about one million households. It would also, on a pilot basis, investigate mechanisms to help local distribution utilities finance expansion of service to remote and poor areas. Decision meeting is scheduled for 3 October 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 99211. US\$ 170.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Electricity of Vietnam, 18 Tran Nguyen Han St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 825-5659, Fax: (84-4) 824-9462, E-mail: tienptt@evn.com.vn, Contact: Mr. Dao Van Hung, General Director

Finance

Financial Sector Modernization and Information Management: The objectives are to reorganize the central bank, strengthen its core functions and develop a data management framework and system capable of supporting informed decision making. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 88759. US\$ 45.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for technical assistance. State Bank of Vietnam, 49 Ly Thai To, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 934-3361, Fax: (84-4) 825-0612, E-mail: fdsbv@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Le Minh Hung, Director-General, International Cooperation Department

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Northern Uplands Health Support: The objective is to ensure that health services reach the poorest. *Preparation completed. Decision meeting was scheduled for 11 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82672. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, 138A Giang Vo, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 846-4914, Fax: (84-4) 846-4051, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Hoang Long, Vice-Director, Planning and Finance Department

Rural Development

(R) Program 135-Phase 2 (Cr: 4274-VN): (formerly Program for Socio-Economic Development in Communes Facing Extreme Hardship in Ethnic Minority and Mountainous Areas, Phase 2) The objective is to strengthen the results of the national target program for poverty reduction, which provides infrastructure, production, livelihood and capacity-building services to predominantly ethnic minority communities. *The loan was signed on 17 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 104097. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Committee of Ethnic and Mountainous Affairs, 80-82 Phan Dinh Phung, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 823-0500, Fax: (84-4) 823-0235, E-mail: sedema@cema.gov.vn, Contact: Mr. Tran Van Thuat, Director, Department of Ethnic and Mountainous Policy

Second Agricultural Diversification: The objective is to promote market-oriented agricultural diversification with the aim of increasing and stabilizing the incomes of poor smallholders in the central highland and coastal provinces. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84957. US\$ 55.0 (IDA). Consultants have been recruited for preparation. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, 2 Ngoc Ha, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 843-8689, Fax:

(84-4) 843-8793, E-mail: adpddhnn1@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Van Vinh, Director, Project Coordinating Unit

Transportation

(R) Hanoi Urban Transport and Development: The objectives are to (a) enhance service levels of the public transport system by reserving parts of streets to the exclusive use of public transport; (b) promote urban growth patterns and infrastructure design standards compatible with good transport system performance; (c) strengthen the city's capacity to manage, regulate and plan public transport; and (d) promote a shift to environmentally sustainable transport modes and urban development patterns. Preparation is being financed by grants from Japan (PHRD), the Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility and GEF. Negotiations *are under way*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 83581, 85393. US\$ 135.0/10.0 (IDA/GEF). Consultants are required. Hanoi Transport and Urban Public Works Service/Transport and Urban Public Works Project Management Unit, 75 To Hien Thanh Ave., 3rd, 4th FL., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 974-0914, E-mail: tupmu.toan@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Do Duc Huan, Director

(R) Mekong Delta Transport Infrastructure (Ln: 4306-VN): The objective is to improve supply chain efficiency for the production and domestic and international trade of the region. *Negotiations were completed on 17 April 2007. Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 83588. US\$ 207.7 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation. Additional consultants will be required during implementation for project management and construction supervision. Project Management Unit No. 1, 308 Minh Khai St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 862-9101, Fax: (84-4) 862-8983, (84-4) 862-8984, E-mail: ru_pmul@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Viet Dung, General Director

(R) Northern Delta Transport Development: The objective is to facilitate sustainable economic growth and inclusive development in the Northern Delta region. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. *PID: 95129.* US\$ 150.0 (IDA). Preparation is being financed by grants from Japan (PHRD) and the Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility. Consultants are required. PMU-W, 331 Nguyen Trai St., District 1, HCMC, Vietnam, Tel: (84-8) 836-5146, Fax: (84-8) 836-5149, E-mail: pmuw@hcm.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Le Huy Thang, Deputy General Director

(R) Third Rural Transport (Cr: 4150-VN): The objective is to reduce rural poverty by: (a) improving rural access from communities to markets, off-farm economic opportunities and social services; (b) increasing the capacity to plan, improve and sustain the existing rural transport network; and (c) enabling the development of small-scale private contractors and transport service operators. *The credit signing was scheduled for 17 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75407. US\$ 106.3 (IDA). Consultants will be required during implementation to assist with project management and construction supervision. Project Management Unit No. 5, 278 Ton Duc Thang St., Dong Da District, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 851-3659, (84-4) 851-4406, Fax: (84-4) 851-0857, E-mail: pmu5@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Luu Van Dung, General Director

Urban Development

(R) Danang Priority Infrastructure Investment: The objective is to facilitate sustainable economic growth, environmental improvements and poverty reduction in Danang. Decision meeting is scheduled for 15 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category: A. PID: 86508. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). A PHRD grant will finance feasibility studies for Phase 1. Consultants are being hired. Danang Priority Infrastructure Investment Projects Management Unit, Danang People's Committee, 54 Thai Phien St., Danang, Vietnam, Tel: (84-5) 1156-2677, Fax: (84-5) 1156-2678, E-mail: danangpip@vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Tan Lien, Director PMU, Drainage and Sanitation Project

(R) Ho Chi Minh City Investment Fund for Urban Development (HIFU): The objective is to develop HIFU as a model local development investment fund and increase private sector participation in financing cost-recovery oriented municipal infrastructure in HCMC. *Decision meeting and appraisal were completed on 16 April 2007 and negotiations on 17 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 20 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 104848. US\$

50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ho Chi Minh City Investment Fund for Urban Development, 33-39 Pasteur, District 1, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Tel: (84-8) 821-4244, Fax: (84-8) 821-4243, E-mail: hifu@hcm.vnn.vn, Contact: Ms. Giao Thi Yen, Director General

Local Development Investment Funds: The objective is to improve the efficiency and sustainability of local development investment funds and facilitate financing of infrastructure with private sector participation. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, 28 Tran Hung Dao, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (844) 220-8037, Fax: (844) 220-8020, E-mail: phamphandung@mof.gov.vn, Contact: Mr. Pham Phan Dzung, Director General, Banking and Financial Institutions Department

Second Urban Water Supply Development: The objective is to expand service to urban centers in a cost effective and sustainable manner. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 96911. US\$ 125.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required to prepare the project. Ministry of Construction, 37 Le Dai Hanh, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 976-1852, Fax: (84-4) 821-5428, E-mail: dactn@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Pham Ngoc Thai, Director

South Asia

Afghanistan

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Naghlu Rehabilitation Carbon Finance: The objective is to prepare a Carbon Finance operation in order to commercialize the carbon dioxide emissions produced by the rehabilitation of Naghlu power station as part of the clean development mechanisms established in the Kyoto Protocol. Preappraisal is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. *PID: 99442.* US\$ 3.6 (IDA). Consultants will be required to develop the project design document and conduct the required verification activities. Ministry of Finance, Pastoonistan Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-75) 200-4199, E-mail: info@mof.gov.af, Contact: Mr. Wnwar-ul Haq Ahady, Minister

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Avian and Human Influenza Control: The objectives are to minimize the bird flu threat to the poultry sector, prepare for its possible spread to humans and identify, control and mitigate the effects of a pandemic. *The loan was signed on 3 February 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100935. US\$ 8.0/4.7 (IDA Grant/Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Department of Animal Health, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Jamal Mina, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-70) 272-523, E-mail: azizullah.osmani@af-fao.org, Contact: Dr. Azizullah Osmani, General Director of Animal Husbandry and Animal Health; Department of Communicable Diseases, Ministry of Public Health, The Grate, Masood Square, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-70) 288-403, E-mail: wahidi2uk@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Shukrullah Wahidi, General Director of Preventive Medicine and PHC

Public Sector Governance

Civil Service Reform: (formerly Public Administration Reform.) The objectives are to continue public administration reform such as restructuring and merit based appointments and launch other initiatives to build capacity within the civil service. Board presentation was scheduled for 29 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 97030. US\$ 24.6 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Independent Administrative Reform and Civil Service Commission, Prime Minister's Compound, Shah Mahmood Ghazi Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-07) 920-2168, E-mail: whamidzada@sbcglobal.net, Contact: Dr. Wali A. Hamidzada, Director, Civil Service Training and Development

Rural Development

(R) Second Emergency National Solidarity: The objective is to expand to new areas the foundations for strengthening of community-

level governance, and to support community-managed subprojects in reconstruction and development that improve access of rural communities to social and productive infrastructure and services. *The loan was signed on 3 February 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 102288. US\$ 120.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Shah Mahmood Ghazi Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-07) 222-118, E-mail: info@mrrd.gov.af, Contact: Mr. Mohammad Ehsan Zia, Minister

Urban Development

Urban Waste Management: The objective is to develop sustainable solid waste and on-site sanitation management systems. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Kabul Municipality, Mohammad Jan Khan Watt, Puli Bagh e Umomi, in front of Ministry of Education, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-70) 287-122, E-mail: alinizikm@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Ali Niazi, Director of Planning; Ministry of Urban Development and Housing, Kabul, Afghanistan

Bangladesh

Economic Management

(R) Fourth Development Support: The objective is to carry out policy reforms in line with unlocking the potential: national strategy for accelerated poverty reduction. *Preparation was completed on 21 March 2007, decision meeting on 2 April 2007, appraisal on 3 April 2007 and negotiations on 8 April 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 29 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74801. US\$ 200.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Fax: (880-2) 811-3088, Contact: Mr. Siddiqur Rahman Chowdhury, Secretary, Finance Division

Education

(R) Third Programmatic Education Sector Adjustment: The objective is to implement the third phase of the education reform program. *Preparation was completed on 1 February 2007, decision meeting on 9 May 2007, appraisal on 9 May 2007 and negotiations on 16 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 20 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 102541. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Education, Bhaban 6 Room 1809, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-8711, Fax: (880-2) 716-7577, E-mail: moe@bdcom.com, Contact: Md. Momtajul Islam, Secretary

Vocational Education and Training Reform: The objective is to implement vocational education and training reforms in curriculum, financing and private sector participation. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Bhaban-6, Room 1809, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-8711, (880-2) 716-4236, Fax: (880-2) 716-7577, E-mail: moe1@bdcom.com, Contact: Mr. Md. Momtajul Islam, Secretary of Education

Energy and Mining

(R) Siddhirganj Peaking Power: The objective is to provide power during daily peak consumption periods. Preappraisal mission has been delayed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95965. US\$ 275.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Project preparation consultant is being funded by the Power Sector Development Technical Assistance project. Electricity Generating Company of Bangladesh, WAPDA Bldg., 1st Fl., 12 Motijheel C/A Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 911-6382, (880-2) 812-4197, (880-2) 01717-31025, Contact: Mr. Delwar Hossain, Managing Director

South Zone Power Distribution: The objective is to deliver power more widely by establishing a power distribution company and improving and expanding the power distribution network. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Power Division, Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources, Bhaban 6, Rooms 124 and 125, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-5918, 716-0523, Fax: (880-2) 717-0740, Contact: Mr. Nazrul Islam, Secretary; Bangladesh Power Development Board, WAPDA Building, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 956-2154, Fax: (880-2) 956-4765, Contact: Mr. A.N.H. Akhtar Hossain, Chairman; Distribution

Power Zone, Power Development Board, Bidyut Bhaban, Agrabad, Chittagong, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-31) 712-200, Fax: (880-31) 715-090, Contact: Mr. Kazi Bashiruddin Ahmed, Chief Engineer

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Second Air Quality Management: The objective is to strengthen the infrastructure and institutional and regulatory framework for air quality management in Bangladesh; address emissions from major sources such as industry, transport and household fuel use. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 60.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required during preparation and initial period of implementation. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paribesh Bhaban, E-16 Agargaon, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka 1207, Tel/Fax: (88-02) 716-1676, Contact: S.M. Jahurul Islam, Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Forests

Dhaka Environment and Water Resources Management: The objectives are to: (a) reduce the social and economic costs of environmental degradation of rivers in Dhaka and (b) develop a programmatic approach to water resources and environmental management in the Dhaka metropolitan area for strategic long-term activities and investments. Project preparation was scheduled 8 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Bldg. No. 7, Rm. 602, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000 Bangladesh, Tel/Fax: (880-2) 716-8578, Contact: Mr. Safar Raj Hossain, Secretary

Private Sector Development

(R) Private Sector Development Support: The objective is to implement the pro-poor growth agenda by strengthening incentives as well as the ability of firms to enhance their competitiveness. *Preappraisal was scheduled for 2 January 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 78769. US\$ 85.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Board of Investment, Jiban Bima Tower, 19th Fl., 10 Dilkusha C/A., Dhaka 1000 Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 956-1430/31, 955-9378, 956-1433, Fax: (880-2) 956-2312, E-mail: ecboi@bdmail.net, Contact: Mr. Mamdood Hossain Alamgir, Director

(R) Second Poverty Alleviation Microfinance Additional Financing: The objective of the additional financing is to extend sustainable microcredit facilities by partner organizations of PKSF to the rickshaw-pullers affected by the ban on rickshaws in certain Dhaka streets, in order to restore their livelihood to previous levels. *Negotiations were completed on 24 April 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 31 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 105742. US\$ 15.0 IDA Consultants will be required. Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), Plot E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka-1207, Tel: (880-2) 914-0056, Fax: (880-2) 913-4431, E-mail: pksf@pksf-bd.org, Contact: Mr. Golam Touhid, Deputy General Manager

Public Sector Governance

(R) Second Public Procurement Reform: The objective is to improve performance of the public procurement system and thereby contributing to improved governance. *Appraisal was completed on 24 April 2007 and negotiations on 21 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 21 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 98146. US\$ 7.2 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Central Procurement Technical Unit, Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division, Ministry of Planning, Central Procurement Technical Unit, IMED, Ministry of Planning, Block 11 & 12, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka 1207 Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 9144-2523, Fax: (880-2) 914-4250, E-mail: info@cptu.gov.bd, Contact: A.K.M. Fazlul Karim, Director General

Rural Development

(R) Avian Influenza Preparedness and Response: The objective is to minimize the threat posed to poultry and humans by the bird flu virus and other zoonoses. *Negotiations were scheduled for 30 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 22.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Livestock Services (DLS) under Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock (MOFL), Livestock Building, 1st Fl., Krishi Khamar Sharak, Farmgate, Dhaka., Tel: (880-2) 811-5532, Fax: (880-2) 911-0326, E-mail: dr_motalib@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Md. Abdul Motalib, Director, Ministry of Fisheries and Live-

stock Services, Bldg. 6, Rm. 509, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, Bangladesh. Tel: (880-2) 716-1258, Fax: (880-2) 716-1117, E-mail: secy_mofl@btb.net.bd. Contact: Mr. Sayed Ataur Rahman, Secretary

(R) National Agricultural Technology: The objective is to strengthen the national agricultural technology system to increase farm productivity and add value to selected commodities with improved market linkages. *Appraisal was completed on 11 March 2007. Negotiations are scheduled for 23 August 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 75.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Bldg. 4, Rm. 422, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-0470, Fax: (880-2) 716-7040, E-mail: agrsec@baccmoe.gov.bd; Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, Bldg. 6, Rm. 509, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-1258, Fax: (880-2) 716-1117, E-mail: secy_mofl@btb.net.bd, Contact: Mr. M. Mortuza Hossain, Secretary

(R) Social Investment Program Additional Financing (Ln: 3740-BD): The objective is the same as original project, additional financing would continue to support the development of effective and efficient financing and institutional arrangements at the local level for improving access to local infrastructure and basic services. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 104483. US\$ 8.0 (IDA). Mostly local consultancies and technical assistance. Bangladesh SIPP, Social Development Foundation (SDF), House 3, Road 2A, Banani, Dhaka 1213, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 987-3094, Fax: (880-2) 987-3095, Contact: Mr. Muhammad Fazlur Rahman, Managing Director, SDF

(R) Water Management Improvement: The objective is to improve water management and services in flood- and cyclone-prone areas. Board presentation is scheduled for *18 September 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 40712. US\$ 102.7 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Bangladesh Water Development Board, Ansar Chamber, 11th Fl., 149, Motijheel C/A, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 712-1540, Fax: (880-2) 712-1537, E-Mail: pd-wsip@accessel.net, Contact: Mr. Md. Abdul Quasem, Project Director; Water Resources Planning Organization, Rd. 1, House 103, Banani, Dhaka 1213 Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 988-0879, Fax: (880-2) 988-3456, Email: dg_warpo@bangla.net, Contact: Mr. H.S. Mozaddad Faruque

Second Social Investment Program: The objective is to support Government of Bangladesh's strategy for reducing poverty amongst the rural people, currently outside the reach of most development interventions. It would empower the rural poor and improve their livelihoods in the poorest districts through developing, strengthening and synergizing pro-poor local groups and village level institutions Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Bangladesh SIPP 2 (livelihoods), Social Development Foundation (SDF), House 3, Road 2A, Banani, Dhaka-1213, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 987-3094, Fax: (880-2) 987-3095, Contact: Mr. Muhammad Fazlur Rahman, Managing Director, SDF

Transportation

(R) Export Infrastructure Development: The objective is to enhance the competitiveness of the tradable sectors of the economy. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 28 September 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 89634. US\$ 120.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required to conduct feasibility studies, and supervision of the planned design-build contract. Chittagong Port Authority, CPA Bldg., Chittagong, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-031) 251-0883, (880-031) 712-504, Fax: (880-031) 710-593, Contact: Mr. Hadi H. Babul, Project Director

(R) Road Sector Reform: The objective is the sustainable delivery of a safe, efficient major road network system. Appraisal is scheduled for *30 November 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75346. US\$ 229.0 (IDA). Consultants are required for preparation and implementation of the civil works components and for institutional strengthening of the Roads and Highways Department. Roads and Highways Department, Sarak Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka 1000 Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 956-8740, Fax: (880-2) 956-8302, E-mail: pdrrmp@rhd.gov.bd, Contact: Mr. Abdullahel Kafi, Project Coordinator

Water and Sanitation

Dhaka Chittagong Urban Flood Mitigation and Sanitation Improvement: The objective is to provide reliable, sustainable sewerage

and drainage services in Dhaka. Appraisal is scheduled for October 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93988. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Dhaka Water and Sanitation Authority, WASA Bhaban, 98 Kazi Nazrul Islam Ave., Dhaka 1215 Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 811-6792, Fax: (880-2) 811-2109, E-mail: md-dwsa@bangla.net, Contact: Mr. Shahidur Rahman Pradhan, Acting Managing Director

Bhutan

Private Sector Development

(R) Private Sector Support: The objective is to create conditions conducive to private sector growth and increased productivity leading to increased employment. *Decision meeting completed on 22 March 2007, appraisal on 2 April 2007 and negotiations on 24 April 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 20 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 73458. US\$ 8.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Trade and Industry, Planning and Policy Division, PO Box 141, Thimpu, Bhutan, Tel: (975-2) 323-579, (975-2) 326-096, Fax: (975-2) 324-279, (975-2) 326-097, E-mail: spwangdi@druknet.net.bt, Contact: Mr. Sonam P. Wangdi, Deputy Secretary, Planning and Policy Division; Department of Aid and Debt Management, PO Box 1032, Thimphu, Bhutan, Tel: (975-2) 324-121, Fax: (975-2) 326-779, E-mail: ugyen@mof.gov.bt, Contact: Yanki T. Wangchuk, Secretary; Ministry of Finance

Transportation

(R) Second Rural Access (H285-BHU): The objectives are to improve access of rural communities to markets, schools, health centers and other economic and social infrastructure. *The loan was signed on 23 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100332. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Preparation consultants have been hired. Consultants will be required for implementation. Department of Roads, Ministry of Communications, Thimphu, Bhutan, Tel: (975-2) 322-237, Fax: (975-2) 321-124, E-mail: rap@druknet.bt, Contact: Mr. Phuntsho Wangdi, Director

India

Economic Management

(R) Third Andhra Pradesh Economic Reform (Ln: 4845-IN, Cr: 4254-IN): The objective is to advance the socio-economic development of Andhra Pradesh. *The loan was signed on 8 February 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 75174. US\$ 150.0/75.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Hyderabad 22, Andhra Pradesh, India, Tel: (91-40) 2345-4672, Fax: (91-40) 2345-3479, E-mail: secy_bud_fin@ap.gov.in, Contact: Mr. A. Giridhar, Secretary to the Government

Energy and Mining

(N) Vishnugad Pipalkoti Hydro Electric Loan: The objectives are to: (a) improve the reliability of India's Northern (Electricity) Grid/Network through the addition of renewable, low-carbon energy; and (b) improve the effectiveness of Tehri Hydro Development Corporation Ltd. with respect to the preparation and safe implementation of economically, environmentally and socially sustainable hydropower projects. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Tehri Hydro Development Corporation Ltd., Corporate Planning, Bhagirath Bhawan (Top Terrace) Bhagirathipuram, Tehri (Garhwal) 249001, Uttarakhnad, India, Tel: (91-135) 2452-5764, 2452-5836, 2453-7821, Fax: (91-135) 2454-5092, Contact: Mr. Deepak Sarwal, General Manager

(R) Coal-Fired Power Station Rehabilitation: The objective is to improve environmental and energy performance and practices of selected coal-fired power generating units. The project has two components (a) Technical Assistance (US\$ 7.4 million GEF Grant); and (b) Coal R&M Energy Efficiency Financing Window. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B (discussion under way to upgrade to A). PID: 100101. US\$ 117.7/45.4 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Ltd. (MahaGenCo), Prakashgad, Plot No. G 9 2nd Fl., Bandra (E), Mumbai 400051, India, Tel: (91-22) 2647-4211, Fax: (91-22) 2647-1060, Contact: Mr. Ajoy Mehta, Managing Director, Maharashtra State

Power Generation Company Ltd. (MahaGenco); West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd, 1 Kiran Shankar Roy Rd, 6th Fl., Kolkata 700001, India, Tel: (91-33) 2248-3317, (91-33) 2248-2024, (91-33) 2243-0525, Fax: (91-33) 2248-6436, (91-33) 2243-7874, Contact: Mr. S. Mahapatra, Managing Director, West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd.

(R) Rampur Hydropower: The objective is to produce 1.7 billion units of renewable, low carbon, electricity per year for the northern region in an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable manner by building the Rampur hydropower plant. *Negotiations are scheduled for 9 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 95114. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd., Himfed Bldg., New Simla 171009 India, Tel: (91-177) 267-0804, (91-177) 267-0390, Fax: (91-177) 267-0893, E-mail: sjvncp@yahoo.co.in, Contact: Mr. H.B. Sahay, DGM, Corporate Planning

Rural Electricity Access: The objective is to develop scalable sustainable institutional models for increasing access to electricity services in rural areas. Project preparation is on hold. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 65.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Power, 209 Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110001 India, Tel: (91-11) 2371-5378, Fax: (91-11) 2371-7519, Contact: Mr. Ajay Shankar, Joint Secretary

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) India Chiller Energy Efficiency Credit: The objectives are to: (i) improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the chiller sector; and (ii) reduce and/or eliminate consumption of ozone depleting substances (ODS) as required under the Montreal Protocol. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi, India 110003, Tel: (91-11) 2436-3596, Fax: (91-11) 2436-9192, E-mail: mital_sudhir@nic.in, Contact: Mr. Sudhir Mittal, Joint Secretary

(N) Integrated Coastal Zone Management Loan/Credit: The objectives are to develop and implement an improved strategic and integrated management approach for India's coastal zones to preserve the long-term productivity for continued sustainable development and economic growth. The four components are: (i) vulnerability and ecological mapping; (ii) institution building and strengthening at national level; (iii) development and implementation of state-level approaches; and (iv) project management. Project concept review completed. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 90.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003, Tel: (91-11) 2436-0694, Fax: (91-11) 2436-0678, Contact: Dr. A. Senthil Vel, Additional Director

Biodiversity Conservation and Rural Livelihood Improvement: The objective is to strengthen biodiversity conservation while improving rural livelihoods. Decision meeting is scheduled for 21 August 2007. Appraisal is scheduled for 20 September 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 88520, 88598. US\$ 24.0/14.0 (IDA/GEF). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.4 is financing preparation. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Annex 5, Bikaner House, Shahjahan Rd., Paravaryan Bhawan, New Delhi 110001 India, Fax: (91-11) 2338-4428, E-mail: dirpt.r@hub.nic.in, Contact: Dr. Rajesh Gopal, Director

Capacity Building for Industrial Pollution Management: The objectives are to strengthen the regulatory and implementation capacity of national and state environmental institutions and reduce pollution. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 91031. US\$ 90.6 (IBRD/IDA). GEF cofinancing is being sought. A PPF advance will finance preparatory consultants. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Rd., New Delhi 110003 India, Tel: (91-11) 2436-3596, Fax: (91-11) 2436-9192, E-mail: mital_sudhir@nic.in, Contact: Mr. Sundhir Mittal, Joint Secretary

Sustainable Land and Ecosystem Management Country Partnership Program-Phase 1: The objective is to maintain and restore globally significant ecosystem functions and services through en-

hanced local capacity to prevent further degradation, restoration of degraded areas, and dissemination, replication and scaling-up of successful, sustainable land management. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 97989. US\$ 30.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodi Rd., New Delhi 110003 India, Tel: (91-11) 2436-3596, Fax: (91-11) 2436-9192, E-mail: mital_sudhir@nic.in, Contact: Mr. Sudhir Mittal, Joint Secretary.

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Third National HIV/AIDS Control Program (Ln: 4299-IN): The objectives are to: (a) contain the spread of HIV to below three percent in high risk groups and below one percent in the general population and (b) generate an enabling environment to enhance program effectiveness. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78538. US\$ 250.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, National AIDS Control Organization, Chandralok Bldg. 9th Fl., 36, Japath, India, Tel: (91-11) 2373-1780, Fax: (91-11) 2301-3793, E-mail: amardeep@nacoindia.org, Contact: Mr. Amardeep Bhatia, Director, Finance

Public Sector Governance

Statistical Strengthening: The objective is to strengthen and modernize the country's statistical system, including improvement of data collection methods and identification of new data series to keep pace with the expanding economy. Project preparation has resumed and will incorporate recommendations of the National Statistical Commission report. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ amount tbd (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, 414 Sardar Patel Bhawan, Parliament St., New Delhi 110001 India, Tel: (91-11) 2334-11867, Contact: Dr. S. K. Nath, Director General, Central Statistical Organization.

Rural Development

(N) Jammu & Kashmir Participatory Watershed Management: This is a follow-on from the Integrated Watershed Development Project (IWDP), a five-state project (Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, and Haryana). IWDP closed in 30 September 2005 with consistent ratings of success in terms of its development objective and implementation progress. The objectives are: (a) institutional strengthening, (b) focus on watershed protection and development, (c) enhancing livelihood opportunities, and (d) project coordination. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Forestry, Government of Jammu & Kashmir, Near Pollution Control Board Bldg., Silk Factory Road Raj Bagh, Jammu & Kashmir, Srinagar, India, Tel: (91-194) 2331-1924, Fax: (91-194) 231-1924, E-mail: rdtiwaripc@rediffmail.com, Contact: Mr. R. D. Tiwari, Project Director

(R) Andhra Pradesh Community-Based Tanks Management (Ln: 4857-IN; Ln: 4291-IN): The objective is to rehabilitate about 3,000 tank systems covering about 250,000 hectares. *The loan signing was scheduled for 31 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100789. US\$ 94.5/94.5 (IBRD/IDA). No consultants are required. Government of Andhra Pradesh, Jalasoudha Bldg., Erramanzil Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh 500022 India, Tel: (91-40) 2331-0945, Fax: (91-40) 2330-5951, E-mail: sanjaygupta@apwaterreforms.in, Contact: Sanjay Gupta, Special Commissioner

(R) Andhra Pradesh Water Sector Improvement Project: The objective is to support the following four components: Component A: Improving irrigation service delivery and management in Nagarjuna Sagar Scheme (about US\$ 443.5 million, 91.5%); Component B: Water sector institutional restructuring and capacity building (about US\$ 24.5 million, 5%); Component C: Innovative pilots (about US\$ 9.7 million, 2%); and Component D: Project management (about US\$ 7.3 million, 1.5%). *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 435.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Irrigation and Command Area Development Department (I&CADD), Government of Andhra Pradesh, Secretary, Irrigation and CAD Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad, India, Tel: (91-40) 2345-3411, Fax: (91-40) 2345-2471, E-mail: hiralal-

samariya@ap.gov.in, Contact: Mr. Hiralal Samariya, Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh, Irrigation and CAD Department

(R) Bihar Rural Livelihoods Development: The objective is to empower rural poor people and improve their lives by (a) developing and strengthening institutions of the poor, (b) building and establishing pro-poor savings promotion and livelihood support organizations; (c) financing livelihood business plans and increasing the size of livelihood economies for the poor and (d) creating an enabling environment for implementing and scaling up innovations for livelihood development and service delivery. *Negotiations were scheduled for 14 May 2007 and Board presentation for 14 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90764. US\$ 63.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. State Women's Development Corporation, Government of Bihar, Tel: (92-612) 223-9707, (92-612) 222-6038, Fax: (91-612) 223-4096, (92-612) 220-0695, E-mail: ssidhoo@yahoo.com, Contact: Mrs. S. Sidhu, Chairman and Managing Director

(R) Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement: The objective is to improve the safety and optimal sustainable performance of selected existing dams and associated appurtenances. *Preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 89985. US\$ 350.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Ministry of Water Resources, Shram Sakthi Bhavan, Rafi marg, New Delhi, India, E-mail: damsindia2003@yahoo.co.in, Contact: Mr. S.K. Das, Member (D&R) Central Water Commission, Sewa Bhavan

(R) Jharkhand Rural Livelihood & Natural Resources Management: The objective is to reduce rural poverty through improved forest ecosystem management with community participation. Decision meeting is scheduled for *mid-January 2008.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77192. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation of feasibility studies, the environmental assessment and the social assessment. Most of these are likely to be provided through specialists attached to the preparation team. Jharkhand Local Communities and State Forest Department, Ranchi, Jharkhand 834 001 India, Tel: (91-654) 525-2669, Fax: (91-654) 625-2669, E-mail: rccf_jhk@rediffmail, Contact: Ms. Neelam Nath, Principal Secretary, Department of Forests and Environment

(R) National Agricultural Competitiveness: The objective is to develop more competitive market systems and improve market access for farmers and livestock producers through enhanced knowledge and more effective producer organization. *Appraisal is scheduled for 10 September 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 100.0/100.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Krishna Bhawan, Rm. 232, New Delhi 110011 India, Tel: (91-11) 2338-2416, E-mail: reddywr@nic.in, Contact: Dr. W.R. Reddy, Director for Marketing

(R) Orissa Community Tank Management Project: The objective is to rehabilitate about 1400 tank systems with a command area of about 130,000 hectares in the state of Orissa. Most of the tanks will be of command area greater than 40 hectares, although in instances where a set of tanks form a cascade within a sub-basin/watershed, smaller tanks would also be included. The total project cost, based on available benchmarks, is estimated at about US\$ 100 million, with a loan component of about US\$ 90 million. The rehabilitation work would be undertaken in three batches over a six-year project period. *Appraisal is scheduled for 22 October 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 45.0/45.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Orissa Community Tank Development and Management Society, Department of Water Resources, Government of Orissa, Secretariat, Bhubaneswar, Tel: (91-40) 239-4105, Fax: (91-674) 2392-2446, Contact: Mr. Satyabrata Sahu, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, Government of Orissa

(R) Orissa Rural Livelihoods: (formerly Orissa Decentralized Rural Poverty Reduction) The objective is to improve the incomes of rural poor households in selected blocks through increasing the availability of productive infrastructure and thereby creating an improved environment for the emergence of viable enterprises. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 19 November 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 80.0/70.0 (IBRD/IDA). Local consultants will be required to develop environmental management framework, financial and procurement manuals. Orissa Rural Marketing and Advancement Society, Pan-

chayati Raj Department, Government of Orissa, Bhubaneswar 751001 India, Tel: (91-674) 253-6680, E-mail: prsec@ori.nic.in

(R) Second Uttar Pradesh Diversified Agriculture Support: The objectives are to: (a) intensify and diversify agricultural production and (b) increase farmer access to expanding market opportunities. *Negotiations were scheduled for 16 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 89484. US\$ 70.0/70.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Diversified Agricultural Support Project Society, Government of Uttar Pradesh, PICKUP Bhawan, Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow, India, Tel: (91-522) 272-0839, E-mail: updasp@sancharnet.in, Contact: Archana Agrawal, Special Secretary, Cooperation and Project Coordinator

Transportation

(N) Mizoram State Roads Additional Financing (Ln. 3618-IN): The objective is to assist in bridging the financial gap resulting from cost overrun in the road improvement component of the Mizoram State Roads Project. Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 105775. US\$ 18.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Public Works Department, Government of Mizoram, Aizawl, Mizoram, Tuikhuah Tlang, India 796001, Tel: (91-389) 232-2176, Fax: (91-389) 232-3349, E-mail: Piupwd@yahoo.com, Contact: K. Lalsawmvela, Project Director

(N) Second Rural Roads: The objective is to achieve broader and more sustainable access to markets and social services by the rural population in participating districts. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required for the design and supervision of minor rural roads, social and environmental monitoring and possible assistance with financial management monitoring. National Rural Road Development Agency (NRRDA), Tel: (91-11) 4602-2221, 2671-6936, Fax: (91-11) 4100-0475, E-mail: hks@nic.in, Contact: Mr. H K Srivastava; Arunachal Rural Roads Development Agency (ARRDA), Rural Roads Department, 'C' Sector, Itanagar 791111, Tel: (91-360) 221-2186, 221-2525, Fax: (91-360) 221-2756, E-mail: rwdceita@sancharnet.in, Contact: Mr. K. C. Dhimole, Chief Executive Officer

(N) Sustainable Urban Transport: The objective is to reduce GHG emissions through promotion of modal shift to more energy efficient modes of urban transport in India. The project development objective (PDO) is to remove institutional, policy, and financial barriers for implementing climate friendly sustainable urban transport policies and programs. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.5 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India, Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi 110011, Tel: (91-11) 2306-3495, Fax: (91-11) 2379-2052, E-mail: secyurban@nic.in, Contact: M. Ramachandran, Secretary

(R) Assam State Roads: The objective is to provide road users in Assam with good quality and better managed state highways and major district roads. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD/IDA). *Agreement preparation facility is not to exceed US\$ 2.0 and countersigned by Ministry of Finance, Government of India.* Consultants will be required. Public Works Department, Assam, Sachivalaya, Dispur, Guwahati 6 India, Tel/Fax: (91-361) 226-1678, E-mail: mukut_dutta@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Mr. Mukut Dutta, Commissioner and Special Secretary

(R) Himachal Pradesh State Road: *The objective is to reduce transport costs and improve traffic flows on priority segments of the core road network in the State of Himachal Pradesh. This objective will be achieved through a package of prioritized infrastructure investments and improved management practices. Negotiations were completed on 30 April 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 5 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 96019. US\$ 220.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Himachal Pradesh Road and Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd., New Himrus Bldg., Circular Rd., Shimla 171001, Himachal Pradesh, India, Tel: (90-17) 7280-8118, Fax: (90-17) 7265-4968, E-mail: pdsrp-hp@nic.in, himachal.nic.in/hpride, Contact: Arun Sharma, Project Director

(R) Orissa State Roads Loan: The objective is to improve the road network of Orissa. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Preparation consultants

have been mobilized and have started working in the field. Other specialists in transactions, asset management, institutional strengthening and supervision will be recruited. Government of Orissa, Works Department, Bhubaneswar, Orissa, India, Tel: (91-674) 253-6668, Fax: (91-674) 240-7051, E-mail: workssec@ori.nic.in, Contact: *Er. D.K. Dey*, Engineer-in-Chief-Cum-Secretary, *Works Department, GOO*

(R) Punjab State Roads (Ln. 4843-IN): The objectives are to improve the operating conditions of Punjab roads and facilitate greater private sector participation in the development, maintenance and management of the road network. *The loan was signed on 26 February 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 90585. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). A PPF advance of US\$ 2.0 financed preparation. Consultants for preparation of Phase II are being appointed. Punjab Roads and Buildings Development Board, Roads & Buildings Department, SCO 210-211, 4th Fl., Sector 34-A, Chandigarh, India, Tel: (91-172) 519-4621, Fax: (91-172) 264-5497, (91-172) 2654-1028, Ext. 35, E-mail: prbdb@satyam.net.in, Contact: Mr. Amrit Inder Singh, Joint Secretary

Urban Development

(R) Andhra Pradesh Urban Reform and Municipal Services: The objective is to reduce poverty and empower the poor, protecting the most vulnerable through security mechanisms and creating opportunities for the poor by building their assets and enabling the markets to work for them. *Board presentation is scheduled for December 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 71250. US\$ 233.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, Secretariat Complex, Hyderabad 500022 India, Tel/Fax: (91-40) 2345-4965, Contact: Ms. Veena Ish, Secretary, Urban Development

(R) Capacity Building for Urban Local Bodies-NURM: (formerly *Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission - JNNURM, Institutional Strengthening and Capacity Credit*) *The objective is to provide Technical Assistance (TA) support at both the State and Urban Local Bodies level to strengthen policy, support institutional reform and improve procedures and skills in the areas of municipal financial management, service delivery, planning and governance. The target is the 300 Class I cities, including the 63 JNNURM cities (only the cities that have signed a Memorandum of Agreement) for implementation of reforms with the Ministry of Urban Development are eligible. The four focus areas created inline with the JNNURM reform requirements that the cities may choose. Activities from TA funding: (i) Financial Management Reform, (ii) Service Delivery, (iii) Framework for Planning, and (iv) Framework for Governance.* Project preparation is under way. *Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 99979.* US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Urban Development, Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi 110011 India, Tel: (91-11) 2306-2194, Fax: (91-11) 2306-1446, Contact: Mr. Aniruddha Kumar, Director, JNNURM

(R) Gujarat Urban Development: The objective is to improve service delivery through targeted investments and capacity building. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 94722. US\$ 140.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Gujarat Urban Development Corporation, Government of Gujarat, First Fl., Abhishek Bldg., Sector 11, Gandhinagar 382017 Gujarat, India, Tel: (91-79) 2324-1862, E-mail: ksrinivas_ias@yahoo.co.in, Contact: Mr. K. Srinivas, Managing Director

(R) National Cyclone Risk Mitigation: (formerly National Risk Mitigation) The objective is to mitigate risks and vulnerability to natural disasters, particularly cyclones. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 250.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. *National Disaster Management Authority, 3d Floor, Centuar Hotel, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2565-5015, Fax: (91-11) 2565-5015, Contact: A.R. Sule, Deputy Secretary*

(R) National Urban Reform Fund: (formerly *Enhanced Urban Reform Incentive Fund*) The objective is to provide states with incentives to undertake essential urban sector reforms, enabling local governments to improve their finances and capacity to provide essential services and incentives to do so. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88776. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency (cies) to be determined

National Urban Infrastructure Fund: The objective is to improve urban infrastructure including through mobilization of private financ-

ing. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Urban Development, Nirman Bharan, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-22) 2306-2309, E-mail: Rajamani_muthu@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. M. Rajamani, Joint Secretary

Water and Sanitation

(N) Andhra Pradesh Rural Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective is to increase reliable, sustainable and affordable rural water and sanitation services to the rural communities. The project would contribute to GoAP's RWSS sector program by: (i) implementing new sector policy and institutional framework; and (ii) financing a substantive portion of its investment program for the next five years. Project concept review completed. Preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 250.0/150.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required. Government of Andhra Pradesh, Panchayati Raj Engineering Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Block 1, 8th Floor, Secretariat, Hyderabad 500029, Tel: (91-040) 2345-4670, Fax: (91-040) 2345-3016, Contact: Mr. Munidra, Additional Secretary

(R) Punjab Rural Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective is to increase rural Punjab communities' access to improved and sustainable water supply and sanitation services. *The credit was signed on 26 February 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90592. US\$ 154.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Department of Water Supply and Sanitation, Government of Punjab, Mini Secretariat, Chandigarh, India, Tel/Fax: (91-172) 274-3442, Contact: Vijay Kain, Principal Secretary

(R) Tamil Nadu Rural Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective is to expand rural communities' access to improved and sustainable water supply and sanitation services in Tamil Nadu. *Appraisal is scheduled for April 2008.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78210. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. TWAD House, 31, Kamraja Salai, Chepauk, Chennai 600005 India, Tel: (91-44) 2852-4907, E-mail: tnrvssp@vsnl.net, Contact: Mr. Vibhu Nayar, Project Director

Delhi Water Supply and Sewerage: The objective is to implement comprehensive reform of the water and sanitation sector in the capital city. Project preparation has been put on hold at the request of the Department of Economic Affairs. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 67215. US\$ 140.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Delhi Jal Board, Varunalaya Phase II, Karol Bagh, New Delhi 110005 India, Tel: (91-11) 2351-6148, Fax: (91-11) 2354-1813, E-mail: ashishkundra@delhijalboard.nic.in, Contact: Ashish Kundra, Additional Chief Executive Officer

Maldives

Education

Third Education and Training (Cr: 3325-MAL): The objective is to train qualified nationals for the labor force by paying overseas scholarship obligations of 186 students. It fills the financing gap created by partial cancellation of the second Tsunami reconstruction project. Approved by the Executive Directors on 6 April 2006. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 99652. US\$ 1.3 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Education, Ghazee Bldg., Male 20-05 Maldives, Tel: (960) 327-353, Fax: (960) 331-578, E-mail: piu@hrd.gov.mv, Contact: Mr. Abdul Sameeu Hassan, Section Head, Project Management and Coordination Section

Social Protection

Integrated Human Development: Restoration of Post-Tsunami Cancelled Funds Additional Financing (Cr: 39481-MAL): The objective is to strengthen the delivery of education, health, employment and community services. Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 March 2006. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 98583. US\$ 5.7 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Treasury, Ameenee Mague, Male, Maldives, Tel: (960-31) 7586, Fax: (960-32) 4432, E-mail: fedms@finance.gov.mv, Contact: Rilwan Shareef, Deputy Minister for Finance and Treasury

Nepal

Education

(R) Second Higher Education (H274-NEP): The objective is to reform higher education with emphasis on decentralization, financial assistance to students and quality assurance. Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 February 2007. *The grant was signed on 30 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90967. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Sports, Keshar Mahal, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 4411-599, Contact: Mr. Balananda Poudel, Secretary

Rural Development

(R) Agricultural Commercialization and Trade: The objective is to commercialize the agriculture sector to prepare for the country's entrance into global markets. *Preparation was completed on 6 March 2007. Decision meeting is scheduled for 6 August 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87140. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Harihar Hbawan, Lalitpur, Nepal, E-mail: agriplan@mos.com.np, Contact: Mr. K. K. Shrestha, Joint Secretary

(R) Irrigation and Water Resources Management: The objectives are to: (a) improve irrigation service delivery; and (b) enhance sustainability and productivity of selected irrigation systems. *Decision meeting was scheduled for 8 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Irrigation, Jawalakhel, Lalitpur, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 553-7136, Fax: (977-1) 553-7169, E-mail: irrigation@wlink.com.np, Contact: Mr. UmaKant Jha, Director General

Transportation

(N) Road Sector Development: The objective is to provide infrastructure services for private sector development; trade facilitation and market access. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.5 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Government of Nepal, Department of Roads, Babar Mahal, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 426-2675, Fax: (977-1) 426-2693, E-mail: info@dor.gov.np, Contact: Mr. Durga Prasad K.C., Director General

Pakistan

Economic Management

(R) North-West Frontier Province Second Development Policy: The objectives are to improve human development, promote economic growth and reduce poverty. Negotiations were *completed on 17 April 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 7 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 97471. US\$ 130.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Department of Finance, Government of North-West Frontier Province, Civil Secretariat, Peshawar, Pakistan, Tel: (92-91) 921-0443, Fax: (92-91) 921-0336, Contact: Mr. Zia ur Rahman, Secretary

(R) Second Poverty Reduction Support (Cr: 4301-PAK; Cr: 4302-PAK): The objectives are to: (a) accelerate economic growth and maintain macroeconomic stability; (b) improve governance through financial management and civil service reforms; (c) invest in human capital and narrow gender gaps; and (d) strengthen social safety nets. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 May 2007. The credit was signed on 22 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 90690. US\$ 350.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Block Q, Rm. 324, Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-1023, Fax: (92-51) 920-8158, Contact: Mr. Asif Bajwa, Additional Secretary, Finance Division

Education

(R) Sindh Education Sector Development Policy: The objectives are to: (a) implement the medium-term education sector reform program and (b) improve participation, retention and transition rates, reduce gender and regional disparities, and improve quality in elementary and secondary grades. *Appraisal was completed on 7 April 2007 and negotiations on 2 May 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 7 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 100846. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Reform Support Unit, Department of Education, Government of Sindh, NJV Bldg., M.A. Jinnah Rd.,

Karachi 74200 Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 277-9323, Fax: (92-21) 277-5740, E-mail: durrani@rsu-sindh.gov.pk, Contact: Iqbal Hussain durrani, Chief Program Manager, Education Literacy Department

Fourth Punjab Education Development Policy: The objective is to implement the education sector reform program. Negotiations were completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 7 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 101243. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Department of Education, Government of Punjab, Civil Secretariat, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 921-0039, Fax: (92-42) 921-0042, E-mail: pd.pmiu@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Khalid Gillani, Secretary

Energy and Mining

(R) Mineral Sector Technical Assistance: The objective is to implement a strategy to accelerate sustainable mineral sector development by strengthening governance, transparency, and capacity in the management of mineral resources. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 99375. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be needed in preparation to: (a) undertake strategic environmental and social assessments focusing on mining; (b) build implementation capacity; and (c) define components. Required specialties are mining regulations, geology, geophysics and mining cadastre. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Resources, 21-E Huma Plaza, Blue Area, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-2337, Fax: (92-51) 920-4077, E-mail: minerals@cyber.net.pk, Contact: Mr. Rashid Hussain Malik, Director General for Mines

Electricity Distribution and Transmission Improvement: The objectives are to (a) increase the efficiency, reliability and quality of electricity supply with reductions in technical and commercial losses, increased availability of electricity, and improved voltage profile, and (b) provide the technical assistance needed for power sector reform and investment planning and financing. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95982. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water and Power, Pakistan Secretariat, Rm. 241, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-3087, Contact: Mr. Najeeb Awan, Joint Secretary (Power)

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Community-Based Maternal and Child Health: The objective is to strengthen the Lady Health Worker program so as to improve maternal and child health outcomes through: (a) improved access to promotive, preventive, and curative services at the community level; and (b) dramatically improved delivery of these services in poor and underserved areas. Appraisal is scheduled for *early-September 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 98437. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). Evaluation firm will carry out independent assessment. National Program for Family Planning and Primary Health Care, Ministry of Health, 14-D West, Feroze Center, Blue Area, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 921-3807, Fax: (92-51) 9210-5610, E-mail: haroonjehangirkhan@gmail.com, fpiu@isb.paknet.com.pk, Contact: Dr. Haroon Jehangir Khan, National Coordinator and Deputy Director, General Health

Information and Communication

Rural Telecommunications and e-Service: The objectives are to: (a) accelerate access to communications in unserved and underserved areas by using targeted subsidies for rural expansion, (b) strengthen legal, policy, regulatory and spectrum management and (c) monitor functions and expansion of e-services. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100681. US\$ 124.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications, Evacuee Trust Bldg., 4th Fl., Aga Khan Rd., F-5/1, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-9484, Fax: (92-51) 920-9482, E-mail: fqayyum@moitt.gov.pk, Contact: Mr. Farrakh Qayyum, Secretary; Pakistan Telecommunications Authority, Zonal Office, 222/5, Khadim Hussain Rd., Rawalpindi Cantt, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 287-8143, Fax: (92-51) 287-8155, E-mail: chairman@pta.gov.pk, Contact: Mr. Shahzedha Malik, Chairman

Law and Justice

Second Sindh Structural Adjustment: The objective is to implement reforms to improve fiscal and financial management, governance, public service delivery, and the state's regulatory framework. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U.

US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for: (a) improvement of fiscal and financial management; (b) financial resource mobilization and institutional development; (c) capacity building of core government departments; (d) reconciliation of public accounts; (e) information technology specialist work; and (f) technical support. Department of Finance, Government of Sindh, Karachi, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 920-6512, Fax: (92-21) 920-6511, Contact: Mr. Malik Israr, Secretary

Rural Development

(R) Emergency Recovery Additional Financing: The objective for the additional credit is to scale-up and finance a larger part of the Government of Pakistan's overall Rural Housing Reconstruction Program in areas affected by the 2005 earthquake. *Appraisal was scheduled for 15 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 130.0 (IDA).* Consultants will be required. Earthquake Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Authority (ERRA), Prime Minister Secretariat, Islamabad, Tel: (92-51) 903-0900, Fax: (92-51) 920-5712, Contact: Lt. Gen. Nadeem Ahmed, Chairman, ERRA

(R) Second Poverty Alleviation Fund Additional Financing: (formerly Supplement Financing for Second Poverty Alleviation Fund) The objective of the additional financing is to reduce the incidence of poverty in the country through provision of resources and services to the poor. *Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for 17 July 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 120.0 (IDA).* Consultants will be required. Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF), House No. 1, 20 St., Sector F-7/2, Islamabad, Tel: (92-51) 265-3304, (92-51) 265-3305, Fax: (92-51) 265-2246, E-mail: kamalhyat@ppaf.org.pk, Contact: Mr. Kamal Hyat, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, PPAF

(R) Second Punjab Irrigation Sector Development Policy: The objective is to implement the reform agenda to improve fiscal management and service delivery. *Board approval was scheduled for 7 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 102333. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD).* Consultants to be hired by the Irrigation and Power Department. Irrigation and Power Department, Irrigation Secretariat, Old Anarkali, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 921-2117, (92-42) 921-2118, Fax: (92-42) 921-2116, (92-42) 921-2101, E-mail: secretarypn.irrigation@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Arif Nadeem, Secretary

Avian and Human Influenza Preparedness and Response: The objective is to minimize the threat posed to humans by HPAI infection and other zoonoses and to prepare for, control, and respond to influenza pandemics and other infectious disease emergencies in humans. Decision meeting was scheduled for 29 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID 102332. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (MINFAL), Pakistan Secretariate, Block B, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-5092, Fax: (92-51) 922-1357, Contact: Dr. R.H. Usmani, Animal Husbandry Commissioner/Project Director; Ministry of Health (MoH), Pakistan Secretariate, Block C, Islamabad, Pakistan, Contact: Dr. Capt. Muhammad Raza, Deputy Director General (Health)/Project Director

(R) Balochistan Small Scale Irrigation: The objective is to improve management by Balochistan Province of scarce water resources for rural development and poverty reduction. *Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for late June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 89378. US\$ 20.0 (IDA).* Consulting services to be determined. Balochistan Irrigation and Power Department, Quetta, Pakistan, Tel: (92-81) 921-1600, Fax: (92-81) 921-1601, Contact: Mr. Mumtaz Ali Khan, Chief Engineer (North)

Social Protection

(R) Earthquake Disability: The objectives are to (a) improve the quality of life of people with disabilities and their families in the earthquake-affected areas; and (b) reintegrate them into society through community-based rehabilitation services. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 21 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 99542. US\$ 5.0 (Trust Fund).* Consulting services to be determined. Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund, H. #1, St. #20, F-7/2, Islamabad 111-000-102 Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 265-3304, (92-51) 265-3305, Fax: (92-51) 265-2246, E-mail: kamalhyat@ppaf.org.pk, Contact: Kamal Hyat, Chief Executive

Transportation

(R) National Expressways: The objective is to improve trade flows, lower transit costs and travel times by providing a high-speed, safe and reliable access-controlled expressway system. *Preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 360.0 (IBRD).* Construction supervision and contract administration. National Highway Authority, 27 Mauve Area, G-9/1, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 926-0409, Fax: (92-51) 926-0418, E-mail: nrja@nha.gov.pk, Contact: Mr. Raja Nowsherwan, Member (Planning)

(R) National Trade Corridor Improvement Program: The objective is to enhance export competitiveness by reducing the cost of trade and transport logistics and bringing service quality to international standards. *Decision meeting is scheduled for December 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD).* No consultants are required. Planning and Development Commission, Block P, Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-1017, Fax: (92-51) 921-5787, E-mail: aashah04@yahoo.com, Contacts: Dr. Asad Ali Shah, Member (Infrastructure), Mr. S. Tanwir Burkari, Chief (T&C)

(R) Trade and Transport Facilitation II: The objective is to improve the performance of the trade and transport logistics system and bring it up to international standards with the aim to reduce the cost of doing business in Pakistan and ultimately enhance trade competitiveness and the country's industrialization. *Decision meeting is scheduled for September 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 24.0 (IDA).* Consultants will be required. Planning Commission, Government of Pakistan, Block P, 2nd Fl., Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-2616, Fax: (92-51) 921-5787, E-mail: Aashah04@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Asad Ali Shah, Member (Infrastructure), Planning Commission; Ministry of Commerce, Block A, 6th Fl., Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-1796, Fax: (92-51) 920-3024, E-mail: irtiqazaidi@gmail.com, Contact: Syed Irtiqa Ahmed Zaidi, Project Director, Trade & Transport Facilitation Unit

Karachi Dockers Labor Board Restructuring: The objective is to make the nation's ports more competitive by reducing their labor costs and thus the cost for users. OC review meeting was held on 6 April 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consultants are required for social assessment, financial management and management of labor redeployment services. Karachi Port Trust, Edeljee Dinshaw Rd., PO Box 4725, Karachi 74000 Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 921-4310, (92-21) 921-4315, Fax: (92-21) 921-4329, (92-21) 921-4330, E-mail: chairman@kpt.gov.pk, Contact: Vice Admiral Ahmad hayat, Chairman

Urban Development

Punjab Large Cities Development Policy: The objective is to promote economic growth in the major cities through strategic planning, integrated infrastructure investments, and efficient urban service delivery. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). A PHRD grant for preparation is anticipated. Consulting services to be determined. Planning and Development Department, Government of Punjab, Civil Secretariat, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 921-0002, (92-42) 921-0004, Fax: (92-42) 921-0003, Contact: Mr. Suleman Ghani, Chairman, Planning and Development Board

Water and Sanitation

(R) Second Punjab Barrages Rehabilitation and Modernization: The objective is to prevent the occurrence of disastrous barrages failure and ensure their sustainable use, providing improved and reliable irrigation and drinking water supplies. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. *PID: 96745. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD).* Design consultants are being recruited. Construction supervision consultants will also be required. Punjab Irrigation and Power Department, Punjab Barrage Rehabilitation Project Management Office, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 921-1920, E-mail: iri_lhr@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Mohammed Akhtar, Acting Director, Project Management Office

(R) Sindh Water Sector Improvement: The objective is to improve water productivity through the reform agenda and require investments leading to a better management system that links the canal command areas, the distributary and the watercourse level. *Board presentation is scheduled for 3 July 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84302. US\$ 140.0 (IDA).* Consultants will be re-

quired. Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority, 13 Ch Khaligu Zaman Rd., Clifton, Karachi, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 920-0647, Fax: (92-21) 925-1255, E-mail: sida@hyd.breeze.net, Contact: Manzoor A. Sheikh, Managing Director, Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority

Sri Lanka

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Dam Safety and Water Resources Planning Project: The objective is to improve the development and management of water resources while reducing water induced public hazards and enhancing the effectiveness of water-related investments. *Decision meeting was completed on 2 May 2007. Appraisal was scheduled for 17 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93132. US\$ 46.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Planning, Secretariat, Colombo 1 Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-11) 248-4510, Fax: (94-11) 243-3349, E-mail: st@treasury.gov.lk, Contact: Dr. P B Jayasundera, Secretary

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Avian and Human Influenza Control and Preparedness: The objective is to minimize the threat to humans from the bird flu infection and other zoonoses and to prepare for, control, and respond to influenza pandemic and other infectious diseases emergencies in humans. *Appraisal was completed on 22 March 2007. Negotiations are scheduled for 16 June 2007 and Board presentation for mid-June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 103091. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Estate, Infrastructure and Livestock Development, No. 45, St. Michael's Rd., Colombo 03 Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-11) 244-1849, Fax: (94-11) 232-8117, E-mail: sec-omdev@sltnet.lk, Contact: Mr. S. J. Pathirana, Secretary; Ministry of Healthcare and Nutrition, 385, Rev. Baddegama Wimalawansa Thero Mawatha, Colombo 10 Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-11) 266-2982, Fax: (94-11) 269-4227, E-mail: minister@health.gov.lk

Public Sector Governance

Fiduciary and Statistical Upgrading: (formerly Governance and Capacity Building) The objective is to build capacity to implement the government's reform program. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for 28 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 97329. US\$ 29.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Planning, The Secretariat, Colombo 01 Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-11) 248-4530, Ext: 1429, Fax: (94-11) 243-2073, E-mail: jayatissag@mo.gov.lk, Contact: Mr. M.G. Jayatissa, Assistant Director (Information)

Social Protection

Puttalam Housing (Ln: 4261-CE): The objective is to rehabilitate the internally displaced persons living in the Puttalam District through improved housing and basic services. Approved by the Executive Directors on 20 February 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100390. US\$ 32.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Puttalam Project Unit, Ministry of Resettlement, No. 8/1 Kachcheri Rd., Puttalam, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-11) 239-5524, Fax: (94-11) 239-5517, E-mail: yaseen_pd@yahoo.co, Contact: Mr. S. M. Yaseen, Project Director

Europe and Central Asia

Albania

Economic Management

(R) Development Policy (Ln: 4282-AL): The objective is to promote private sector-led growth and improved delivery of social services by improving the quality of governance. *The loan was signed on 10 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID 96205. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Finance, Bul: Deshmoret e Kombit Nr.4, Tirana, Albania, Tel/Fax: (355-4) 227-937, Tel: (355-4) 267-654, E-mail: budget.director@minfin.gov.al, Contact: Mimoza Dhemb, General Budget Director

(R) Second Development Policy: The objectives are to improve delivery of social services and promote private sector led growth. *Con-*

cept review meeting was scheduled for 1 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Bul: Deshmoret e Kombit Nr.4, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 267-654, Tel/Fax: (355-4) 227-937, Email: budget.director@minfin.gov.al, Contact: Mimoza Dhemb, General Budget Director

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Butrint National Park Global Biodiversity and Heritage Conservation: The objective is to (a) connecting biodiversity conservation and sustainable ecosystem management with conservation of world heritage in the Butrint aquatic and wetland complex, and (b) mobilizing donors' support for long-term financing of the park complex. GEF approval decision was scheduled for 11 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85089. US\$ 1.0 (GEF). No consultants are required. Butrint National Park, Office for Administration and Coordination to the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Blvd. Deshmoret e Kombit, Tirana, Albania, Tel/Fax: (355-7) 324-600, E-mail: visitbutrint@albbmail.com, Contact: Auron Tare, Director

Rural Development

Avian Influenza Control and Human Pandemic Preparedness and Response (Cr: 4206-ALB): The objective is to strengthen the country's capacity to prevent the spread of bird flu among poultry, prevent its transmission from birds to other animals and humans, and prepare for a potential pandemic of avian influenza transmissible among humans. The credit was signed on 11 July 2006. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100273. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection, Square of Skenderbej No. 2, Tirana, Albania

Armenia

Economic Management

(R) Fourth Poverty Reduction Strategy: (formerly, Poverty Reduction Strategy) The objective is to implement the poverty reduction strategy. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 10 October 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 101486. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Finance and Economy, 1 Government House, Republic Square, Yerevan 375010 Armenia, Tel: (374-1) 595-304, Fax: (374-1) 524-282, Contact: Mr. Vardan Khachatryan, Minister

Energy and Mining

(R) Second GeoFund-Geothermal Energy Preparation: The objective is to diversify the energy resource base with renewable energy. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 15 August 2008.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94207. US\$ 3.2 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(cies) to be determined

Rural Development

(N) Irrigation Development Additional Financing: The objective is to produce irrigation water savings and promote lower energy usage, thus contributing to the IDP's overall development objective of enhancing the profitability and sustainability of irrigated agriculture. Appraisal is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 105171. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Water Sector Development Project Implementation Unit, Vardanants, 3, Yerevan, Armenia, Tel: (374-2) 540-643, Fax: (374-2) 540-472, E-mail: aghazaryan@wsdp.am, Contact: Adibek Ghazaryan, Director

Transportation

(R) Traffic Management and Safety: The objective is to improve traffic management in main cities and traffic safety throughout Armenia through (a) traffic management measures to improve traffic flow on existing streets, (b) measures to improve traffic safety, (c) passenger transport reforms to adapt public transport services to the rapidly changing traffic situation, and (d) institutional adjustments and strengthening to permit government to better respond to this emerging transport challenge. Decision meeting was scheduled for 10 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100665. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economy, 1 Melik-Adamyanyan St., Yerevan 375010 Armenia, Tel: (374-10) 595-300, Fax: (374-10) 526-338; Ministry of Transport and Communi-

cation, 28 Nalbandyan St., Yerevan 375010 Armenia, Tel: (374-10) 563-391, Fax: (374-10) 560-528, E-mail: minister@mts.am

Azerbaijan

Finance

(R) Corporate and Public Sector Accountability: The objectives are to (a) improve corporate, public sector financial transparency and accountability, and (b) establish sustainable training capacity in accounting and auditing. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. *PID: 99924. US\$ 20.0 (IDA).* Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 83 Samed Vurgun St., Baku 370022 Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 938-103, Ext. 214, Fax: (994-12) 936-017, E-mail: elkhan.jafarov@inbox.ru, Contact: Mr. Elkhan Jafarov

Public Sector Governance

(R) Real Estate Registration (Ln: 7435-AZ): The objectives are to facilitate (a) a reliable, transparent and efficient real estate registration system supporting real property markets for the private sector and (b) proper management and use of state-owned immovable property. Approved by the Executive Directors on 21 March 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. *PID: 100582. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD).* *No consultants are required.* State Service for the Registration of Real Estate, 11a Zeynal Khalil St., Narimov District, Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 496-6996, Fax: (994-12) 414-0809, E-mail: state.register@operamail.com, Contact: Ilham Bayramov. Deputy Chief

Social Protection

(N) Social Protection Development: The objective is to strengthen social protection delivery mechanisms through: (i) improved social assistance targeting and implementation; (ii) strengthened labor market institutions and policies; (iii) improved employment services; (iv) improved access to and quality of social work, care and rehabilitation services for children in difficult circumstances, youth, vulnerable women, persons with disabilities and the elderly; and (v) improved disability assessment services. Identification mission is in the field. Environmental Assessment Category C. *PID: 105116. US\$ 10.0 (IDA).* Consultants will be required. Ministry of Labor and social Protection of Population, 85 S. Asgarova St., AZ1009, Baku, Azerbaijan Republic, Tel: (994-12) 596 5022, Fax: (994-12) 596 5022, E-mail: int_dep@mmlsp.gov.az, Contact: Sultanov, Head of International Relations Department

Transportation

(R) Trade and Transport Facilitation: The objectives are to make freight transport more competitive in terms of quality, capacity and cost, and to increase the economic, financial and social sustainability of rail passenger services. Decision meeting is scheduled for 15 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. *PID: 83108. US\$ 25.0/25.0 (IBRD/IDA).* Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport, 10554 Tbilisi Ave., Baku 1122 Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 985-087, E-mail: panahov@mintrans.az, Contact: Mr. Musa Panahov, Minister

Urban Development

(N) Apsheron Rehabilitation: The objectives are to: (i) rehabilitate the areas around Baku, reduce the health threat of area residents and enable reutilization of substantial areas of valuable land; (ii) build on the technologies piloted under the Urgent Environmental Investment Project, which closed in FY06; (iii) help regulate, institutionalize, and incentive structures to channel private sector investment into recovering oil-contaminated land and to ensure that all future oil production meets international environmental standards; and (iv) invest in clean-up of high priority legacy contamination. Decision meeting is scheduled for 13 February 2008. Environmental Assessment Category B. *PID: 104985. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD).* Consultants and implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Water and Sanitation

(R) Second Water Supply: The objective is to rehabilitate water supply and sanitation systems in selected secondary cities and small towns. *Board presentation was scheduled for 14 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. *PID: 96213. US\$ 55.0 (IBRD).* Consultants will be required. Azersu, 67 Tbilisi Ave., Baku 370112 Azerbaijan, Tel:

(941-2) 300-131, Fax: (941-2) 983-814, E-mail: cdu@azdata.net, Contact: Mr. Oktay Asadov, President

Belarus

Water and Sanitation

Integrated Water Supply and Natural Hazard Mitigation: The objective is to implement a set of interrelated activities intended to assist the Government in providing more efficient and reliable water sector related services and to better manage and mitigate the impact of weather-related natural hazards. The project is expected to generate tangible targeted benefits for the least advantaged groups through improved household water supply services and is expected to contribute to a better delivery of a global public good (weather and climate information), particularly in north-eastern Europe and Baltic region. Decision meeting is scheduled for 15 October 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. *PID: 101190. US\$ 50.0 IBRD.* Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency to be determined

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Biodiversity Conservation: The objective is to increase the area under formal protection status in forest and mountain ecosystems, and to develop mechanisms to conserve these ecosystems over the long term. Appraisal was scheduled for 24 April 2007. *Negotiations are scheduled for 26 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. *PID: 87094. US\$ 3.5 (GEF).* Austrian trust fund has been requested for preparation. *No consultants are required.* Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Trampina br.4/1, Sarajevo 71000 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 213-098, Fax: (387-33) 213-099, E-mail: piusum@bih.net.ba, Contact: Mr. Alojz Dundjer, Project Implementation Unit Director; Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Republika Srpska, Kralja Petra I Karadjordjevic 135-137, Banja Luka 78000 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel/Fax: (387-51) 319-675, E-mail: piussume@inecco.net, Contact: Mr. Zeljko Stojanovic, PIU Director

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Avian Influenza Preparedness: The objectives are to minimize the threat posed to humans and the poultry industry by the bird flu infection and other zoonoses, and to prepare for, control, and respond to an influenza pandemic and other infectious disease emergencies in humans. *Negotiations were completed on 9 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 19 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. *PID: 100415. US\$ 5.0 (IDA).* Consultants will be required. State Veterinary Office, Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Radiceva 8, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 258-840, Fax: (387-33) 265-620, E-mail: info@vet.gov.ba, Contact: Dr. sc. Nihad Fejzic, Deputy Chief Veterinary Officer

Rural Development

(N) Bosnia and Herzegovina Agriculture and Rural Development: The objective is to assist Bosnia and Herzegovina (BH) to strengthen the capacity of its state-level and entity-level institutions to deliver more efficient and effective agricultural services and support programs, and make a substantial contribution to an acceleration of BH's eligibility for IPARD support funds. Appraisal completed. Negotiations were scheduled for 7 May 2007 and Board presentation for 19 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. *PID: 101213. US\$ 21.0 (IDA).* Consultants will be required. State Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations; FBiH Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Forestry; RS Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management

Social Protection

Community Development Additional Financing (Cr: 35381-BOS): The objective is to improve basic services and facilities for low-income and poor communities in approximately 20 under-served municipalities. Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 January 2007. Environmental Assessment Category FI. *PID: 103703. US\$ 5.0 (IDA).* Consultants may be required during implementation. Development Employment Fund of the Republika Srpska, Vladika Platona, 3 Banja Luka, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 227-370, (387-51) 221-

270, E-mail: sdukic@rsdef.org, Contact: Mrs. Slobadanka Dukic (Republika Srpska), CDP Project Manager

Transportation

Road Infrastructure and Safety: The objectives are to (a) reduce the maintenance backlog for the secondary road network, (b) promote performance-based maintenance contracts, and (c) improve road safety. Decision meeting was scheduled for 24 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100792. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Road Directorate, For Republika Srpska, 10 Vase Pelagica St., Banja Luka, 78000 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-51) 309-128, E-mail: mlazendic@putevirs.com; Road Directorate, For the Federation: Terezije, 54, Sarajevo 71000 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 250-391, E-mail: pljubo@jpdcfbh.ba

Urban Development

(R) Urban Infrastructure and Service Delivery Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (i) improve the availability, quality and reliability of basic municipal services and in particular, water supply and sanitation; (ii) strengthen the ability of cantonal and municipal governments to improve management and institutional capacity for infrastructure development through Urban Management Development Plans; and (iii) where possible, foster deeper social cohesion through improvements in overall living conditions. *Board presentation is scheduled for 19 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 102170. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. *Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Project Management Unit, 71000 Sarajevo, Musala 9, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 203-237, Fax: (387-33) 203237, E-mail: uisdp@mvtteo.gov.ba, Contact: Senija Pirija, Project Coordinator*

Bulgaria

Social Protection

(R) Second Social Sectors Institutional Reform Development Policy Loan (SIR DPL 2): The objective is to support the adoption and implementation of policies to (a) improve the institutional framework in the labor and social sectors to more closely align their policies with EU standards; and (b) improve the efficiency of the health, education, and social protection systems to maintain a fiscally sustainable expenditure framework and improve access to basic social services. Project concept review is scheduled for June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 102160. US\$ 150.0 IBRD. Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Ministry of Education and Science, 102, Rakovska St., Sofia 1000, Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 9859-2441, E-mail: s.panova@minfin.bg, Contact: Svetla Panova, Head of Department

(R) Social Inclusion: The objectives are to (a) promote social inclusion by increasing enrollment and learning outcomes for children from poor and marginalized backgrounds, and (b) build capacity for absorption of European Social Fund financing. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 100657. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, 2 Triaditza St., Sofia, Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 811-9443, Fax: (359-2) 988-4405, E-mail: mlsp@mlsp.government.bg, Contact: Elena Kremenlieva, Chief Expert

(R) Social Investment and Employment Promotion Additional Financing (Ln: 4681-BUL): The objective of the additional financing is to expand the scope and extend the duration of activities in expectation of cofinancing from European Structural Funds. *The loan signing is tentatively scheduled for June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 104272. US\$ 19.3 (IBRD). *No consultants are required.* Social Investment Fund, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, 2 Triaditza St., Sofia 1051 Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 811-9443, Fax: (359-2) 988-44 05, (359-2) 986-1318, E-mail: mlsp@mlsp.government.bg, Contact: Mr. Erik Rangelov, Director

Transportation

(R) Road Infrastructure Rehabilitation: The objective is to implement the road investment program by upgrading, rehabilitating and maintaining national, local and municipal roads during the first years of EU accession. Negotiations were scheduled for 21 May 2007. En-

vironmental Assessment Category B. PID: 99894. US\$ 116.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* The National Road Infrastructure Fund, 3 Macedonia Blvd., Sofia 1606 Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 952-1768, Fax: (359-2) 951-5422, E-mail: bdolapchieva@rea.bg, Contact: Boriana Dolapchieva, Director, IFI Projects

Water and Sanitation

Municipal Infrastructure Development: The objective is to complete important public investments in water resource management. Appraisal is scheduled for 2 October 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 99895. US\$ 105.9 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, 17-19 Kiril Metodi St., Sofia, Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 988-2382, Fax: pnikiforov@mrrb.government.bg, Contact: Mr. Plamen Nikiforov, Director

Croatia

Economic Management

(R) Revenue Administration Modernization: The objectives are to (a) increase the efficiency, transparency and accountability of revenue administration and (b) strengthen social welfare targeting. *Decision meeting was completed on 23 April 2007. Appraisal was scheduled for 30 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 102778 US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Tax Administration, Zagreb, Croatia, E-mail: ivica.mladineo@pu.mfin.hr, Contact: Mr. Ivica Mladineo, Director; Mr. Damir Kaukmann, Deputy Director and Project Coordinator

Second Programmatic Adjustment: The objective is to enhance economic growth for EU integration by improving the investment climate and making the public sector smaller and more efficient. Board presentation was scheduled for 31 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 94341. US\$ 195.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Katanciceva 5, Zagreb 1000 Croatia, Tel/Fax: (385-1) 459-1248, Email: ana.hrastovic@mfin.hr, Contact: Ms. Ana Hrastovic, Assistant Minister

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Agricultural Pollution Control: The objective is to increase significantly the use of environmentally friendly agricultural practices by farmers in the Pannonian plain in order to reduce nutrient discharge from agricultural sources to surface and ground water bodies that drain into the Danube River and Black Sea. *Negotiations were scheduled for 14 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100639. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Water Management, Ave. Vukovar 78, Zagreb 10000 Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 610-6111, Fax: (385-1) 610-9201, E-mail: ofice@mps.hr, Contact: M. Bozic, Vice Minister

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Sustainable Health System: The objective is to improve people's health by increasing the efficiency and quality of health service and improving the performance of the health system. *Decision meeting was scheduled for 11 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 86669. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consultants are required in master planning, hospital management and restructuring, emergency care, public health promotion and payment systems. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Ksaver 200, Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 460-7517, Fax: (385-1) 460-7520, E-mail: Spaso.Vulic@mzss.hr, Contact: Dr. Spaso Vulic, Project Preparation Management Unit

Law and Justice

(R) Judicial Reform: The objective is to build on the efforts of the closed LIL for Court and Bankruptcy Administration. The aim of the new project is to increase the efficiency of the Croatian court system through further implementation of the Integrated Case Management System (ICMS) nationally, reforms to the court administration system including training, and investments in physical infrastructure. *Project concept review was completed on 16 April 2007. Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Justice Project Management Unit (PMU), 41, Savska Cesta, XVI, Zagreb 100000 Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 613-0595, (385-1) 611-3284, Fax: (385-1) 631-4371, E-mail: ttrupec@pravosudje.hr, Contact: Tanja Trupec-Prenda, Director

Transportation

(N) Croatia Rijeka Gateway Additional Financing: The objective of the additional financing is to cover the cost overrun to support the Port of Rijeka Authority (PRA), which will complete the construction of the main port component, the Zagreb Terminal and to assist in preparing concession arrangements for the Zagreb Terminal. Board presentation was scheduled for 31 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 105238. US\$ 46.2 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Port of Rijeka Authority, Riva 1 St., Rijeka 51000 Croatia, Tel: (385-51) 351-177, Fax: (385-51) 331-764, E-mail: Rijeka.gateway@por-authority.hr, Contact: Mr. Bojan Hlaca, Director General

Water and Sanitation

(R) Inland Waters: The objective is to improve water supply, wastewater services and flood protection measures. *Board presentation was scheduled for 31 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID 98948. US\$ 47.7 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Hrvatske Vode, Ulica grada Vukovara 220, Zagreb 10000 Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 630-7333, Fax: (385-1) 630-7686, E-mail: steinbauer@voda.hr, Contact: Mr. Miroslav Steinbauer, Head, Development Sector

Georgia

Economic Management

(R) Third Poverty Reduction Support: The objective is to implement policy reforms in (a) public sector accountability, efficiency and transparency, (b) electric and gas services, (c) making the environment conducive to private sector development and (d) social protection, education and health care services. *Negotiations were completed on 20 April 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 14 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 99882. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 70 Irakli Abashidze St., Tbilisi 0162 Georgia

Energy and Mining

Methane Leak Reduction in Gas Pipeline: The objective is to reduce leaks from key points in the gas transmission infrastructure. The emission reduction purchase agreement is scheduled to be signed on 2 January 2008. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 96741. US\$ 40.0 (PCF). Consultants will be required. Georgian Gas International Corporation, 24, 300 Aragveli St., Tbilisi, Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 922-962, Fax: (995-32) 923-229, E-mail: intrel@ggic.ge, Contact: Mr. David Ingorokva, President

Kazakhstan

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Second Irrigation/Drainage: The objectives are to (a) improve irrigation, drainage systems, water management and environmental services and (b) strengthen agricultural practices and farmers' information services. Decision meeting is scheduled for 10 October 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86592. US\$ 155.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Environmental Protection, 31 Pobedy Ave., Astana 010000 Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3172) 591-972, Fax: (7-3172) 591-973, E-mail: a_braliev@nature.kz, Contact: Alzhan Braliev, Vice-Minister

(R) Second Irrigation/Drainage (GEF): The objectives are to reduce land degradation and consequently the threat of desertification. Decision meeting is scheduled for 10 October 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 99053. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Environmental Protection, 31 Pobedy Ave., Astana 010000 Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3172) 591-972, Fax: (7-3172) 591-973, E-mail: A_braliev@nature.kz, Contact: Alzhan Braliev, Vice-Minister

Ust-Kamenogorsk Environmental Remediation (Industrial Waste Treatment) (Ln: 4848-KZ): The objective is to contain the toxic waste plume contaminating the city's groundwater, thereby preventing the plume's discharge into the river and the drinking water supply. Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 February 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 78342. US\$ 24.3 (IBRD). Consultants have been selected for a feasibility study. Other consultants will be needed for environmental impact and social assessments. Kazatomprom, 168 Bogenbai batyr St., Almaty 480012 Kazakhstan,

Tel: (7-3272) 691-627, Fax: (7-3272) 611-626, E-mail: bduisebayev@kazatomprom.kz, Contact: Baurzhan O. Duisebayev, Director

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Sector Technology Transfer and Institutional Reform: The objective is to modernize the health system. *Decision meeting and appraisal were scheduled for mid-May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 101928. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, 66 Moskovskaya St., Astana 010000 Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3172) 317-873, Fax: (7-3172) 317-327, Contact: Mr. Bolat Tokezhanov, Head, Division of Medicine Development and International Cooperation

Private Sector Development

Technology and Competitiveness: The objective is to improve the quality and economic relevance of the country's scientific research and link it more closely to domestic and international markets. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for November 2007. Subject to inclusion in the government's June 2007 budget. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90695. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Science, Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3272) 599-816, Fax: (7-3272) 599-839, E-mail: info@nif.kz, Contact: Mr. Nuruzhin, Advisor to Minister of Education

Public Sector Governance

(R) Customs Development: The objective is to reform and modernize the customs administration, in order to: (a) promote internationally acceptable practices for processing of international trade flows; (b) improve revenue collection; and (c) reduce potential for corruption. *Appraisal is scheduled for 31 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 96998. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Customs Control Committee, 10 Beibitshilik St., Astana 010000 Kazakhstan, Tel/Fax: (7-317) 297-4531, E-mail: shdossymkhanova@q0100.customs.kz., Contact: Mr. Sarkytbek Moldabayev, Head of Administration and Head of the Working Group, and Ms. Sholpan Dosymkhanova, Deputy Head of the Working Group

Urban Development

(N) Territorial Development (JERP): The project will finance the Government's effort to implement the national territorial development strategy to enhance economic development and competitiveness in the regions. Decision meeting is scheduled for 29 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 102772. US\$ 55.0 (IBRD). Consultants and implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Kosovo

Economic Management

Fiscal Policy Support: The objective is to create a sustainable fiscal environment while meeting immediate priority public spending requirements. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Second Public Expenditure Management Technical Assistance: The objective is to improve the efficiency and transparency of public financial and human resources management. Project preparation is on hold due to country status. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Provisional Institutions of Self-Governance, Deshmoret e Kombit-Bill Clinton, Prishtine, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 2003-4246, Fax: (381-38) 548, Contact: Mr. Melihate Terkolli, Minister; Ministry of Public Services, Provisional Institutions of Self-Governance, Prishtina, Kosovo, Contact: Mr. Haki Shatri, Minister

Education

(R) Education Innovation: The objective is to improve the teaching-learning conditions and activities by supporting the preparation and implementation of the school development grants. *Project concept review was completed on 30 April 2007 and the preparation on 10 May 2007. Decision meeting is scheduled for 20 November 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, New MEST Bldg., Mu-

sine Kokollari St., 10000 Pristina, Kosovo, Tel/Fax: (381-38) 504-604, E-mail: mest@ks-gov.net, Contact: Dr. Fehmi Ismaili, Permanent Secretary

Energy and Mining

Lignite Power Technical Assistance (Cr: H254-KOS): The objective is to prepare an enabling environment for investment by independent power producers, in concert with the Lignite Power Initiative. The credit was signed on 13 December 2006. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 97635. US\$ 8.5 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mining, Projects Office, Tel: (377-44) 110-011

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) Real Estate Cadastre and Registration: The objective is to enhance the security property rights of the business environment. Project Appraisal Document is being prepared. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 101214. US\$ 7.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants to be determined. Kosovo Cadastre Agency (KCA), Kosovo Cadastral Agency, Kosovo Archive Bldg., 2nd Floor, Pristina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 512-353, Fax: (381-38) 512-356, E-mail: perparim.ameti@ks-gov.net, Contact: Perparim Ameti, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Kyrgyz Republic

Economic Management

(R) Enhanced Heavily Indebted Poor Countries: The objectives are to provide debt relief and implement economic reform. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 700.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Tel: (996-312) 666-141, Fax: (996-312) 218-627, Contact: National Bank of Kyrgyz Republic, Contact: Mr. Akmatalliev, Deputy Head of Administration, Office of the President

Rural Development

(N) Second On-farm Irrigation: The objective is to improve irrigation service delivery on a sustainable basis that would contribute to increased agricultural productivity among irrigation farmers. This will be achieved through further development of water users associations (WUAs) and rehabilitation and modernization of irrigation and drainage infrastructure. Project Appraisal Document is being prepared. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96409. US\$ 16.1 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Department of Water Resources, 4a Toktonaliev St., Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel/Fax: (996-312) 541-174, E-mail: onfarmir@elcat.kg, Contact: Mr. Nurlanbek Djalilbaev, Project Manager

Urban Development

(R) Bishkek and Osh Urban Infrastructure: The objective is to improve the availability of essential local infrastructure services to poor "novostroiki" settlements in Bishkek and Osh, the two largest cities of the Kyrgyz Republic, with a view to de-marginalize the populations of these areas and improve their living standards and prospects for access to economic opportunities. Appraisal is scheduled for 20 September 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 104994. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services and implementing agency to be determined.

Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Republic of

Economic Management

(N) Third Programmatic Development Policy: The objectives are to promote economic growth and job creation by improving the investment climate and strengthening public sector governance. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 1012963. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Dame Gruev 14, 1000 Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tel: (389-2) 311-7288, Fax: (389-2) 311-7280, E-mail: finance@finance.gov.mk, Contact: Mr. Trajko Slaveski, Minister of Finance

(R) Second Programmatic Development Policy (Ln: 7441-MK): The objectives are to promote economic growth and job creation by improving the investment climate and strengthening public sector

governance. Approved by the Executive Directors on 27 March 2007. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 98548. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). *No consultants are required.* Ministry of Finance, Dame Gruev 14, 1000 Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tel: (389-2) 311-7288, Fax: (389-2) 311-7280, E-mail: finance@finance.gov.mk, Contact: Mr. Trajko Slaveski, Minister of Finance

Transportation

(N) Second Trade and Transport Facilitation: The objective is to increase competitiveness of the region through improving regional transport infrastructure (corridors) and increasing the availability of adequate logistics services connecting Southeast Europe and Europe through supporting infrastructure and technical assistance for border agencies modernization while strengthening the private sector, mindful of the new global security environment and of the environmental sustainability of various transport modes. Board presentation was scheduled for 29 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 91723. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Fund for National and Regional Roads, Dame Gruev No. 14, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, 1000, Tel: (389-2) 322-8454, Fax: (389-2) 322-0535, E-mail: natasav@roads.org.mk

Urban Development

(N) Municipal Development: The objective is to improve performance of municipalities and their communal services enterprises. Project concept review is scheduled for 20 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96481. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport and Communications

Moldova, Republic of

Economic Management

(R) Second Poverty Reduction Support Credit: The objective is to support the objectives and policies of the Government's Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy (EGRSP) by (i) increasing the efficiency of expenditures in social protection, health and education services; (ii) improving the environment for private sector development and enabling a greater domestic supply response; and (iii) improving public sector governance. *Project Concept Note is being prepared.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 103941. US\$ 10.0 IDA. Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, 7, Cosmonautilor St., Chisinau, Moldova, Tel: (373-22) 233-575, Fax: (373-22) 221-307, Contact: Mihail Pop, Minister

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Care and Social Assistance: The objective is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of health and social assistance systems. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 7 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 95250. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation and will be financed by a Japanese PHRD grant. Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Sciusev 101, Chisinau 2012 Moldova, Tel/Fax: (373-22) 238-751, E-mail: vvlovei@ucimp.moldnet.md, Contact: Mr. Victor Volovei, Project Director

Transportation

(R) Road Sector Program Support (Ln: 4283-MD): The objective is to reverse the serious and continued deterioration of the road network by reforming network management and maintenance. *The loan was signed on 3 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100929. US\$ 16.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. State Road Administration, 12-a Bucuria St., Chisinau 2004, Moldova, Tel: (373-22) 740-570, Fax: (373-22) 751-856, E-mail: panurco@asd.md, Contact: Mr. Anatolii Usatii, Project Coordinator

Water and Sanitation

(R) Environmental Protection: The objectives are to (a) reduce the discharge of pollutants, including nutrients, from municipal and rural sources into the Nistru River and Black Sea, and (b) develop a transnational Nistru River Basin management plan. *Board presentation was scheduled for 29 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74139. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, St. Cosmonautilor 9, Chisinau 2005 Moldova, Tel: (373-22) 204-566, (373-22) 204-507, Fax: (373-22) 210-660,

Contact: Mr. Constantin Mihailescu, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources; Department of Constructions and Territory Development, St. Cosmonautilor 9, Chisinau 2005 Moldova, Tel: (373-22) 228-932, E-mail: olgacov@water.md, Contact: Ms. Olga Covaliova, GEF Coordinator, Project Implementation Unit

Montenegro

Economic Management

Third Development Policy: The objective is to implement structural reforms critical for sustained growth and poverty reduction. This project has been postponed. Further reporting will be discontinued until active preparation resumes. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 22.0 (IDA/IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Staka Dragjevicca 2, Podgorica 81000 Montenegro, Tel: (381-81) 243-274, Contact: H.E. Igor Luksic, Minister of Finance

Energy and Mining

Energy Community of South East Europe APL 3 (Cr: 4173-YF): The objective is to be carried out in conjunction with projects for seven other countries of southeast Europe, is to create a market to share energy in an efficient and mutually beneficial manner as participants in the European Commission and Stability Pact. Montenegro has become a member of the Bank, the Credit will be re-negotiated. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 9.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Electric Power Utility of Montenegro; Federal Government of Montenegro, Bul. Mihajila Pupina 2, Belgrade 11070 Serbia, Fax: (381-11) 311-2979

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Tara and Lim River Basin Watershed Management: The objective is to improve land and water management and biodiversity conservation, including reducing risks and impact of flooding and restoration of watershed protection forests in two major river basins. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 99749. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required for project coordination, social and environmental assessment, planning and surveying. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water, Rimski Trg bb, Podgorica 81000 Montenegro, Tel: (381-81) 482-109, Fax: (381-81) 234-306, E-mail: andjelicm@mn.yu, Contact: Miloslav Andjelic

Urban Development

(R) Sustainable Tourism Development: The objective is to better design and implement an integrated coastal zone management approach to reduce coastal degradation and in the same time foster environmentally sound tourism development through: (a) enhancing environmental protection, spatial development, institutional capacity and governance of the coastal zone, and (b) initiating priority investments, such as the first phase of the regional water supply system for the coastal areas, to foster development of high-quality tourism. *Board presentation was scheduled for 12 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93461. US\$ 15.0 IDA. Consultants will be required. Crnogorsko Primorje (PEW) on behalf of the Government of Montenegro, Serbia and Montenegro, Sunca 4, 85310 Budva, Montenegro, Tel: (381-86) 452-034, (381-86) 452-381, (381-86) 451-921, Fax: (381-86) 451-937, (381-86) 451-381, (381-86) 451-460, E-mail: p.bjelobrkvic@cg.yu, Contact: Pedrac Bjelobrkvic, Director

(R) Tourism Development: The objective is to provide sustainable bulk water supplies to the coastal tourism area in an environmentally sound way. *Board presentation was scheduled for 12 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93461. US\$ 15.0/12.9 (IDA/GEF). Consultants are required and are being financed by an Italian trust fund. Crnogorsko Primorje, TRG Sunca 4, 85310 Budva, Montenegro, Tel: (381-86) 452-034, (381-86) 451-921, Fax: (381-86) 451-460, (381-86) 451-937, E-mail: p.bjelobrkvic@cg.yu, Contact: Pedrac Bjelobrkvic, Director

Poland

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Odra River Basin Flood Protection (Ln: 7436-POL): The objective is to protect the population in the Odra River Basin against loss of life and damage to property caused by severe flooding. Approved by the Executive Directors on 21 March 2007. *The loan was signed on*

11 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 86768. US\$ 184.0 (IBRD). Consultants are used for project feasibility studies, detailed design, construction supervision and monitoring and evaluation of project impacts. Project Coordination Unit, Rynek 13, Wroclaw 50-101 Poland, Tel: (48-71) 346-0270, Fax: (48-71) 346-0275, E-mail: jzaleski@pcu.org.pl, Contact: Mr. Janus Zaleski, Director

Law and Justice

Legal and Judicial: The objective is to improve performance of the courts through faster and less costly service delivery. Project Concept Note is being prepared. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 6.25 (IBRD). Consultants will be required and have been identified. Ministry of Justice, Al Ujazdowski 11, Warsaw, Poland, E-mail: opcinski@ms.gov.pl, wojciechowska@ms.gov.pl, Contact: Mr. Kryze, Deputy Minister

Transportation

(R) Transport Infrastructure Rehabilitation: The objectives are to (a) improve the main national road and rail infrastructure and (b) build institutional capacity of rail and road sector institutions to manage network assets efficiently and effectively. *Negotiations were scheduled for 4 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 102731. US\$ 180.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Transport, 4/6 Chalubinskiego St., 00-928 Warsaw, Poland, Tel: (48-22) 630-1359, Fax: (48-22) 630-1188, E-mail: tbochenski@mi.gov.pl, Contact: Tomasz Bochenski, Deputy Director

Regional

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Integrated Ecosystem Management of Neretva and Trebinjica River Basins: The objective is to improve water resource management on the river basin and transboundary level, laying the basis for efficient and equitable water allocation among users and for improved health of the ecosystems on which sustainable economic growth depends. *Negotiations are scheduled for 26 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84608. US\$ 8.0 (GEF). Consultants are required for preparation studies. Croatia Ministry of Forestry, Agriculture, and Water Management, Ulica Grada Vukovara, Tel: (385-1) 630-7303, Fax: (385-1) 630-7686, E-mail: petrivec@voda.hr, Contact: Mr. Mladen Petrivec, Head, Institute for Water Management; Republika Srpska Ministry of Town Planning, Housing Services, Civil Engineering, and Ecology; Bosnia Herzegovina Ministry of Physical Planning and Environment, Hadzi Idrizova 2, Sarajevo 71000 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 212-833, (387-61) 220-289, E-mail: branko.vucijak@heis.com.ba, Contact: Mr. Branko Vucijak, Head, Project Implementation Unit

(R) Lake Skhoder Integrated Ecosystem Management: The objective is to achieve more sustainable uses of the lake's natural resources and those of its watershed. *Appraisal was scheduled for 28 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 84605. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Rr. Durrresi, No. 27, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 270-624, Fax: (355-4) 270-624, E-mail: zamir@cep.tirana.al, Contact: Mr. Zamir Dedei, Director of Nature Protection; Ministry of Environmental Protection and Physical Planning, Poslovni Centar Vectra, Podgorica 81000 Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-81) 482-167, Fax: (381-81) 234-131, E-mail: viktors@mn.yu, Contact: Mr. Viktor Subotic, Project Director

Transportation

(N) Regional Railways: The objective is to facilitate the creation of a Regional Railway Transport Market in South East Europe and Balkans enabling the integration of the railways from the region into the transportation market of the European Community. Appraisal is scheduled for October 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 102734. Consultants and implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Romania

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control: The objective is to build institutional and regulatory capacity to implement the EU Environment Acquis. *Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for 29 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 93775, 99528. US\$ 64.8/5.5

(IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Waters Management, 12 Blvd. Libertatii, Sector 5, Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 316-2407, Fax: (40-21) 319-4609, E-mail: varga@mappm.ro, Contact: Ms. Lucia Ana Varga, Secretary of State

Health, Nutrition and Population

Avian Influenza Control and Human Pandemic Preparedness and Response (Ln: 4839-RO): The objective is to increase preparedness to prevent and control the spread of bird flu among animals and humans and to prepare for, control, and respond to influenza pandemics and other infectious disease emergencies in humans. The loan was signed on 5 October 2006. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100470. US\$ 37.7 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Public Health, 1 B Negustori St., 2 Sector, Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 215-7875, Fax: (40-21) 312-4967, Email: ; National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority

Rural Development

(R) Farm Restructuring: The objective is to restructure the country's agriculture and make it more competitive. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for 26 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100638. US\$ 65.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Agriculture, Forests and Rural Development, Bucuresti, B-dul Carol I, No. 24, Sector 3, Bucharest 020921 Romania, Tel: (40-21) 307-2300, (40-21) 307-8500, Fax: (40-21) 307-2345, E-mail: comunicare@maa.ro, Contact: Mr. Gheorghe Flutur, Minister

Russian Federation

Economic Management

(R) Support to Establishing Special Economic Zones: The objective is to establish a new model of special economic zone characterized by efficient management design based on public-private partnership, modern infrastructure and the capacity to offer business development services. Decision meeting is scheduled for 21 September 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 92213. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Federal Agency for Management of Special Economic Zones, Ovchinnikovskaya Embarkment, Moscow, Russia, Tel: (7-495) 251-4598, Fax: (7-495) 981-3175, E-mail: rytchev@economy.gov.ru Website: www.rosuez.economy.gov.ru, Contact: Mr. Michail Rytchev, Deputy Chairman

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Fire Management in High Biodiversity Value Forests of Amur-Sikhote-Alin Ecoregion: The objective is to strengthen conservation of the high-conservation-value forests of the Amur-Sikhote-Alin ecoregion through improved forest fire management and reduced frequency, size and intensity of catastrophic fires in areas of global conservation importance. *Appraisal and negotiations are scheduled for mid-September 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 68386. US\$ 8.6 (GEF). Consultants will be required for methodology of forest fire zoning, forest fire impact modeling and database, and administration of small grants for community participation. Federal Forestry Agency, Ministry of Natural Resources, Pyatnitskaya 59/19, Moscow 113184 Russia, Tel: (7-495) 951-8689, Fax: (7-495) 230-8530, E-mail: rosles@space.ru, Contact: Mr. Victor N. Sergeenko, Deputy Head, Forest Protection Directorate

Law and Justice

Judicial Reform Support (Ln: 4849-RU): The objective is to strengthen judicial transparency and competence. Approved by the Executive Directors on 15 February 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89733. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Bureau of Economic Analysis/Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, 27/26, Bldg. 3, Zubovsky Blvd, Moscow, Russia, Tel: (7-495) 937-6750, Fax: (7-495) 937-6753, Contact: Sergei Nikolaevich Lavrov, Executive Director

Public Sector Governance

(R) Second Development of State Statistical System: The objective is to modernize the state statistical system, based on international standards and methodology, and improve data collection and dissemination. *Negotiations were completed on 3 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 21 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category

U. PID: 92429. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Federal State Statistical Service, ul.Myasnistkaya 39, Bldg. 1, Moscow 107450 Russia, Tel: (7-495) 207-4902, Fax: (7-495) 207-4087, E-mail: stat@gks.ru, Contact: Sokolin Vladimir, Head

Registration (Ln: 4826-RU): The objectives are to simplify and improve procedures for registering rights in immovable property and improve the information flow from the registry to users. Approved by the Executive Directors on 13 June 2006. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93050. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Justice, Ulica Voroncova Polya, 4-A, Moscow, Russia, Tel: (7-495) 206-0253, Fax: (7-495) 916-2903, E-mail: tatiana.gorlatch@minjust.ru, Contact: Ms. Tatiana Gorlatch, Project Adviser

Rural Development

(R) Krasnodar Agricultural Nutrient Reduction: The objective is to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus pollution of the Black Sea from agricultural sources. *Decision meeting was scheduled for 29 May 2007 and appraisal for 4 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78436. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Consultants were used for preparation. Nutrient management experts may also be required to assist in implementation. Ministry of Agriculture, 1/11 Orlikov per., Moscow 107139 Russia, Tel/Fax: (7-495) 207-6405, E-mail: a.zaitsev@prod.mcx.ru

Microfinance Infrastructure Development: The objective is to develop a sustainable, sound financial co-operative system for enhancing access to financial services by poor and underserved people, especially in rural areas. Appraisal was scheduled for 14 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 100563. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 9 Ilyinka St., Moscow 109097 Russia, Tel: (7-495) 648-1123, Fax: (7-495) 648-1096, E-mail: o2204@minfin.ru, Contact: Vladimir Lukov, Head, Department for Financial Policy

Urban Development

Housing and Communal Services Reform Program Development Policy: The objective is to reform and modernize the housing and communal services sector at the regional and municipal levels. Negotiations were scheduled for 15 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79032. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Federal Agency for Construction and Housing Complex, Stroitelei St., 8/2, Moscow 119991 Russia, Tel: (7-495) 930-6482, Fax: (7-495) 938-2202, (7-495) 930-4644, E-mail: syur@gosstroy.gov.ru, Contact: Mr. S. Kruglick, Head

Serbia

Economic Management

(R) Public Sector Development Policy: The objectives are to (a) transition to a private sector-led economy by reducing the size of the state; and (b) improve the effectiveness of the state. Negotiations are scheduled for 20 July 2007. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 90235. US\$ 55.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Nemanjina 22-26, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia, Tel: (381-11) 361-7603, Fax: (381-11) 363-3264, E-mail: ipetrovic@mfin.sr.gov.yu, Contact: Mr. Mladjan Dinkic, Minister of Finance

Second Programmatic Private Financial Sector Development: The objectives are to (a) strengthen fiscal discipline in the enterprise, energy and transport sectors, (b) attract foreign investment and (c) build a more stable financial sector. Project on hold until the government's fiscal condition improves and the pending formation of a new government. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 96711. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Nemanjina 22-26, Belgrade 11000 Serbia, Tel: (381-11) 361-7603, Fax: (381-11) 361-7613, Contact: Mladjen Dinkic, Minister

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Efficiency Additional Financing: The objective of the additional financing is for the cost overrun and scale up of energy efficiency improvements in social buildings (schools, hospitals, orphanages, homes for the elderly) and rehabilitation of a complete energy supply system in one large Clinical Center. *Negotiations were scheduled for 21 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90492. US\$ 18.0/10.0 IBRD/IDA. *Consultants will be required. Min-*

istry of Energy and Mining, 36 Kralja Milana, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia, Tel: (381-11) 334-6755, Fax: (381-11) 361-2307; Serbian Energy Efficiency Agency (SEEA), 1 Omladinskih brigade, 11070 Novi Beograd, Serbia, Tel: (381-11) 313-1957, Fax: (381-11) 311-1649

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Transitional Agriculture Reform: The objective is to conserve the globally important eco-system in the Stara Planina mountainous areas and in doing so create an efficient rural development program consistent with EU pre-accession rural development programs. Negotiations were scheduled for 18 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs 94212, 93545. US\$ 25.0/5.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Water Management, Nemanjina 22-26, 9th Fl., Office 31, Belgrade 11000 Serbia, Tel: (381-11) 363-1675, E-mail: wb.proc@minpolj.sr.gov.yu, Contact: Sladjan Stankovic, Project Technical Adviser

Bor Regional Development: The objective is to support the GoS's efforts to revive the depressed Bor region through: (i) dealing with urgent environmental and social legacy issues arising from mining sector restructuring; and (ii) fostering new sources of economic growth and job creation in the region. Board presentation was scheduled for 14 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 92999. US\$ 30.0/10.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required. Project Management Unit, Terazije 23, 6th Fl., Belgrade 11000 Serbia, Tel: (381-11) 302-9968, Fax: (381-11) 302-0828, E-mail: zpetrovic@priv.yu, Contact: Ms. Zorica Petrovic, PMU Director

Social Protection

(R) Delivery of Integrated Local Services: The objective is to strengthen the delivery of local health, education and social protection services. *Appraisal was completed on 19 April 2007. Negotiations were scheduled for 4 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96823. US\$ 26.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Kneza Milosa 20, Belgrade 11000 Serbia, Tel: (381-11) 361-4007, Fax: (381-11) 361-8961, E-mail: ipetrovic@mfin.sr.gov.yu, Contact: Mr. Vladimir Vukojevic, Assistant Minister

Transportation

(R) Serbian Railway Reform: The objective is to reduce the cost of railway transportation on Corridor X for both passengers and freight, thereby contributing to improved operational and financial performance, whilst also supporting the continuing reform of the Serbian Railways. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 1 November 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96592. US\$ 75.0 IBRD. Consulting services to be determined. Public Enterprise Serbian Railways, 6 Nemanjina St., 11000, Belgrade, Serbia, Tel: (381-11) 306-7315, Fax: (381-11) 361-6841, E-mail: Zeljko.valentic@yurail.co.yu, Contact: Zeljko Valentic, Director, International Affairs Department

(R) Transport Rehabilitation Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the condition of selected road sections; improve effectiveness of road maintenance through the introduction of performance-based contracting in two pilot regions; and introduce safe road design principles, road safety audits and targeted improvement measures *Board presentation was scheduled for 14 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PIB: 96206. US\$ 50.0 IBRD. Consultants will be required. Public Enterprise 'Republic of Serbia Roads', Bul. Kralja Aleksandra 282, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia, Tel: (381-11) 304-0626, Fax: (381-11) 304-0699, E-mail: z.bjelic@eunet.yu, Contact: Zarko Bjelic, Project Coordinator

Water and Sanitation

(N) Irrigation & Drainage Rehabilitation Additional Financing: The objective of the additional financing is to scale up the flood control subcomponent of Component 1 (Rehabilitation and Improvement of Drainage and Flood Control Infrastructure). Board presentation was scheduled for 14 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 105270. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Nemanjina 22-26, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia, Tel: (381-11) 201-3366, Fax: (381-11) 311-5370, E-mail: nikola.marjanovic@minpolj.sr.gov.yu, Contact: Nikola Marjanovic, Director, Water Directorate

Tajikistan

Economic Management

(R) Second Programmatic Development Policy: The objective is to implement policy reforms in private sector development, public sector management and social service delivery. *Negotiations were completed on 13 April 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 19 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Presidential Administration, 80 Rudaki Ave., Dushanbe 734023 Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 275 370, Contact: Ms. Gulmira Khamrakulova, First Deputy Minister of Finance

Education

Education: The objective is to implement the education strategy across the sector. Project on hold until active preparation resumes. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Tel: (992-372) 230-718, Fax: (992-372) 217-973, E-mail: emp@pmu.tajik.net, Contact: I. Ismoilov, Director, Project Management Unit

Energy and Mining

(N) Pamir Emergency: The objective is to enhance the reliability of the electricity supply in the Gorno Badakshan Autonomous Region (GBO) through private sector involvement. Board presentation is scheduled for 28 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 105727. US\$ 4.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Public Sector Governance

(R) Public Financial Management Modernization: The objective is to enhance the efficiency and transparency of public sector expenditure management by designing and implementing an automated financial management information system and building capacity in core areas of public financial management. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 17 November 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 99840. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 3 Akademikov Rajabovych Ave., Dushanbe, Tajikistanajabov St., Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 221-3804., Contact: Sherali Safarov, First Deputy Minister of Finance

Rural Development

(R) Cotton Sector Recovery: The objective is to improve the livelihoods of cotton farmers by creating conditions for sustainable growth of cotton production in low-income areas. *Negotiations completed on 27 April 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 30 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 98889. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). *Consultants will be required.* Executive Administration, 80 Rudaki Ave., Dushanbe 734023 Tajikistan, Contact: Mr. Matlubhon Davlatov, State Adviser to the President on Economic Policy

Social Protection

(N) Third Poverty Alleviation: The objective is to improve the quality and sustainability of social services provided in targeted poor communities through micro-projects, empowerment of communities, and enhanced capacity of local governments for service planning and delivery. Project concept review completed. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 105090. US\$ 1.9 (IDA). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Water and Sanitation

Dushanbe Water Supply Rehabilitation Additional Financing (Cr: 3664-TJ, H264-TJ): The objective is to improve the safety, reliability, efficiency and financial viability of water supply services in Dushanbe. The credit and grant were signed on 1 February 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 101592. US\$ 3.5/1.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Dushanbe Vodokanal, 14 Aini St., Dushanbe 734042 Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 221-4562, Fax: (992-372) 992-372, E-mail: dwspecu@tojikiston.com, Contact: Khurshed Shukurov, Acting Director, Project Coordination Unit

Turkey

Economic Management

(R) Programmatic Competitiveness and Employment Development Policy Loan: Programmatic Competitiveness and Employment Development Policy Loan (formerly, Employment Generation Development Policy): The objective is to implement adjustments in the private and financial sectors that will improve the investment climate, facilitate innovative technology and reform the labor market to be conducive to the creation of more jobs. OC review meeting *completed*. *Appraisal was scheduled for 24 May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 600.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Undersecretariat of Treasury, Inonu Bulvari, Eskisehir Yolu, Emek, Ankara 06530 Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 212-8256, Fax: (90-312) 212-8550, E-mail: hazine@hazine.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Ozgur Pehlivan, Department Head

(R) Second Programmatic Public Sector Development Policy: The objective is to broaden and reform social protection and improve public service delivery. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88837. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required*. Undersecretariat of Treasury, Inonu Bulvari, Eskisehir Yolu, Emek, Ankara 06530 Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 204-6452, Fax: (90-312) 212-8550, E-mail: hazine@hazine.gov.tr, Contact: Ms. Ayse Akkiraz, Head of Department

Energy and Mining

Electricity Distribution Rehabilitation (Ln: 4858-TU): The objective is to improve the electricity distribution system's reliability and reduce losses by implementing system rehabilitation and upgrades that will allow safety and regulatory standards to be met and cash-flows to improve. Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 April 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96801. US\$ 269.4 (IBRD). Consultants will be required to assist with managing, tendering, evaluating and implementing projects. Turkish Electricity Distribution Corp., Turkiye Elektrik Dagitim AS, Inonu Blvd. No. 27, Bahcelievler, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 213-7804, Fax: (90-312) 215-7275, E-mail: sedat.ustun1@tedas.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Sedat Ustun, Adviser to the General Manager

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health and Social Security Reform: The objective is to strengthen health and social protection sector performance, with the ultimate objective of reducing the gap in health and social outcomes between Turkey and EU countries, while maintaining fiscal sustainability and a strengthened governance and accountability framework. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 102172. US\$ 250.0 IBRD. Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, MOH, Sihhiye, Ankara, Tel: (90-312) 435-7100, Fax: (90-312) 432-0818, E-mail: trhealth@saglik.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Adnan Yildirim, Project Director; Social Security Institute, SSI: Ziya Bey Cad-desi No: 6, Balgat Ankara, Tel: (90-312) 207-8069, Fax: (90-312) 207-8159, E-mail: sacisu@sgk.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Selahattin Acisu, Project Director

Law and Justice

(R) Judicial Modernization: The objective is to strengthen judicial efficiency and competence. *Concept review meeting was scheduled for 31 May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Justice, Adalet Bakanligi, Ankara 06659 Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 417-7770, Contact: Mr. Maksud Mete, Deputy Undersecretary, Ministry of Justice

Private Sector Development

(R) Access to Finance for Small and Medium Enterprises (Ln: 7389-TU, Ln: 7390-TU): The objective is to increase access to medium-term financing for small- and medium-sized enterprises. Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 June 2006. *The project is being amended*. *Board approval of the proposed amendments was scheduled for 31 May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 82822. US\$ 180.2 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Treasury, Tel: (90-312) 213-6873, Contact: Mr. Memduh Aslan Akcay, General Director; Undersecretariat of Treasury, Tel: (90-312) 212-8256, Fax: (90-312) 212-8550,

E-mail: ozgur.pehlivan@hazine.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Ozgur Pelivan, Department Head

PSD Lending: (formerly Investment Climate and Productivity Improvement) The objective is to improve productivity and increase employment. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Social Development and Employment Promotion: The objectives are to (a) develop sustainable livelihoods for the poor, (b) promote community development, and (c) build local capacity to absorb European pre-accession funds effectively. *Decision meeting was scheduled for 7 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 96713. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Social Solidarity Fund General Directorate, Social Solidarity Fund, Karanfil Sokak No: 67, Bakanliklar, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 424-1621, Fax: (90-312) 424-0953, E-mail: srap@basbakanlik.gov.tr, Contact: Yadigar Gokalp, Director

Urban Development

(R) Istanbul Municipal Infrastructure: The objectives are to (a) build capacity to develop sound financing strategies for municipal operation and infrastructure and (b) implement the municipal strategic plan. *Board presentation is scheduled for 28 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 100383. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required*. Metropolitan Municipality of Istanbul, Keresteciler Sitesi, Kasim Sokak, Mertes 34010, Istanbul, Turkey, Tel: (90-212) 449-4003, Fax: (90-212) 449-4409, E-mail: heren@ibb.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Huseyin Eren, Deputy Secretary General

Ukraine

Economic Management

(R) Public Finance Modernization: The objective is to improve the scope and functioning capacity of the system of public finance management and the associated legal framework and procedures. *Appraisal is scheduled for 10 October 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 90389. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required*. Consultants are being funded by a PHRD grant. State Treasury, 6 Bastionna St., Kiev, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 294-4922, Fax: (380-44) 294-4981, E-mail: piu@treasury.gov.ua, Contact: Mrs. O. O. Chechulina, Deputy Head

(R) Second Development Policy: The objective is to implement social and economic reform and integrate government and donor activities aimed at improving the investment climate, public administration, public finance management and social inclusion. *Preparation was completed on 6 March 2007*. *Decision meeting was scheduled for 30 May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 96389. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, 12/2 Hrushevskogo St., Kiev 01008 Ukraine, Tel: (38-044) 253-9394, Fax: (38-044) 226-3181, E-mail: meconomy@me.gov.ua, Contact: Mr. Valeriy Muntian, Deputy Minister

Energy and Mining

(N) Kiev District Heat Additional Financing: The objective is to complete the rehabilitation of the CT-1 Heating Plant in Kyiv and replace the old district heating pipes with modern pre-insulated pipes. Negotiations were scheduled for 9 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 103961. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined

(R) Power Transmission in Support of the Energy Sector Reform and Development Program: The objective is to improve the security, reliability and quality of the energy supply and facilitate unimpeded operation of the energy market. Negotiations were scheduled for 14 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. National Power Company, Ukrenergo, 250 Kominternu St., Kyiv 01032 Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 238-3015, Fax: (380-44) 238-3264, E-mail: snezhko@nec.energy.gov.ua, Contact: Volodymyr Luchnikov, Chairman

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Methyl Bromide Phase-Out: The objective is to protect the ozone layer by ensuring long-term and sustained compliance with the Copenhagen Amendment to the Montreal Protocol after 1 January 2005, and move forward with complete phase-out of ozone depleting substances in line with the evolution of international practice and obligations. Board presentation is scheduled for *17 July 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85138. US\$ 5.1 (GEF). *No consultants are required.* Ministry of Environmental Protection, 5 Kreshchatyk St., Kiev 01601 Ukraine, Tel: (38-044) 226-2428, Fax: (38-044) 228-8383, E-mail: mep@mep.freenet.kiev.ua, Contact: Mr. Svyatoslav Kurulenko, First Deputy Minister

Law and Justice

(R) Judicial Reform Support: The objective is to improve the efficiency and transparency of courts and enforcement of judgements by upgrading court organization, facilities, and information technologies, reducing corruption opportunities, and strengthening human resources management and training. Decision meeting was scheduled for *25 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 99919. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State Judicial Administration, 4 P. Orlyka St., Kiev 01024 Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 293-4218, E-mail: supcourt@scourt.gov.ua, Contact: Mr. Ivan Balaklytsky, Head; Ms. Olga Bulka, Deputy Head, Academy of Judges; and Ms. Iryna Voityuk, President; Supreme Court; Ministry of Justice

Rural Development

(R) Agricultural Competitiveness and Food Safety: The objective is to increase domestic and international competitiveness of the agri-food sector. Appraisal was scheduled for *17 August 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90903. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Agricultural Policy, 01001, 24, Khreschatyk St., Kiev, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 278-7118, Fax: (380-44) 278-5811, E-mail: netesa@minap.gov.ua, Contact: Mr. Ivan M. Demchak, First Deputy Minister

Social Protection

(R) Pensions Administration: The objective is to create a fiscally and socially sustainable pension system by improving collection of social insurance contributions and reducing costs of compliance and administration. Negotiations are scheduled for *16 July 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83726. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, 8/10 Esplanadna St., Kiev, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 289-5688, Fax: (380-44) 266-3472, E-mail: zinchenko@mlsp.gov.ua, Contact: Ms. Tatiana Zinchenko, Project Management Consultant

Transportation

(R) Roads and Safety Improvement: The objectives are to (i) improve trade competitiveness through modernized integrated network linked with international trade routes, (ii) improve passenger and (iii) freight traffic flows. Decision meeting was scheduled for *27 August 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100580. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ukravtodor (Roads Administration), 9 Phizkultury St., Kyiv, Ukraine 03680, Tel: (380-44) 227-2449, Fax: (380-44) 227-2449, E-mail: piu-m06@ukr.net, Contact: Mr. Yevgen Prusenko, Chairman of the Board,

Urban Development

Second Urban Infrastructure: The objective is to improve the water supply, sanitary waste and energy efficiency systems. Project concept review is scheduled for *16 July 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Water and Sanitation

(R) Urban Infrastructure: The objective is to plan for and implement urgent water supply, sanitation, and solid waste capacity-building improvements. *Board presentation is scheduled for 21 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95337. US\$ 140.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Construction, Architecture and Housing and Communal Services, Grushevskovo 12/2, Kiev,

Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 293-6307, Fax: (380-44) 234-9718, Contact: Mr. Oleksy Kucherenko; Ministry of Economy

Urban Infrastructure (GEF): The objective is to enable water supply, sanitation, and solid waste utilities to implement urgent investments and build capacity with the guidance of annual business plans. Decision meeting was scheduled for *4 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 97763. US\$ 10.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Construction, Architecture and Housing and Communal Services, Grushevskovo 12/2, Kiev, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 293-6307, (380-44) 234-9718, (380-44) 531-8749, Fax: (380-44) 234-9718, (380-44) 531-8749, E-mail: zapatr@jurenergo.kiev.ua, Contact: Irina Victorovna Zapatrina, Head of PIU; Ministry of Economy

Uzbekistan

Urban Development

Bukhara/Samarkand Solid Waste Management: The objective is to upgrade the level of city-wide solid waste management services while improving the technical, financial, and institutional bases for the future operation and development of each city's solid waste management system. Decision meeting is scheduled for *1 October 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95263. US\$ 16.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Bukhara City Improvement Department, Tel: (8-365) 224-2296, Fax: (8-365) 224-2421, E-mail: kamol_hokimiyat@mail.ru, Contact: Mr. I Kholmuradov, Deputy Hokim of the Bukhara City and Head of the Secretariat for Communal Services of the Bukhara City Hokimiyat; Samarkand City Improvement Department, Tel: (8-3662) 353-376, Fax: (8-3662) 350-180, Contact: Mr. V Khamidov, Head of the Secretariat for Communal Services of the Samarkand City Hokimiyat

Middle East and North Africa

Djibouti

Rural Development

Avian Influenza Prevention and Control: The objective is to minimize the threat posed to humans by bird flu and to prepare for, control, and respond to influenza pandemics and other infectious disease emergencies. The grant was signed on *21 October 2006*. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 102842. US\$ 2.1 (Trust Fund). Consulting services to be determined. Secrétariat Exécutif du Comité Technique Interministériel pour la Lutte contre le Sida, le Paludisme et la Tuberculose, Plateau du Serpent, Rue de l'I-mam Mohamed Abdallah, BP 2067 Djibouti, Djibouti, Tel: (253) 354-687, Fax: (253) 352-006, Contact: Mr. Omar Ali Ismael, Secrétaire Exécutif

Urban Development

(R) Flood Emergency Rehabilitation Additional Financing (H276-DJI): The objective is to rebuild the Ambouli Dikey, which was damaged by the April 2004 floods. Approved by the Executive Directors on *22 February 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. *PID 104890*. US\$ 2.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Agence Djiboutienne d'Exécution des Travaux d'Intérêt Public, PO Box 4298, Bd. Foch, Djibouti, Djibouti, Tel: (253) 358-655, Fax: (253) 357-184, E-mail: adetip@intnet.dj, Contact: Mr. Kader Ismail Guelleh, Director General

Urban Poverty Reduction Program: The objective is to achieve an increased access to and use of local infrastructure, basic urban services and community development projects by the targeted poor population of Djibouti-Ville and of the five secondary urban centers of Ali Sabieh, Arta, Dikhil, Obok and Tadjourah. The outcomes would be assessed by measuring the improved availability of such services by the intended program recipients, and via the social impacts of such outcomes on local communities and their associations, on micro-enterprises and small-scale building companies, and on the ability of elected local

authorities to cater to the needs of their poorest citizens. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 2.5 IDA. Consulting services to be determined. Agence Djiboutienne D'exécution Des Travaux D'intérêt Public (ADETIP), BP 4298, Djibouti, Tel: (253) 358-655, Fax: (253) 357-184, E-mail: adetip@intnet.dj, Contact: Mr. Kadar Ismael Guelleh, Director

Egypt

Energy and Mining

(R) Natural Gas Connections: The objective is to accelerate gas connections to reduce consumption of more expensive propane. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 2 July 2007 and appraisal for 8 August 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 95392. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Egyptian Natural Gas Holding Company, 85 Nasr Rd., 1st District Nasr City, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 264-2737, Fax: (20-2) 405-8876, Contact: Eng. Hassan Ahmed Elmahdy

(R) Solar Thermal Hybrid: The objective is to develop a solar/fossil fuel hybrid power plant to contribute to global cost reduction of this technology, which is still unproven commercially. Board presentation is scheduled for 12 July 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 50567. US\$ 49.8 (GEF). Cofinancing has been secured from JBIC for the non-solar portion. A GEF grant of US\$ 0.75 is financing preparation. Consultants will be required including a project management consultant. Ministry of Electricity and Energy, New and Renewable Energy Authority, Ext. Abbas El-Akkad St., El-Hay El-Sades, Nasr City, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (202) 271-3176, Fax: (202) 271-7173, E-mail: samirsek@hotmail.com, Contact: Eng. Samir Mahmoud Hassan, Executive Chairman

Rural Development

(R) Upper Egypt Integrated Governorates Development: The objective is to reduce disparities in access to basic services between Upper and Lower Egypt and to increase employment opportunities and income in rural areas. *Preparation was completed on 23 January 2006. Decision meeting is scheduled for 16 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 97326. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultant requirements include feasibility studies for infrastructure investments, analysis of agricultural supply chain, participatory local planning at the district level and environmental and social safeguard assessment. PHRD grant in the amount of US\$ 730 K has been approved. Ministry of Local Development, Al Orouba Street, Nasr City, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (202) 401-4615, E-mail: Sakrmohamed2000@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Mohamed Fathi Sakr, National Coordinator

Transportation

Railways Restructuring: The objective is to implement the restructuring strategy with a view to improving the efficiency of railway operations, strengthening financial viability, and enhancing capacity to better serve social and economic needs. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 101103. US\$ 270.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport, 12 Ismail Abaza St., Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 260-1800, Fax: (20-2) 261-0510, E-mail: mhalim@mot.gov.eg, Contact: Mr. Magdy Halim, Railways Adviser

Urban Development

(R) Alexandria Growth Pole: The objective is to support economic development of Alexandria Governorate by removing key infrastructural constraints, reducing barriers to investment and ensuring the socio economic integration of the poor. *Board presentation is scheduled for 17 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 94229. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required in the areas of urban infrastructure, urban upgrading, business-enabling environment, and environmental and social safeguards. Governorate of Alexandria, Houria St., Alexandria, Egypt, Tel: (20-3) 487-2942, Fax: (20-3) 484-7192, E-mail: gsec_eg_alex@yahoo.com, Contact: H. E. Adel Labib, Governor of Alexandria

Greater Cairo Development: The objective is to contribute to improving the efficiency and livability of the Greater Cairo Metropolitan Area through strategic investments in urban infrastructure and transport systems. Project preparation on hold, awaiting government's letter of request. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 94230. US\$

150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for feasibility studies, urban transport, environmental and social safeguards. Ministry of Housing, Utilities and Urban Development, 12 Ismail Abaza St., El Qasr El Einy, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 796-4047, Fax: (20-2) 792-1512, E-mail: madbouly@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Hazim El Quidy, Chairman, General Organization of Physical Planning

Water and Sanitation

(R) Integrated Sanitation and Sewerage Infrastructure: The objective is to improve water quality in selected drainage basins and health conditions of the resident communities. *Decision meeting was scheduled for 15 May 2007 and appraisal for 4 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 94311. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. National Organization of Potable Water and Sanitary Drainage

West Delta Irrigation Infrastructure: The objective is to build and operate a surface water conveyance and distribution system for irrigation in the West Delta region with full recovery of capital and operation and maintenance costs. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 87970. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Corniche El Nil St., Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (202) 544-9425, Fax: (202) 544-9470, Contact: Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Zeid, Minister

Iran

Energy and Mining

Power Transmission and Distribution: The objectives are to develop a competitive electricity market and increase efficiency. Project preparation is under way. Project confirmation is pending approval of the Country Assistance Strategy. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Regional Electric Company, Bargh St., Evin Ave., Yadgar e Emam Highway, Tehran, Iran, Tel: (98-21) 235-7987, (98-21) 2381-2468, Fax: (98-21) 235-7988, Contact: Mr. H.R. Amin Pour, Project Procurement Manager

Rural Development

Productivity Enhancement and Export Promotion: The objective is to speed up movement of agricultural products to domestic and foreign markets. Project preparation work on hold, pending the approval of the Country Assistance Strategy. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86635. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Agricultural Planning and Economic Research Institute, Ministry of Agriculture, 9 Rudsar St., South Aban, Karimkhan Av., Tehran, Iran, Tel: (98-21) 889-2396, Fax: (98-21) 889-6660, E-mail: aperi@agri-peri.ir, Contact: Mr. Seyed Hasan Kazemi, Director

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Local Development Fund: The objective is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of community-driven development intervention for poverty alleviation, through strengthening the role and capacity of local governments and civil society organizations in selected disadvantaged areas of five provinces. *Appraisal under way.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73070. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Interior, Dr. Fatemi Ave., Tehran, Iran, Tel: (98-21) 896-7008, Fax: (98-21) 865-0025, E-mail: Broujerdi44@hotmail.com, Contact: Mrs. Ashraf Broujerdi, Deputy Minister for Social Affairs Council

Transportation

Road Safety: The objective is to reduce road accidents in high risk pilot road corridors and urban areas and enhance the government's capability to address road safety issues. Negotiations are delayed until 15 October 2007, awaiting Country Assistance Strategy presentation. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 86465. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required during preparation. Road Maintenance and Transport Organization, 19 Damesh St., PO Box 15875/6538, Tehran, Iran, Tel: (98-21) 8880-4438, Fax: (98-21) 8880-4437, E-mail: behrooz_gharavi@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Behrooz Gharavi, Project Manager

Urban/Transport Technical Assistance: The objectives are to (a) strengthen technical capacity for designing and implementing urban transport action plans in Tehran and other large cities, and (b) improve public transport on a few main corridors through innovative solutions

such as bus rapid transit. Project identification is under way and confirmation is pending approval of the country assistance strategy. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 18.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Interior, Dr. Fatemi Ave., PO Box 14155/3534, Tehran, Iran, Tel: (98-21) 6646-1866, Fax: (98-21) 8800-8780; Municipality of Tehran, 127 Iranshar St., Tehran, Iran, Tel: (98-21) 8882-8224, Fax: (98-21) 8882-8013

Urban Development

Tehran Solid Waste Management: The objective is to rehabilitate and improve facilities, equipment and handling procedures for managing hazardous and toxic wastes in the Tehran area. Appraisal is delayed until the Country Assistance Strategy is presented to the Board in late FY07. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 76055. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Organization of Waste Recycling and Composing, Municipality of Tehran, No. 52, 6th West Andisheh, Andisheh St., Dr. Beheshti Ave., Tehran 19678 Iran, Fax: (98-21) 843-6735, E-mail: ovrwb@bazyaft.com, Contact: Mr. Ardeshtir Moghimpour Bijani, Managing Director

Water and Sanitation

Second Tehran Sewerage: The objective is to provide (a) satisfactory wastewater collection and treatment facilities for about two million people; (b) treated wastewater for irrigation; (c) capacity building of a wastewater utility; and (d) improved efficiency of operations. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Tehran Sewerage Company, No. 14 Andisheh Ave., Shahid Beheshti St., Tehran, Iran, Tel: (98-21) 2231-6901, Fax: (98-21) 2231-6902, E-mail: a_sadjady@hotmail.com, amirkamali@tsc.ir, Contacts: Mohamed Amir Kamali, Managing Director; Ali Sadjady, PMU Manager

Iraq

Education

(R) Emergency School Construction and Rehabilitation Additional Financing (Marshlands): The objective is to improve learning conditions in primary and secondary schools with new buildings for schools in unsafe or shared structures and rehabilitation for schools in urgent need of major repair. The additional financing will also allow construction in the Marshland area with priority on communities with no school. *The grant was signed on 31 October 2006.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100726. US\$ 5.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Al Adhmejiah Square, Al-Maghrab District, M 306 St., No. 6, Building 35, Baghdad, Iraq, E-mail: moe_pmt_leader@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Habib Al-Shammery, PMT Leader

(R) Third Emergency Education (Cr. 4128-IRQ): The objectives are to (a) build, equip and furnish 82 primary and secondary schools to alleviate overcrowding and (b) lay the groundwork for broader school reform and reconstruction. *The credit was signed on 2 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96234. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for school design and supervision, procurement support, financial management, school maintenance, and system development. Ministry of Education, Project Management Office, 1st Fl., Al Adhmejiah Square, Al Maghrab District, M 306 St., No. 6, Bldg. 35, Baghdad, Iraq, E-mail: moe_pmt_leader@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Habib Al-Shammery, PMT Leader

Energy and Mining

(R) Dokan and Derbandikhan Emergency Hydropower (Cr: 4249-IRQ): The objectives are to (a) alleviate the power supply shortfall through urgent repairs, and (b) prepare for rehabilitation of the Dokan and Derbandikhan hydropower plants to restore their original capacities of 400 MW and 249 MW respectively. *The credit was signed on 2 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 99059. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required to assess rehabilitation needs for the hydropower stations, detailed design and preparation of bid documents and environmental impact assessment. Ministry of Electricity, Kurdistan Regional Government, Sulaimanya, Kurdistan, Tel: (964-7) 7158-0336, E-mail: fatihsalih02@yahoo.com, herish-muharam@yahoo.com, coes_officie@yahoo.com, Contacts: Mr. Fatih

Saeed Salih or Mr. Herish Moharam Muhammed, Administrative Chairman

(R) Emergency Electricity (Ln: 4289-IRQ): The objectives are to: (a) alleviate the power supply shortfall by restoring the base load generation capacity of the Hartha Power Station Units 2 and 3 to 400MW, (b) lay the groundwork for future institutional development and improved power system planning, and (c) enhance the capacity to prepare and operate projects. *The loan was signed on 16 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 87734. US\$ 124.0/6.0 (IDA/Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Electricity, Tel: (964) 79019-21997, E-mail: planningstudies@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Mumtaz Rutha Al Ayoub Director General Planning

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Emergency Environment Management: The objective is to build the capacity of the newly created Ministry of Environment. Approved by the Executive Directors on 27 September 2006. The grant was signed on 18 December 2006. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 99809. US\$ 5.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Baghdad, Iraq, E-mail: moen_iraq@yahoo.com, eemp_iraq@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Hikmat, PMT Project Manager; Mr. Touma, PMT Director

Emergency Environmental Management: The objective is to design and implement demonstration environmental improvement projects. The grant was signed on 18 December 2006. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 92481. US\$ 25.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, E-mail: eemp_iraq@yahoo.com, moen_iraq@yahoo.com, Contacts: Mr. Hikmat, PMT Project Manager; Mr. Touma, PMT Director

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care: The objective is to increase the availability, utilization and quality of emergency obstetric and neonatal care. *Appraisal and negotiations under way.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 11.3 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, 1st Fl., Office No. 1, Bab Al-Muadam, Baghdad, Iraq, E-mail: najim_alden@yahoo.com, Contact: Engineer Najim Al-Deen Abdul Rahman, Project Management Team Director

Rural Development

Emergency Agriculture Sector Capacity Building: The objective is to strengthen capacity to formulate and develop policy in priority areas. Project preparation is on hold at client's request. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 6.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Near Alsander Hotel, Baghdad, Iraq, Tel: (964) 79019-13875, E-mail: HilalMohammed_2004@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Dr. Hilal Mohamed, Donor Coordinator

Transportation

(R) Emergency Road Rehabilitation (Cr: 4212-IRQ): The objectives are to rehabilitate key segments of the national road network and establish a road assets management system. *The loan was signed on 2 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 87735. US\$ 135.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. State Commission for Roads and Bridges, Ministry of Housing and Construction, Tel: (964) 79026-07504, E-mail: scrb_iraq2000@yahoo.com or scrb-iraq@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Sabeh Ali Jari, Director General; General Directorate for Roads and Bridges, Kurdistan Regional Government, Tel: (32-48) 455-2599, E-mail: dgrbomer@yahoo.com, Contact: General Director

Water and Sanitation

Second Emergency Baghdad Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective is to rehabilitate and upgrade the water supply system, treatment facilities, pumping stations and sewer network. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation. City of Baghdad., Khulani Square, Jamhoriya St., PO Box 1140, Baghdad, Iraq, Tel: (964) 1816-8823, Fax: (964) 1885-7365, E-mail: amanatbaghdad@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Saber Al-Esawey, Mayor

Second Emergency Water Supply and Sanitation: The objectives are to (a) rehabilitate and upgrade water supply, sanitation and urban

facilities in areas outside Baghdad and (b) furnish technical assistance and build capacity to implement and initiate policy adjustments. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94650. US\$ 45.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works, PO Box 28488, Al-Karkh, Baghdad, Iraq, Tel: (964) 1543-5448, E-mail: humammisconi@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Humam Misconi, Director, Project Management Team

Jordan

Education

(R) Employer Driven Skills Development: The objective is to enhance the internal and external efficiency of the E-TVET sector to make it more flexible and demand driven through the development of employer community participation in (i) sector policy formulation; (ii) institutional development and reform; and (iii) skill development program design and delivery Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 100534. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required during preparation Ministry of Labor, PO Box 8160 Amman 1121 Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 580-2666, Fax: (962-6) 585-5216, Contact: H.E. Basem Al-Salem, Minister

Energy and Mining

Promotion of a Wind Power Market: The objective is to remove barriers to wind farm development including lack of a legal and regulatory framework, lack of institutional capacity and inadequate information on wind resources, with the reforms clearing the way for a private entity to build a promotional 60MW wind farm. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). A consultant has been selected to assist in establishing a suitable financing mechanism for renewable energy projects and selection of a consultant to prepare an environmental and social management framework is under way. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, PO Box 140027, Amman 11814 Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 582-8971, Fax: (962-6) 582-1398, E-mail: generals@memr.gov.jo, Contact: Eng. Khaladoun Qutishat, Secretary General

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Integrated Eco Systems in the Rift Valley: The objective is to secure the ecological integrity of the Rift Valley as a globally important ecological corridor and migratory flyway. Board presentation was scheduled for 12 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75534. US\$ 6.15 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature, PO Box 1215, Jubaiha 11941 Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 533-7931, Fax: (962-6) 534-7411, E-mail: adminrsch.org.jo, Contact: Mr. Mohammed Yousef, Project Director

Social Protection

Social Protection Enhancement Project: The objective is to enhance the poverty alleviation/reduction impact of the safety net programs. This will be achieved through: (i) increased coverage, better targeting and improved administration of the cash assistance programs; (ii) improved access to and quality of social work, care and rehabilitation services at the community level; and (iii) expanded and strengthened programs aimed at developing earning skills and capacities of the poor and vulnerable and linking them to other safety net interventions. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. Consulting services will be required during preparation and implementation. Ministry of Social Development, PO Box 6720 Amman 11118 Jordan, Tel: (962-79) 511-2581, Fax: (962-6) 593-1518, Contact: Dr. Hussein Abu-Alruz, Secretary General

Lebanon

Energy and Mining

Energy Sector DPL: The objective of the loan is to provide budget support to the Government against actions undertaken in the power sector. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required Ministry of Finance, Contact: Ms. Sherine Shallah, Economic Officer

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Sector Development: The objective is to provide technical assistance for (a) health financing reforms, (b) health care quality improvement, and (c) pharmaceutical reforms. Project preparation has been suspended because of the fiscal impact of the recent crisis. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88832. US\$ 13.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Tel: (961-1) 615-766, Fax: (961-1) 645-099, Contact: Dr. Walid Ammar, Director General for Health

Water and Sanitation

Emergency Bekaa Water Supply and Modernization: The objective is to alleviate the precarious conditions of the area's water supply systems, which has further aggravated the recent hostilities and long-term neglect. More specifically, the project is expected to improve health conditions of the population of the West Beka'a through the provision of non-contaminated water in increased quantities by completely rehabilitating the area's water network. Approved by the Executive Directors on 20 March 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 103885. US\$ 15.0 (Trust Fund). Consulting services to be determined. Council for Development and Reconstruction, Tallet el Serail, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 980-099, Fax: (961-1) 981-252, E-mail: wafac@cdr.gov.lb, Contact: Mr. Nabil Al-Jisr, Director

Morocco

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Sector Development: The objective is to reform the energy sector. *Negotiations were completed on 3 April 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 29 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère des Affaires Economiques et Générales, Av. Mohamed V, Quartier Administratif, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 687-316, Fax: (212-37) 774-287, E-mail: benchekroun@affaires-generales.gov.ma, Contact: Mlle. Sabah Benchekroun, Chargée de mission auprès du premier ministre, relations économiques internationales

(R) Integrated Solar Power: The objective is to build and operate an integrated solar combined cycle power plant at Ain Beni Mathar to increase power generation capacity, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote renewable energy sources. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 41396. US\$ 43.2 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Office National de l'Electricité, 65, rue Othman Ben Affan, BP 13498, Casablanca, Morocco, Tel: (212-22) 668-080, Fax: (212-22) 220-038, Contact: Younes Maamar, Directeur Général

Electricity Transmission and Distribution Networks: The objective is to increase the efficiency, reliability, and quality of electricity supply, while protecting the environment. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for environmental and social impact studies. Possibly for TA TBD ONE, 65, rue Othman Ben Affane, 20000 Casablanca Maroc, Tel: (212-22) 668-080, Fax: (212-22) 220-038, E-mail: www.one.org.ma, Contact: Younes Maamar

Water and Sanitation

(R) Oum er Rbia Irrigation: The objective is to improve water management by increasing incentives to farmers to improve irrigation efficiency and to municipalities/industries to treat wastewater. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93719. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministère de l'Aménagement du Territoire, de l'Eau et de l'Environnement, Quartier Administratif, Rue Ouarzazate, Hassan, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 761-007, 661-487, Fax: (212-37) 661-488, Contact: M. Mohamed Elyazghi, Minister

(R) Water Sector Development Policy Loan (Ln: 7444-MOR): The objective is to implement reform of the water sector, including sector governance, resource management, irrigation and water supply and sanitation. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 95840. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministère des Finances et de la Privatisation, Ave. Mohamed V, Quartier Administratif, Rabat, Royaume du Maroc, Tel: (212-37) 687-316, Fax: (212-37) 774-287, E-mail: benchekroun@af

fares-générales.gov.ma, Contact: Mlle. Sabah Benchekroun, Chargée de mission auprès du premier ministre, relations économiques internationales.

Tunisia

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Sustainable Municipal Solid Waste Management (Ln: 7432-TUN): The objectives are to strengthen the key elements of sustainability for municipal solid waste management, including (a) establishment of an effective planning and implementation system, (b) rehabilitation of environmentally harmful dumpsites, and (c) access to the emerging carbon finance market as suggested by the Kyoto Protocol. *The loan was signed on 22 March 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95012. US\$ 22.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Agence Nationale de Gestion des Déchets, 6 Rue Al amine Al Abbassi, 1002 Tunis, le Belvédère, Tunis, Tunisie, Tel: (216-71) 847-493, Fax: (216-71) 791-794, E-mail: dg@anged.nat.tn, Contact: Mr. Mounir Ferchichi, General Director; Agence Nationale pour la Protection de l'Environnement

Community Based Integrated Rural Development: The objective is to consolidate and scale up the achievements of the first Natural Resource Management project, which closed on 30 June 2004. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, 30 rue Alain Savary, Tunis 1002 Tunisia, Tel: (216-1) 842-687, Fax: (216-1) 784-447, E-mail: mag@ministeres.tn, Contact: Mr. Abdallah Mallek, Director General, Direction general du Financement, des Investissements et des Organismes Professionnels (DGFIOP)

Managing Healthcare Waste and PCBs: The objectives are to help strengthening the healthcare waste management system in Tunisia, and contribute to the implementation of its persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) National Implementation Plan by demonstrating and promoting the best techniques and practices for managing healthcare waste and PCBs and promoting private sector participation. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 5.5 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Scope of work includes the preparation of the two project's components (Healthcare Waste and PCBs), under two different contracts. Detailed terms of reference finalized with the implementing agency. Agence Nationale de Gestion des Déchets (ANGed), 6 Rue Al amine Al Abbassi, 1002 Tunis, le Belvédère, Tunis, Tunisie, Tel: (216-71) 847-493, E-mail: dg@anged.nat.tn, Contact: Mr. Mounir Ferchichi, General Director; Agence Nationale de Gestion des Déchets (ANGed) Ms. Myriam Jenayah, Chef Projet PAGIDS

West Bank and Gaza

Health, Nutrition and Population

Second Health System Development: The objectives are to (a) increase financial sustainability of publicly-funded health services through improvements in the government health insurance program and better utilization of existing resources and (b) improve the quality of care. The project has been dropped due to the intensification of Intifada and the election of Hamas Government. The timetable for preparation is on hold pending stabilization of the security situation. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64988. US\$ 8.0 (Trust Fund). Ministry of Health, International Cooperation Department, Gaza City, Gaza, Tel/Fax: (972-8) 282-6325, E-mail: mohicd@moh3.com, Contact: Dr. Maged Abu Ramadan, Director General of International Cooperation and Chairman, Steering Committee

Public Sector Governance

Emergency Technical Assistance: The objective is to strengthen institutions and develop capacities to assume full responsibilities in the Gaza Strip and parts of the Northern West Bank and to prepare for future statehood. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 3.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Policy and Substantive Project Issues, Ministry of Civil Affairs, E-mail: msamhour@yahoo.com, jihadwazir@hotmail.com, mofird@palnet.com, Contacts: Dr. Jihad Al-Wazir, Deputy Minister, Mr. Mazen Jadallah, Director General, International Relations

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

Third Nongovernmental Organizations: The objective is to establish an NGO development center to provide grants for social service delivery to poor and marginalized communities through local and capacity-building NGOs. The grant was signed on 2 February 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96777. US\$ 10.0/7.6 (Trust Fund/French Agency for Development). Consultants will be required. The Welfare Association, PO Box 2173, Ramallah, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (972-2) 234-7771, Fax: (972-2) 234-7776, Contact: Dr. Atallah Kuttab, Director General

Social Protection

Civil Service Pension Reform: The objective is to design and implement a unified public sector pension system, including modernization of the administration of asset management, benefits and payment administration, and initiation of prudential governance standards. Project preparation is under review until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82230. US\$ 7.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Ramallah, West Bank, Tel: (972-2) 240-0372, Fax: (970-2) 240-5880, E-mail: mofdep@hally.net, Contact: Dr. Atef Alawneh, Project Coordination Unit Director and Deputy Minister of Finance

Urban Development

Integrated Community Development Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the quality and availability of basic social and economic services in poor and marginalized communities Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 December 2006. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 104253. US\$ 5.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Interior and Municipalities

Second Emergency Municipal Services Rehabilitation: The main objectives are to (a) provide funding for infrastructure rehabilitation and maintenance to help mitigate further deterioration in the delivery of essential municipal services, and (b) create temporary job opportunities at the local level through the launching of labor-intensive generation schemes. In addition, through the Municipal Development Fund (MDF), the project would pilot innovative initiatives to improve municipal service cost recovery. The grant was signed on 2 February 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74594. US\$ 10.0/14.8/6.3/9.1 (Trust Fund/French Agency for Development/Netherlands/Germany). Consultants will be required for technical assistance and training. Municipal Development Fund (MDF), Tel/Fax: (972-2) 296-6610, (972-2) 295-0685, E-mail: samah31@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Mohammed Sarsour, Director

Yemen

Education

Girls' Secondary Education: The objective is to reduce the gender gap in secondary education while laying the basis for improvements in the quality, relevance and efficiency of secondary schooling. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 89761. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Project Administration Unit, PO Box 16392, Sana'a, Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 470-272, Fax: (967-1) 403-572, E-mail: stp@y.net.ye, Contact: Dr. Abdullatif Almaneeef, Director

Second Vocational Training (Ln: 4279-YEM): The objectives are to provide the public training system with improved mechanisms for responsiveness to employment needs, and to enhance the capacity and effectiveness of the Skills Development Fund in articulating and financing the training needs of enterprises. This will be achieved by: (i) developing a planning and monitoring capacity in MTEVT oriented to employment demand; (ii) piloting mechanisms for employer participation in the design and delivery of new pre-and in-service training activities in target sectors (fisheries, food processing, construction), and in enhancing the occupational skills of instructors; and (iii) supporting reform of the Skills Development Fund. Negotiations were completed on 20 February 2007. Approved by the Executive Directors on 27 March 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 86308. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services, financed by the Yemen Education Sector Multi-donor Trust Fund, will be required. Ministry of Technical Education and Vocational Training, PO Box 25235, Sana'a, Yemen,

Tel: (967-1) 202-414, Fax: (967-1) 406-287, E-mail: mtevt@yemen.net.ye, Contact: Mr. Abdulwahab Al-Akil, Vice Minister

Public Sector Governance

(R) Institutional Reform: The objective is to support the implementation of key elements of the Government's reform program as specified in the Yemen CAS. The IRC focuses on two pillars of the broader country strategy: increasing non-oil growth (with special attention to recommendations included from the recent investment climate assessment) and strengthening governance. *Appraisal was completed on 24 March 2007. Negotiations were scheduled for 30 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Sana'a, Yemen, PO Box 175, Tel: (967-1)250-634, Fax: (967-1) 250-109, E-mail: mpd-minister@y.net.ye, Contact: Dr. Yahya Y. Almutawakel, Vice Minister of Planning & International Cooperation

Latin America and the Caribbean

Argentina

Education

(R) Lifelong Learning and Training: The objective is to support the Government of Argentina to consolidate, strengthen, and increase the coverage of a lifelong learning and competency-based training system for adults 18 years or older with the objectives for those who participate of: (i) enhancing the employability (for the unemployed); and (ii) strengthening the career ladder opportunities (for the employed). *Appraisal was completed on 16 April 2007 and negotiations on 30 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 95514. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Trabajo, Empleo y Seguridad Social, Alem 650, Piso 15, CP 1001, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4310-6377, Fax: (54-11) 4310-6371, E-mail: eideibe@trabajo.gov.ar, Contact: Enrique Deibe, Secretario de Empleo

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Efficiency: The objective is to increasing efficiency in the use of energy, which would reduce costs for consumers, contribute to the long-term sustainability of the energy sector and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, by addressing barriers to energy efficiency investments. Decision meeting is scheduled for *5 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90119. US\$ 15.2 (GEF). Consultants have been required for preparation. Secretariat of Energy, Paseo Colon 171, Oficina 401, (1063) Capital Federal, Argentina, Tel/Fax: (54-11) 4349-8008, E-mail: abarag@mecon.gov.ar, Contact: Alicia Baragatti, Director, National Directorate for Promotion

(R) Mining Decontamination APL Phase 1: The objectives are to clean up uranium mines and tailing sites and strengthen the environmental management capacity of the responsible agency, Comisión Nacional Energía Atómica. *Appraisal was scheduled for 11 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 57124. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Comisión Nacional Energía Atómica, Av. del Libertador 8250, 3er Piso, Oficina 3352, Buenos Aires 1429, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4704-1217, Fax: (54-11) 4704-1165, E-mail: anunez@cnea.gov.ar, Contact: Anibal Nunez, Project Coordinator

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) Sustainable Natural Resources Management APL1: The objectives are to (a) improve the management and conservation of natural resources, (b) foster rural development, and (c) enhance the environmental values of management practices that are dependent upon Argentina's natural resources. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Agricultura, Ganadería, Pesca y Alimentación, Paseo Colón 982, 1er Piso (1063), Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-2103, Contact: Ing. Mirta Lirraeu, Directora, Dirección Forestal; Secretaria de Medio Ambiente y Desarrollo

Social, San Martín No. 451, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4348-8640, Contact: Dr. Miguel Pellerano, Sub-Secretario; Administración de Parques Nacionales, Av. Santa Fe 690, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4311-8853, Contact: Lic. Christina Armatta, Vocal del Directorio

(R) Biodiversity Conservation in Productive Forestry Landscapes: The objective aims at mainstreaming biodiversity conservation into the operation of forestry planning and activities. *Appraisal was completed on 16 April 2007 and negotiations on 2 May 2007. Awaiting GEF CEO endorsement. Board presentation is scheduled for 28 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94425. US\$ 7.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Agricultura, Ganadería, Pesca y Alimentación, Paseo Colon 982, 1er Piso (1063), Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-2103, Contact: Ing. Mirta Lirraeu, Directora, Dirección Forestal

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Essential Public Health Functions (Ln. 7412-AR): The objectives are to: (a) strengthen policy making, health intelligence, and regulatory capacity in public health at federal and provincial levels; (b) assure supplies and performance monitoring for key public health programs including, immunizations, HIV/AIDS, and TB; and (c) improve social participation, health promotion, health education, and communications for behavioral change. *Loan signing was scheduled for 30 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90993. US\$ 220.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Salud y Ambiente, Ave. 9 de Julio 1925, 11 piso, Capital Federal, Buenos Aires 1060 Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4379-9179, Fax: (54-11) 4379-9179, E-mail: ofilomena@ufisalud.gov.ar, Contact: Oscar Filomena, Coordinador General, Unidad de Financiamiento Internacional de Salud

(R) Second Provincial Maternal Child Health Investment (Ln. 7409-AR): The objectives are to (a) improve access to basic maternal and child health services for uninsured people and (b) introduce structural changes in national-provincial relations for financing of the health sector, setting a new incentive framework for efficiency and results-based financing. *The loan was signed on 9 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 95515. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Ave. 9 de Julio 1925, 11th Floor, Capital Federal, Buenos Aires 1060 Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4384-6997, Fax: (54-11) 4384-6997, E-mail: wvalle@msal.gov.ar, Contact: Oscar Filomena, Coordinador General, Unidad de Financiamiento Internacional de Salud

Public Sector Governance

(R) Governance 21 Second Public Strengthening: The objective is to improve the efficiency, transparency and accountability of public management and territorial economic development. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for *late May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 92840. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Production, Capital Federal, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-5613, Fax: (54-11) 4349-5516, Contact: Mr. Gerardo Hita, Director Nacional de Proyectos con Organismos Internacionales de Credito

(R) Second State Modernization: The objectives are to: (a) enhance the effectiveness, efficiency, transparency, and accountability of public sector management, (b) strengthen the design of public sector strategy and monitoring of public sector programs and projects and (c) consolidate and expand the design and implementation of key public sector management instruments, including tools for e-government, procurement, human resources management and citizens' participation. *Decision meeting and appraisal were completed on 20 April 2007 and negotiations on 27 April 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 29 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 101170. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Chief of Cabinet Office, Ave. Julio A. Roca 782 Piso 12, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4334-3659, Fax: (54-11) 4334-3532, Contact: Christian Asinelli, Director Nacional Alterno

Rural Development

(R) Provincial Agricultural Development Additional Financing Ln. 7425-AR: The objectives are to (a) increase the international competitiveness of agricultural products and (b) improve the produc-

tivity of rural infrastructure. Loan signing is scheduled for *31 July 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 102316. US\$ 37.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during implementation. Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food, Ave. Paseo Colon 982, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-2000, Contact: Ing. Agr. Santiago Campos, Secretary

(R) Small Farmer Development Additional Financing: The objective of the additional financing is to scale up project activities and increase the project's impact in achieving its objectives, which are to (a) increase productive and organizational capacity in poor, rural communities, (b) increase the emphasis on rural poverty issues in the sectoral agenda and (c) improve coordination of rural development programs and policies. *Decision meeting and appraisal were completed on 16 April 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 10 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Unidad Nacional de Coordinación, Secretaria de Agricultura, Ganadería, Pesca y Alimentos, Ave. Paseo Colon 922, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-2188, (54-11) 4349-2208, E-mail: sumarq@mecon.gov.ar, Contact: Susan Marquez, National Coordinator

Transportation

(R) National Highway Asset Management APL2: The objective of the second phase of the APLs is to further develop and implement an efficient road management strategy, bringing about and using all the necessary capabilities to preserve on a sustainable basis the national road network. This is a key condition for increasing the competitiveness of the economy and for supporting a sustainable path of economic growth and poverty reduction. *Decision meeting was completed on 7 May 2007 and appraisal on 17 May 2007. Negotiations were scheduled for 21 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95569. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Dirección Nacional de Vialidad (DNV), Julio A. Roca 738 (1067), Capital Federal, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4343-8520, (54-11) 4343-8529, (54-11) 4331-1361, Fax: (54-11) 4331-7129, E-mail: nperiotti@vialidad.gov.ar, Contact: Ing. Nelson Periotti, Administrador General DNV

Buenos Aires Urban Transport Additional Financing (Ln. 7442-AR): The objectives are to (a) support the private-public partnership in improving the service quality and coverage of mass transit; (b) support infrastructure improvements defined in the concession agreements between the Government and the private sector; (c) assist in improvement the conditions of traffic safety and environmental quality; and (d) help in developing an integrated urban transport (road and rail) system in the AMBA. Approved by the Executive Directors on 27 March 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 104984. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Transporte de la Nación, Hipólito Yrigoyen 250, 2do Piso CP1310, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-7173, Fax: (54-11) 4349-7660, Contact: Jorge de Beláustegui, General Coordinator

Santa Fe Road Infrastructure (Ln. 7429-AR): The objective is to increase the availability and reliability of roads in the province to advance competitiveness and economic growth. Approved by the Executive Directors on 13 February 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 99051. US\$ 126.7 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Unidad Ejecutora de Proyectos. Convenio BID-BIRF, Ministerio de Hacienda y Finanzas, Avenida A. Illia 1151 8vo. Piso, Santa Fe, Argentina, Tel/Fax: (54-342) 450-6807, E-mail: cvissio@santafe.gov.ar, Contact: Claudio Vissio, Coordinador Ejecutivo

Urban Transport in Metropolitan Areas: The objective is to improve the quality and sustainability of urban transport in selected cities, with emphasis on the needs of low-income people. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Transporte de la Nación, Hipólito Yrigoyen 250, 2do Piso CP1310, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-7173, Fax: (54-11) 4349-7660, Contact: Jorge de Beláustegui, General Coordinator

Urban Development

(R) Basic Municipal Services (Ln. 7385-AR): The objective is to improve the delivery of basic services for the urban poor by providing credit resources to local governments in an efficient and sustainable manner. *The loan was signed on 8 May 2007.* Environmental

Assessment Category B. PID: 60484. US\$ 110.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Planificación Federal, Inversión Pública y Servicios, Unidad Ejecutora de Programas y Proyectos con Financiamiento Externo, Hipólito Yrigoyen 250, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-7632, Contact: Pablo Abal Medina, Coordinador General Adjunto

Water and Sanitation

(R) Infrastructure for the Province of Buenos Aires APL2: The objective is to improve the provision of infrastructure services in the Province within a framework of fiscal responsibility. Through improved services the project aims to support the return to a sustainable path of economic growth, to alleviate poverty and to increase social equity. *Appraisal was completed on 23 April 2007 and negotiations on 16 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 28 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 105288. US\$ 270.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy of the Province of Buenos Aires, Tel/Fax: (54-221) 429-4489, E-mail: UCO@ec.gba.gov.ar, Contact: Pablo Barone, Executive Coordinator

(R) Urban Flood Prevention and Drainage APL 2 (Ln. 7382-AR): The objective is to reduce vulnerability to flooding, through a mix of physical, institution-strengthening and technical assistance measures for five provinces of the North East. *The loan was signed on 8 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 93491. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning and Infrastructure, Hipólito Yrigoyen 250, Piso 12, Oficina 1201, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-8371, Fax: (54-11) 4349-7568, E-mail: ptrind@miv.gov.ar, Contact: Arquitecto Pedro Trindade, Jefe Ejecutivo de la Sub Unidad Central de Coordinación para la Emergencia

Bolivia

Education

(R) Secondary Education for the Poor: The objective is to improve access with quality at the secondary school level benefiting primarily those students in rural and disadvantaged urban communities. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for *18 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83965. US\$ 12.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Educación, Avenida Arce No. 2147, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel/Fax: (519-2) 244-4056, Contact: Sra. Patricia Marin, Directora General de Educación Escolarizada

Private Sector Development

Productivity and Job Creation: The objective is to increase productivity and job creation through (a) facilitating access to financial services by more micro, small and medium enterprises, and (b) improving the investment climate. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for 11 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 95490. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Rural Development

(R) Land for Agricultural Development: The objective is to facilitate access to land and complementary productive investments by targeted organized groups in selected regions. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for *21 May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87925. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants no longer required. Ministry of Sustainable Development, Ave. Mariscal Santa Cruz esq. Oruro, Piso 5, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 231-0748, Fax: (591-2) 231-2641, E-mail: gpedraza@mds.gov.bo, Contact: Gustavo Pedraza, Minister

(R) Second Participatory Rural Investment: The objective is to improve the economic opportunities of poor rural producers through productive investments generated in participatory planning processes. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 101298 US\$ 17.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Decentralization, Fernando Guachalla Esq. 20 de Octubre piso 3, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 211-0930, Contact: Mr. Fabian Yaksic, Vice Minister

Brazil

Education

Second Human Development Programmatic Sector Reform:

The objective is to improve the quality, efficiency and equity of public spending in education, health and social assistance. Negotiations will be scheduled following government clearance. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 82442. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired for preparation. Ministry of Health, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco G, 5o Andar, CEP 70058-900, Brasília, DF Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 3223-7340, (55-61) 3224-5269, (55-61) 3315-2392, Fax: (55-61) 3224-8747, (55-61) 3225-9632, E-mail: gabmin@saude.gov.br, Contact: Jose Saraiva Felipe, Minister; Ministry of Education, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco L, 8o. Andar, Gabinete CEP 70047-900, Brasília DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 2104-9670, (55-61) 2104-9680, (55-61) 2104-9610, Fax: (55-61) 2104-9233, E-mail: assessoriaespecialgm@mec.gov.br, Contact: Fernando Haddad, Minister; Ministry of Social Development and Fight Against Hunger, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco C, 5o. Andar, Gabinete CEP 70046-900, Brasília DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 3313-1690, (55-61) 3313-1536, Fax: (55-61) 3223-9084, E-mail: ministro.mds@mds.gov.br, Contact: Patrus Ananias de Sousa, Minister

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Caatinga Conservation and Sustainable Management: The objectives are to (a) reduce the risk of desertification, (b) protect the Caatinga biome and the rich biodiversity of the region, (c) improve socioeconomic conditions and quality of life, and (d) promote synergy among initiatives aimed at natural resources management, biodiversity conservation, and poverty alleviation. *Appraisal was completed on 3 April 2007 and negotiations on 2 May 2007. Awaiting GEF CEO endorsement. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for 28 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70867. US\$ 10.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Companhia de Desenvolvimento e Acao Regional da Bahia, Rua Dr. Jose Peroba 349, Bahia, Brazil, Tel: (55-71) 3273-8743, E-mail: gerinofn@car.ba.gov.br, Contact: Gerino F.N., Coordinator; Secretaria da Ouvidoria Geral e Meio Ambiente do Ceara, Rua Barao Studart 505, Ceara, Brazil, Tel: (55-85) 8852-6631, E-mail: terezafarias@soma.ce.gov.br, Contact: Tereza Farias, Coordinator

(R) National Biodiversity Mainstreaming and Institutional Consolidation: The objective is to mainstream biodiversity and institutional consolidation. *Negotiations were completed on 20 April 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 17 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94715. US\$ 22.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco B, 5o Andar, CEP 70068-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel/Fax: (55-61) 4009-9561, E-mail: braulio.dias@mma.gov.br, Contact: Dr. Bráulio Dias, Director of the Biodiversity Conservation Program; Fundo Brasileiro para a Biodiversidade, Largo do Ibam, 01/6° Andar Humaitá, CEP 22271-070 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil, Tel: (55-21) 2123-5300, Fax: (55-21) 2123-5354, E-mail: pedro@funbio.org.br, Contact: Pedro Leitão, Secretary General

(R) Para Integrated Development (Ln. 7414-BR): The objective is to reduce poverty and inequality in Para by facilitating opportunities for employment and income. The loan was tentatively scheduled to be signed in *late June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82651. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Government of Para, Secretaria Especial de Produção, Av. Nazare 871, CEP 66.035-170, Belém, PA, Brazil, Tel: (55-91) 3084-3771, Fax: (55-91) 3084-3702, E-mail: gabseprod@producao.pa.gov, Contact: Marcilio Monteiro, State Secretary for Production

Rio Grande do Norte Integrated Water Resources Management: The objective is to implement an integrated water resources management system. Negotiations pending federal government clearance. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 89929. US\$ 35.9 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Estado de Recursos Hídricos, Rua D. Maria Câmara, 1884, Capim Macio, CEP 59082-430, Natal, RN, Brazil, Tel: (55-84) 232-2410, Fax: (55-84) 232-2411, Contact: Josema de Azevedo, Secretary of State

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Alto Solimões: The objective is to reduce poverty rates in the priority regions of Amazonas by improving economic conditions and quality of life while protecting the environment. *Appraisal was completed*

on 20 April 2007. Negotiations was scheduled for 21 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83997. US\$ 24.3 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Secretariat of Planning, Av. André Araújo, 1500-Aleixo, CEP 69060-000 Manaus, AM, Brazil, Tel: (55-92) 2126-1227, Fax: (55-92) 642-8677, E-mail: omonteiro@seplan.am.gov.br, Contact: Ozias Monteiro Rodriguez, Secretary of Planning

(R) Health System Quality Improvement: The objectives are to (a) improve the quality, efficiency and effectiveness of the health delivery system and (b) reduce mortality and morbidity from conditions that have the greatest disease impact. *Preparation was completed on 21 August 2006. Decision meeting was scheduled for 14 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88716. US\$ 235.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Ministry of Health, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco G, 5o. Andar, Sala 508, CEP 70058-900, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 3223-7340, Fax: (55-61) 225-0443, Contact: Mr. Antonio Dercy, Project Coordinator

(R) Second Family Health Extension: The objective is to continue implementing the family health program in urban municipalities, strengthening the quality of institutions providing training, and improving the quality and performance of the program's delivery. *Negotiations were scheduled for 15 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 95626. US\$ 83.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco G, 5o Andar, Sala 508, CEP 70058-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 3223-7340, Fax: (55-61) 225-0443, Contact: Mr. Antonio Dercy, Project Coordinator

Private Sector Development

(R) Second Programmatic Sustainable and Equitable Growth (Ln. 7386-BR): The objective is to maintain and build upon the micro-economic and institutional improvements of 2004 and 2005. *The loan signing is scheduled for 28 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 95675. US\$ 601.5 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco P, CEP 70048-900, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 412-2321, Fax: (55-61) 225-0443, Contact: Mr. Marcos de Barros Lisboa, Secretary of Economic Policy

Public Sector Governance

Second State Pension Reform Technical Assistance (Ln. 7428-BR): The objective is to consolidate earlier initiatives including: (a) completing cadastre upgrades for the executive branch and undertaking them for the judicial and legislative branches; (b) upgrading human resource data bases that feed into the registers; (c) expanding pension software; (d) cross-referencing state data bases and extant national data bases; (e) providing actuarial and financial analysis of state pensions; (f) offering training for state and federal practitioners; and (g) supporting the newly-launched state pension association. Loan signing is scheduled for 13 August 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89793. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Social Security, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco F, CEP 70050-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 317-5342, Fax: (55-61) 317-5195, Contact: Delubio Gomes Pereira da Silva, Diretor Geral, Departamento de Regimes Próprios no Serviço Público

Rural Development

(R) Piauí Rural Poverty Additional Financing (Ln. 7399-BR): The objectives of the additional financing are to (a) improve well-being and income of the rural poor, (b) increase the social capital of rural communities and capacity to organize collectively to meet their own needs, (c) enhance local governance by greater citizen participation and transparency in decision-making and (d) foster closer integration of development policies, programs and projects in rural areas. The loan signing is scheduled for *late July 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 101359. US\$ 22.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State Secretariat of Planning, Ave. Miguel Rosa, 3190-Sul, CEP 64010-000 Teresina, PI, Brazil, Tel: (55-86) 3221-4575, (55-86) 3221-3145, Fax: (55-86) 3221-1660, E-mail: secretario@seplan.pi.gov.br, Contact: Dr. Sérgio Gonçalves de Miranda, Secretary

(R) Rio Grande do Sul Integrated Regional Development: The objective is to adopt and promote sustainable development and poverty alleviation in the least developed areas of the state. Decision meeting

was scheduled for 11 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 91162. US\$ 180.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Secretaria de Estado de Coordenação e Planejamento do Estado do Rio Grande do Sul, Av. Borges de Medeiros 1501, 5o Andar, CEP 90119-900 Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil, Tel: (51-3) 288-1400, Fax: (51-3) 226-9722, E-mail: scp@scp.rs.gov.br, Contact: Roberto Balau Calazans, Director

(R) Second Rio Grande do Norte Rural Poverty Reduction: The objective of the additional financing is to scale up rural poverty reduction in Rio Grande do Norte to (a) improve well-being and incomes of the rural poor; (b) increase the social capital of rural communities and capacity to organize collectively to meet their own needs; (c) enhance local governance by greater citizen participation and transparency in decision-making; and (d) foster closer integration of development policies, programs and projects in rural areas. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for late June 2007, pending Government authorization. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 101507. US\$ 22.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretariat for Labor, Housing and Social Assistance, Coordination Unit for Special Projects, Rua Major Laurentino de Moraes, 1220, Barro Vermelho, 59020-390, Natal, RN, Brazil, Tel: (55-84) 3232-2858, Fax: (55-84) 3232-4206, E-mail: prodesenvolvimento@rn.gov.br, Contact: José Gercino Saraiva Maia, Coordinator

(R) Sergipe State Integrated Rural Poverty: The objective is to reduce the high levels of rural poverty. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for late July 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94255. US\$ 20.8 (IBRD). Consultants will be contracted for information campaigns, technical assistance, studies and capacity building. State Secretariat of Planning, Science and Technology (SEPLANTEC), The Company for Sustainable Development of the State of Sergipe (PRONESE), Rua Vila Cristina, 1051, CEP 49020-150, Aracaju, SE, Brazil, Tel: (55-79) 3179-5090, Fax: (55-79) 3211-8878, E-mail: sobral@promese.com.br, Contact: José Macedo Sobral, President

Rural Poverty Reduction-Alagoas: The objective is to alleviate rural poverty and its consequences in Alagoas. Negotiations will be scheduled following federal government clearance. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74083. US\$ 12.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be contracted for information campaigns, technical assistance, studies and capacity building. State Secretariat of Agriculture, Supply and Fisheries, Rua Cincinato Pinto, 348, 200 Andar Centro, CEP 57020-050 Maceió, AL, Brazil, Tel: (55-82) 3315-1395, Fax: (55-82) 3315-1395, Contact: Dr. Sebastião Gleber de Oliveira Torres, Secretário

Social Protection

(R) Second Bolsa Familia: The objectives are to (a) strengthen the program's overall governance; (b) consolidate the program monitoring and evaluation system; and (c) promote innovations and strategies for beneficiaries' graduation from poverty. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for mid-September 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 101504. US\$ 260.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Social Development and Eradication of Hunger, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco C, 5o Andar Gabinete, CEP 70058-900 Brasília DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 3433-1001, Fax: (55-61) 3433-1025

Transportation

(R) Bahia State Highway Management (Ln. 7411-BR): The objective is to stimulate higher economic growth through increased effectiveness in the use of the state's road infrastructure. Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for 23 July 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95460. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State of Bahia, Infrastructure and Transportation Department, Av. Luís Viana Filho, 445, CEP 41750-300, Salvador, BA, Brazil, Tel: (55-71) 3115-2160, Fax: (55-71) 3115-2289, E-mail: fernando@derba.ba.gov.br, Contact: Fernando Cordeiro Mota, Project Coordinator

(R) Goiás State Highway Management APL 2: The objective is to increase the efficiency of the road transport system within sustainable environmental and fiscal frameworks. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for late June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 101418. US\$ 65.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Agencia Goiania de Transportes e Obras, Ave. Governador Jose Ludovico de Almeida, No. 20, Conjunto Caigara, CEP 74623-160, Goiania, GO, Brazil, Tel: (55-62) 265-4070, (55-62) 265-4190, Fax: (55-62) 245-4018, Contact: Antonio Wilson, Project Coordinator

(R) Road Transport (Ln. 7383-BR): The objective is to reduce logistics costs by implementing the federal program for road maintenance and rehabilitation. Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for 10 September 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 92990. US\$ 501.2 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Departamento Nacional de Infraestrutura de Transporte, SAIN Quadra 3, Ed. Núcleo dos Transportes, Bloco A, 4o Andar, Brasília 70040-902 Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 315-4319, Fax: (55-61) 315-4050, E-mail: francisco.thormann@dnit.gov.br, Contact: Dr. Francisco Thormann, Director

(R) São Paulo Metro Line 4 Additional Financing: The objective of the additional loan is to finance the costs associated with the devaluation of the US\$ in relation to the Brazilian Real which caused a financing gap. Appraisal was scheduled for 31 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 95.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Companhia do Metropolitan de São Paulo, Rua Boa Vista, 175 6o Andar, Centro, CEP 01014-001 São Paulo, SP, Brazil, Tel: (55-11) 3291-5452, Fax: (55-11) 3291-5453, E-mail: jifagali@metrosp.com.br, Contact: José Jorge Fagali, Project Coordinator

Urban Development

(R) Ceara Regional Economic Development: Cidades do Ceara: The objective is to promote economic development of key regions in the state, starting with Cariri region, through the: integration of public policies, fostering regional economic potential, provision of urban services and enabling participation of local, regional and state actors. The longer term goal is to create regional development alternatives that can compete with FMA to attract businesses and population, enabling development of a model that could be later be replicated to other regions. Decision meeting is scheduled for 5 November 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 99369. US\$ 42.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaria das Cidades, Av. General Afonso Albuquerque Lima, s/n Ed. SEPLAN, 1o Andar, Cambéa, CEP 60830-120 Fortaleza, CE, Brazil, Tel: (55-85) 3101-4448, E-mail: vania-araripe@cidadaes.ce.gov.br, Contact: Vania Araripe, Executive Secretary

(R) Municipal Lending Program-Sao Luis: The objective is to promote the sustainable development and improve the quality of life of the population of Sao Luis. Decision meeting and appraisal are scheduled for mid-September 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 94315. US\$ 35.6 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Municipality of Sao Luis, Rua Portugal, 285, Praia Grande, MA, Brazil, Tel: (55-98) 3214-5106, Fax: (55-98) 3232-1968, E-mail: robertolf@saoluis.ma.gov.br, Contact: Roberto Furtado, Municipal Secretary of Lands, Housing, City Planning and Urban Inspection

(R) Municipal Lending Program 1-Belo Horizonte: The project is one of seven loans in the first phase of the Brazil Municipal Lending (APL) Program. The objective is to lay the foundation in Belo Horizonte for a large-scale, city-wide program of slum urbanization, linking with the municipality's efforts at social inclusion and water pollution control. Negotiations awaiting final clearance from the federal government and tentatively scheduled for 24 July 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 89012. US\$ 34.1 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Municipality of Belo Horizonte, Av. do Contorno, 5454, Funcionários, Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil, Tel: (55-31) 3277-8059, E-mail: mcaldas@pbh.gov.br, Contact: Maria Caldas, Project Coordinator

(R) Municipal Lending Program 1-Cubatão-Guará Vermelho: The objective is to support the Municipality of Cubatão to promote sustainable development by facilitating economic investment climate, strengthening municipal finance controls mechanisms, and address urban informality. Decision meeting was completed on 30 April 2007. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for 17 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 95013. US\$ 14.6 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Municipality of Cubatão, Paço Municipal Piaçaguera, Praca dos Emancipadores s/n, CEP 11510-900, Contact: Mr. Cleomont Castor, Mayor

(R) Municipal Lending Program 1-Recife: The objective is to develop and revitalize the Capibaribe River Basin. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for late May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 89013. US\$ 32.8 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Recife, Av. Oliveira Lima, 867 Boa Vista

50050-390, Recife, PE, Brazil, Tel: (55-81) 8856-6327, E-mail: cesardebarros@recife.pe.gov.br, Contact: Cesar de Barros, Director

(R) Municipal Lending Program 1-Teresina: The project is one of seven municipal loans in the first phase of the Brazil Municipal Lending (APL) Program. The project objectives are to upgrade slums and improve urban development, water supply and sanitation, social inclusion, economic development and environmental management facilities in the Lagoas do Norte area. Decision meeting was tentatively scheduled for *31 May 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 88966. US\$ 28.3 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired for preparation. Municipality of Teresina, Praça Marechal Deodoro, 860, Palácio da Cidade, 40 Andar, Centro, Teresina, PI, Brazil, Tel: (55-86) 3215-7520, E-mail: rosanaabreu@e-mail.com, Contact: Rosana Abreu, Project Coordinator

(R) Rio Grande do Sul Integrated Municipal Development: The objective is to strengthen the capacity of the five municipal governments in fiscal management, delivery of selected infrastructure services and promotion of employment and income generating activities within their territorial jurisdiction, in a fiscally and environmentally sustainable manner. The municipalities will have benefited from improved partnership and enhanced capacity strengthening by working together on a common development agenda. Decision meeting is scheduled for *30 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94199. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Municipality of Bage, Rua Caetano Gonçalves, 1151, CEP 96400-040 Bagé, RS, Brazil, Tel: (55-53) 3240-7800, E-mail: diretoria@daeb.brte.com.br, Contact: Estefania Damboriarena, Municipality Project Coordinator; Municipality of Pelotas, Praça Coronel Pedro Osório, 101, CEP 95015-010 Pelotas, RS, Brazil, Tel: (55-53) 3225-7355, E-mail: artur.correa@pelotas.com.br, Contact: Artur Correa, Municipality Project Coordinator; Municipality of Rio Grande, Largo Eng. João Fernandes Moreira, Centro, s/n, CEP 96200-910 Rio Grande, RS, Brazil, Tel: (55-53) 3233-8435, E-mail: neverton@riogrande.rs.gov.br, Contact: Neverton Moraes, Municipality Project Coordinator

Municipal Lending Program 1-Uberaba Água Viva (Ln: 7437-BR): The project is one of seven city loans in the first phase of the Brazil Municipal Lending (APL) Program. The project objective is to improve water resources management, water supply and sanitation, wastewater collection and treatment, macro-drainage, and environmental protection of the Uberaba river basin Environmental Protection Area. Approved by the Executive Directors on 21 March 2007. Loan signing pending Senate approval. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 89011. US\$ 17.3 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Municipality of Uberaba, Av. Guilherme Ferreira, 1539, Cidade Jardim, CEP 38022-200 Uberaba, MG, Brazil, Tel: (55-34) 3312-7744, E-mail: presidente@codoua.com.br, Contact: Jose Elias Mizziara Neto, Vice Mayor

Social Housing: The objective is to improve low-income households' access to shelter and home ownership. Decision meeting was postponed until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 87585. US\$ 156.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco P, CEP 70048-900, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 412-2321, Fax: (55-61) 225-0443

Water and Sanitation

(R) Integrated Water Management Metropolitan Sao Paulo: The objective is to identify the main sources of water pollution for the key raw water bodies in metropolitan São Paulo and intervene to reverse the pollution and improve the quality of life. Project concept review completed. Decision meeting is scheduled for *28 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 6553. US\$ 122.8 (IBRD). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.9 was used for preparation. Advance contracting and retroactive financing are being considered. Consultants have been hired for slum upgrading and urban environmental interventions, civil works and technical assistance in urban water resources management. State Secretariat for Energy, Water Resources, and Water Supply and Sanitation and Energy (SSE), São Paulo, SP, Brazil, Tel: (55-11) 3257-3348, Contact: Dirceu Rioji Yamazaki, PMU Coordinator

(R) Second Federal Water Additional Financing (Ln. 7420-BR): The objective of the additional financing is to implement additional and expanded activities in a broader geographical area, enabling federal coordinating units to fund participation by more states. Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for *late June 2007*. Environmental Assessment

Category A. PID: 100154. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Advance contracting and retroactive financing up to US\$ 5.0 are being considered. Consultants will be required. ANA (National Water Agency), SPF Sul Area 3, Quadra 05, Bloco B, Sala 206, Brasília, DF, DEP 70610-200, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 2109-5221, Fax: (55-61) 2106-5296, Contact: Paulo Varella, Coordinator; Ministry of National Integration, SGAN, Quadra 601, Lote 1, Ed. CODEVASF, 4o Andar, Sala 416, CEP 70830-901, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 3223-1550, Fax: (55-61) 3223-5901, Contact: Alexandre Camarano, Coordinator

Small Municipalities Integrated Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective is to rehabilitate and construct integrated sanitation infrastructure, including water supply, sanitation, micro-drainage and solid waste management facilities, in municipalities with populations under 20,000 in the semi-arid northeastern region. Negotiations will be scheduled following federal government clearance. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 60555. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for participatory planning, design, capacity building and works supervision for integrated sanitation interventions. Ministério das Cidades, Secretaria Nacional de Saneamento Ambiental, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco A, 3o Andar, Sala 318, CEP 70054-900, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 411-4653, Fax: (55-61) 322-2024, Contact: Heitor Collett, Project Coordinator

Chile

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Sustainable Land Management: The objective is to prevent, control and reverse land degradation in globally significant areas. *Decision meeting was tentatively scheduled for 3 April 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85621. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants have been recruited. *Oficina de Políticas*, Ave. Bulnes 285, Santiago, Chile, Tel: (562) 397-3037, E-mail: pgregz@odepa.gob.cl, Contact: Patricio Grez, Project Coordinator

Public Sector Governance

(R) Second Public Expenditure Management: The objective is to enhance public expenditure management by improving information systems and practices. Thereby, the effectiveness of financial administration and assets management would be improved with gains for efficiency, effectiveness and transparency. Decision Meeting is scheduled for *July 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 103441. US\$ 23.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Piso 12, Calle Teatinos No. 120, Santiago, Chile, Tel: (56-2) 688-3496, Fax: (56-2) 671-1351, Contact: Sergio Granados Aguilar, Sub-director Budget

Rural Development

(R) Ministry of Public Works Development Policy: The objective is to strengthen the Ministry of Public Works. *Appraisal was completed on 13 March 2007 and negotiations on 3 May 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 14 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 100854. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Public Works, Teatinos 120, Santiago de Chile, Chile, Tel: (562) 449-3016, Fax: (562) 449-3009, E-mail: omar.cerda@mop.gov.cl, Contact: Omar Cerda Inostroza, Adviser

(R) Ministry of Public Works Institutional Strengthening Technical Assistance: The objective is to provide the knowledge and expertise needed to facilitate institutional strengthening at the Ministry of Public Works. *Appraisal was completed on 13 March 2007 and negotiations on 3 May 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 14 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 102931. US\$ 11.7 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Teatinos 120, Santiago de Chile, Chile, Tel: (562) 449-3016, Fax: (562) 449-3009, E-mail: omar.cerda@mop.gov.cl, Contact: Omar Cerda Inostroza, Adviser

Colombia

Education

(R) Antioquia Secondary Education: The objective is to contribute to the improvement of social and economic inclusion, targeting Antioquia's poorest youth, by increasing their opportunity to receive quality secondary education and acquire pertinent basic and general

labor force competencies. *Appraisal was completed on 10 April 2007. Negotiations are scheduled for 18 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 52608. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaría de Educación para la Cultura, Secretaría Educación Antioquia., Calle 42B No. 52-106, 5to Piso 5, Ofc. 514, Colombia, Tel: (57-4) 385-8571, (57-4) 385-8573, Fax: (57-4) 385-8497, E-mail: Juan.Arroyave@antioquia.gov.co, Contact: Juan Carlos Arroyave, Project Coordinator

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Second Programmatic Sustainable Development Policy: The objectives are to (a) improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the national environment system and (b) integrate principles of sustainable development into key sectors. *Appraisal was completed on 23 April 2007 and negotiations on 27 April 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 7 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 95877. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Ministry of Finance, Calle 37 No. 8-40, Bogota, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 332-3400, Ext. 1194, E-mail: lpinzon@minambiente.gov.co, Contact: Leonardo Pinzón, Multilateral Banking Coordinator; Ministry of Environment and National Planning Department

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Investment: The objective is to design and implement instruments for the transformation of the public health care facilities network into efficient and financially sustainable entities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Social Protection, Carrera 13 No. 32-76, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (571) 336-5066, Ext. 1840, Fax: (571) 336-5066, Ext. 1842, Contact: Diego Palacio, Minister

Rural Development

(R) Second Rural Productive Partnerships: The objectives are to: (a) increase rural competitiveness and build up rural entrepreneurship in poor rural communities in a sustainable manner through demand-driven partnership schemes with the commercial private sector. *Decision meeting was completed on 19 April 2007 and appraisal on 7 May 2007. Negotiations are scheduled for 19 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 104567. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Avenida Jimenez No. 7-65, 5to Piso Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 334-1199, Fax: (57-1) 283-4314, E-mail: mcrodriguez@minagricultura.gov.co, Contact: Maria Clara Rodriguez, Project Coordinator Productive Partnerships

Social Protection

Monitoring, Evaluation and Information: The objective is to improve monitoring and evaluation of development projects. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 20 August 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 99139. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation. Departamento Nacional de Planeación, Calle 26 No. 13-19, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel/Fax: (57-1) 596-0300, E-mail: mcastro@dnpp.gov.co, Contact: Manuel Fernando Castro, Director de Evaluación de Políticas Públicas

Transportation

(R) Integrated Mass Transit System Additional Financing: The objectives are to assist the Colombia National Urban Transport Program to (i) develop quality and sustainable Bus Rapid Transit Systems in selected medium and large cities to improve mobility along the most strategic mass transit corridors, (ii) improve accessibility for the poor through feeder services and fare integration and (iii) at the national level, build greater institutional capacity to formulate integrated urban transport policies and at the local level, improve urban transport planning and traffic management *Negotiations were completed on 10 May 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 12 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 207.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport, Centro Administrativo Nacional CAN, Edif. Ministerio de Transporte, Despacho del Viceministro, Bogotá, DC, Colombia, Tel/Fax: (571-1) 324-0800 Ext. 1599, E-mail: ccamacho@minitransporte.gov.co, Contact: Dra. Carolina Camacho Bolivar, Director of Mass Transport, Project Coordination Unit

Urban Development

(R) Second Bogota Urban Services: The objectives are to (a) create institutional capacity to coordinate and manage comprehensive multisectoral investments in poor neighborhoods; (b) bolster the quality of life in 26 urban zones by providing adequate infrastructure and improving public safety; (c) improve the quality of shelter through tenure regularization, house improvement, and access to micro-credit; (d) promote community participation and (e) improve urban mobility. *Decision meeting was completed on 26 April 2007. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for 29 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94986. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Municipality of Bogota, Carrera 30 #24-90 Ofic., Bogota 601 Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 338-5003, Fax: (57-1) 338-5640, E-mail: prodiguez@shd.gov.co, Contact: Pedro Rodriguez Tobo, Secretary of Finance, Bogota District

Water and Sanitation

(R) La Guajira Water and Sanitation (Ln: 7434-CO): The objective is to implement a broad strategy for improving water supply and sanitation access in La Guajira. *The loan was signed on 16 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 96965. US\$ 90.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Gobernación de la Guajira, Calle 1a, No. 6-05 Riohacha, La Guajira, Colombia, Tel/Fax: (57-5) 727-5007, E-mail: joseberardinelli@yahoo.es, Contact: Jose Vicente Berardinelli, Secretario de Hacienda

Costa Rica

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Mainstreaming Market-Based Instruments for Environmental Management (Ln. 7388-CR): The objective is to establish and finance sustainable incentives for land holders to provide significant environmental services. *The loan and grant were signed on 8 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 93384, 98838. US\$ 30.0/10.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required for implementation. Ministry of Environment and Energy, National Forestry Financing Fund, Apartado 594-2120, San Jose, Costa Rica, Tel: (506) 257-8475, Fax: (506) 257-9695, E-mail: fonafifo@fonafifo.com, Contact: Jorge Mario Rodrigues, Executive Director

Information and Communication

Telecom Sector Modernization: The objective is to ensure that the widest range of quality modern telecommunications and information and communication technology services are universally accessible and affordable. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 101718. US\$ 13.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Ministry of Environment and Energy, San José, Costa Rica, Tel: (506) 233-4533, Ext.165, Contact: Mr. Ruben Munoz, Director of International Cooperation; Autoridad Reguladora de los Servicios Públicos, San José, Costa Rica, Tel: (506) 296-8336, Contact: Rodolfo Gonzalez, Adviser to the Director General

Public Sector Governance

(N) E-Government Modernization: The objectives are to: (i) improve the design, access to and use of public services by businesses and citizens, particularly the poor; and (ii) increase operational efficiency and transparency of public sector agencies. Both objectives would be underpinned by multi-channel electronic means, under a coherent and coordinated strategy for application of information technologies. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretariat of Digital Government, Ministry of Planning and Economy, De Autos Subaru 200 mts. Al Norte, Barrio Dent, San Pedro de Montes Oca, Apartado Postal: 10127-1000, San Jose, Costa Rica, Tel: (506) 281-2700, Contact: Alicia Avendano, Director of the Digital Government Program

Transportation

(R) Port City of Limon Integrated Infrastructure: The objective is to transform the port city of Limon into a regional center of economic growth, thus helping to improve the country's overall competitiveness and to alleviate the city's poverty rate and social inequalities. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 15 June 2007.* Environmental

Assessment Category B. PID: 85539. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired for project preparation. Ministry of Inter-Institutional Coordination, Casa Presidencial, San José, Costa Rica, Tel: (506) 224-0322, (506) 280-1542, Fax: (506) 234-2363, Email: alvaro@bodas.co.cr, Contact: Alvaro Rodriguez, Project Coordinator

Dominican Republic

Public Sector Governance

Institutional Development Technical Assistance: The objectives are to: (a) enhance government effectiveness in delivering public goods and services by strengthening the institutional capacity of key agencies and implementing public sector management instruments geared at promoting efficiency, accountability and transparency; and (b) facilitate competitiveness and productivity through more efficiency in port operations and a market-driven, viable national quality system. Negotiations postponed until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 94888. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaria Técnica de la Presidencia-ONAPLAN, Oficinas Gubernamentales, Bloque B. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Tel: (809) 221-5140, E-mail: gfelix@onaplan.gov.do, Contact: Mr. Guarocuya Felix, Director

Social Protection

Social Sectors Investment Program: The objective is to increase access of poor households, particularly with undocumented members, to effective government social programs for education, training, nutrition, and health insurance, promoting their human capital formation and capacity to lift themselves out of poverty. Negotiations are pending government authorization. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 90010. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretariado Técnico de la Presidencia/Gabinete de la Política Social, Ave. México, Edificio de Oficinas Gubernamentales, Bloque B, 2do. Piso, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Tel: (809) 534-2104, Fax: (809) 534-4848, Contact: Susana Gamez, Coordinadora del Gabinete de la Política Social

Water and Sanitation

(R) Water and Sanitation in Tourism Areas: The objective is to reduce the high economic, environmental and social costs of wastewater management deficiencies, especially in tourist areas, and to improve the coverage and quality of providing water as well as the collection and disposal of wastewater. Decision meeting was scheduled for 14 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 54221. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Ecuador

Education

(R) Inclusion and Quality Education (Ln, 7204-EC): The objective is to improve the quality of education services provided by the Ministry of Education. The loan signing is tentatively scheduled for 30 August 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 87831. US\$ 43.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Educación, Avenida Arce 2147, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (593) 250-0193, (593) 250-1935, (593) 244-0539, E-mail: planeteq@hotmail.com, Contact: Diego Martínez, Director de la Unidad de Asesoría Técnico Económica

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Second Programmatic Human Development Reform: The objective is to implement reforms to improve health, education, nutrition and income support programs for vulnerable groups. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for late August 2007. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 83646. US\$ 90.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas, 10 de Agosto y Jorge Washington, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (5932) 250-5261, (5932) 255-9424, Fax: (5932) 250-5256, Contact: Paula Suarez, Subsecretaria de Contabilidad Gubernamental

Law and Justice

Justice Services for Economic and Social Development: The objective is to improve the management and delivery of justice services for economic and social development. Project preparation is under

way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89810. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Supreme Court, ProJusticia, Amazonas N37-101 y UNP Edif. Corte Suprema de Justicia Piso 3, Quito, Ecuador, E-mail: gjalkh@uio.telconet.net, Contact: Dr. Gustavo Jalkh, Executive Director

Rural Development

(R) Chimborazo Development: The objective is to enhance the quality of life with (a) selective investments in irrigation and roads; (b) improved management of natural resources; and (c) improved public services. Decision meeting was completed on 23 April 2007. Appraisal mission is tentatively scheduled for 18 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94784. US\$ 18.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Government of the Province of Chimborazo, 1a. Constituyente y Carabobo Esq. Riobamba, Ecuador, Tel: (593-03) 234-2629, (593-03) 296-0209, (593-03) 296-9887, Fax: (593-03) 294-7397, Email: prefecturagpch@ecnet.ec, Contact: Mariano Curicama, Prefect

Agricultural Competitiveness and Sustainable Rural Development

The objective is to promote agricultural competitiveness through (a) helping small producers form and operate alliances with processors, exporters, and wholesale buyers, (b) improving governance and technology development, and (c) improving institutions related to competitiveness. Negotiations suspended until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86626. US\$ 20.9 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Eloi y Alfaro y Amazonas, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-2) 290-6332, Fax: (593-2) 250-0873, E-mail: fondojaones@cadars.gov.ec, Contact: Carlos Carbo Cox, Coordinator

Second Rural Poverty Alleviation/Local Development: The objective is to empower local communities, improve the quality of local services, and increase access to productive assets to improve the well-being of poor rural households. Decision meeting is scheduled for 25 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 100532. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Social Welfare, through Unidad Coordinadora Nacional, Calle Santa María E4-33 y Ave. Amazonas, Edf. Tarqui, 8vo. piso, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593) 256-325, E-mail: prolocalucn@prolocal.gov.ec, Contact: Miguel Andrade, Executive Director

Social Protection

(R) Bono de Desarrollo Humano APL (Ln. 7381-EC): The objective is to strengthen the ability of the Bono de Desarrollo Humano program to reduce poverty and inequality and foster investments in human capital. The loan signing is tentatively scheduled for 30 August 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 98167. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Bienestar Social, Robles 840 y Paez, Quito, Ecuador, E-mail: eflores@pps.gov.ec, Contact: Elizabeth Flores, Coordinadora Nacional; Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas, Ave. 10 de Agosto y Jorge Washington, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-2)256-1984, E-mail: mjibaja@mef.gov.ec, Contact: Maria del Carmen Jibaja, Subsecretaria

Transportation

(R) Rural Roads and Development (Ln. 7403-EC): The objectives are to (a) strengthen the capacity of provinces and municipalities to manage the rural road network and (b) implement a rural roads rehabilitation and maintenance program. The loan signing is scheduled for 25 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 7077. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). IDB cofinancing of US\$ 20.0 has been approved. Consultants will be required for implementation. Ministerio de Obras Públicas/Subsecretaria de Vialidad, Juan Leon Mera y Orellana esquina, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 223-876, Fax: (593-22) 221-451, E-mail: tespin@mop.gov.ec, Contact: Carlos Andrade, Director, Direccion de Gestion Vial Descentralizado

Urban Development

(R) Galapagos and Ecuadorian Coastal Management: The objective is to stabilize and reverse the environmental and social degradation of the Galapagos archipelago and the mainland coast, and to establish a policy framework and effective governance coordination that will facilitate sustainable tourism, local economic development, and human development. Project preparation has been put on hold, pending resolution on Government issues. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 97687. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry

of Environment, Ave. Eloy Alfaro y Amazonas, Edif. MAG, Piso 8, Of. UCIGAL, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-2) 256-3429/617-4299, E-mail: galapagos2020@ambiente.gov.ec, Contact: Lic. Monica Rivadeneira Sarmiento, Coordinadora Programa Galapagos 2020

El Salvador

Private Sector Development

Ensuring Small- and Medium-Enterprise Participation in International Trade: The objective is to increase the competitiveness of small and medium enterprises as well as of companies with strategic links with them. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for May 2008. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83833. US\$ 14.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Minister of Trade and Industry, Alameda Juan Pablo II y Calle Guadalupe, Centro de Gobierno, Edificio C-1, 3a Planta, San Salvador, El Salvador, Tel: (503) 231-5629, Fax: (503) 2281-1156, E-mail: smartinez@minec.gob.sv, Contact: Blanca Imelda de Maganha, Vice Ministra

Grenada

Economic Management

(N) Grenada Technical Assistance Credit: The objective is to support the government of Grenada in improving the environment for private sector-led growth. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 101322. US\$ 2.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, St. George, Grenada, Tel: (473) 443-0531, Fax: (473) 440-0775, E-mail: Itandrews@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Lennox Andrews, Permanent Secretary

Guatemala

Economic Management

(N) Third Development Policy Loan: The proposed Programmatic Development Loan is the last of a programmatic series of three DPLs intended to support the three main pillars of the Government's development plan: promoting equitable growth and strengthening the investment climate, enhancing capacity for increased public spending in priority sectors, and improving public expenditure transparency and management. Other key areas for growth identified in education, health and nutrition, land administration, and rural economic infrastructure are supported within the CAS program through investment operations, which build on the ongoing portfolio of interventions in these areas. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Finance, 8va Avenida y 21 Calle Zona 1, Guatemala, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 2248-5001, 2248-5006, Fax: (502) 2248-5005, Contact: Hugo Beteta, Minister of Public Finance

(R) Second Broad-Based Growth Development Policy (Ln. 7407-GU): The objective is to implement the development plan and ongoing growth strategy, focusing especially on enabling the country to take full advantage of the proposed free trade agreement with the United States. *The loan was signed on 18 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 94897. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired. Ministry of Finance, 8va Ave. y 21 Calle Zona 1, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 2248-5001, (502) 2248-5006, Fax: (502) 2248-5005, Contact: Maria Antonieta del Cid de Bonilla, Minister

Education

Education Quality and Secondary Education (Ln: 7430-GU): The objective is to improve the quality of and expand education services in grades 7 to 9, especially for poor, rural and indigenous youth. The loan signing is scheduled for 16 July 2007. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89898. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for technical assistance. Ministerio de Educacion, 6a Calle 1-87, Zona 10, Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 2361-0817, E-mail: hlemus@mineduc.gob.gt, Contact: Miriam Castaneda, Viceministra Administrativa de Educacion

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Maternal and Infant Health and Nutrition (Ln. 7357-GU): The objectives are to: (a) increase the capacity and quality of the maternal and infant health referral network; (b) tackle chronic malnutri-

tion among children under three; and (c) define, implement, consolidate and institutionalize a medium-term, cross-sectoral policy to prevent chronic malnutrition. *The loan was signed on 18 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77756. US\$ 49.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, 6ta Ave. 3-45, Zona 11, Escuela de Enfermeria, Nivel 3, Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 2475-1672, (502) 2475-1674, Fax: (502) 2475-2168, privada@yahoo.com, Contact: Dra. Cizel Zea, Asesora del Ministro

Rural Development

(R) Rural Economic Development (Ln. 7374-GU): The objective is to enhance income generation and employment in the productive sectors in selected territories. The loan signing was scheduled for 15 May 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 94321. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). IDB will also cofinance US\$ 30.0. Other financing totaling US\$ 10.0 is expected. Consultants will be required for implementation. SEGEPLAN, 9 Calle 10-44, Zona 1, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 5919-1544, E-mail: porantes@segeplan.gob.gt, Contact: Hugo Beteta, Secretary

Second Land Administration, APL 2 (Ln. 7417-GU): The objectives are to (a) increase legal security of land tenure; and (b) strengthen the legal and institutional framework for land registry and cadastre services. The loan is tentatively scheduled to be signed on 19 June 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87106. US\$ 62.3 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Registro de Información Catastral, 21 Calle #10-58, Zona 13, Aurora II, Guatemala Ciudad, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 2360-7667, (502) 2360-7677, Fax: (502) 2332-0929, E-mail: luis.castaneda@catastro.gob.gt, Contact: Luis Castaneda, Director

Urban Development

Housing Infrastructure and Basic Service Delivery: The objective is to reduce the "qualitative housing deficit" by leveraging private lending to informal and below-median income communities for investments in home improvement and basic service delivery. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 8va. Avenida 20-65 Zona 1, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 2248-5003, Fax: (502) 2248-5005, Contact: Dr. Hugo Eduardo Beteta Mendez-Ruiz, Minister; Ministry of Communications, Infrastructure and Housing, 8va. Avenida y 15 Calle Zona 13, Antiguo Edificio COCESNA, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 2362-6051, (502) 2362-6055, Fax: (502) 2362-6059, Contact: Mr. José Luis Gardena, Vice Minister of Housing

Haiti

Education

(R) Education (Cr: H286-HA): The objective is to improve the quality of education services and governance of the education sector. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 99918. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, Tel: (809) 527-1135, E-mail: creutzer@gmail.com, Contact: Creutzer Mathurin, Director of External Financing Unit (Cellule de Pilotage)

Public Sector Governance

(R) Second Economic Governance Technical Assistance (H237-HA): The objective is to furnish the technical assistance needed to advance good economic governance management. *The credit was signed on 27 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 95371. US\$ 2.0 (IDA/Grant). Consultants were required for preparation. Ministry of Finance, Palais des Ministeres, Port au Prince, Haiti, Tel: (509) 299-1744, Fax: (509) 299-1732, E-mail: Jrgv@yahoo.com, Contact: Gabriel Verret, Economic Advisor

Honduras

Education

(R) Education: The objective is to support the GOH to increase the quality, accountability and transparency of its education system. Decision meeting was scheduled for 12 June 2007. *Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 101218.* US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants may

be required for project preparation. Ministerio de Educación, 1era. Ave. entre 2da. y 3era. Calle, Comayaguela, MDC, Honduras, Tel: (504) 228-6250, E-mail: Rafael.pineda@gob.hn, Contact: Profesor Rafael Pineda Ponce, Secretario de Educación

Public Sector Governance

(R) Second Poverty Reduction Support: The objective is to implement the poverty reduction strategy, focusing on (a) macroeconomic stability; (b) economic growth through modernization of public infrastructure and enhanced competitiveness; (c) improved coverage and quality of education; and (d) better governance and transparency. Decision meeting is scheduled for *12 September 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 60.0 (IDA). Short term consultants may be required for project preparation in some areas. Ministry of Finance, Secretaria de Finanzas, Centro de Tegucigalpa, Frente a Quinchon Leon, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 237-4537, Fax: (504) 237-5033, E-mail: rsantos@sefin.gob.hn, Contact: Rebecca Santos, Vice-Minister

Urban Development

(R) Natural Disaster Mitigation Additional Financing: The objective is to enhance the impact by: (a) strengthening national government's institutional disaster risk management capacity; (b) enhancing technical capacity to gather, share and disseminate knowledge concerning natural disasters; and (c) building local capacity to assess hazards and vulnerability, identify mitigation measures, and prepare and respond to emergency situations. Decision meeting was completed on *30 April 2007*, appraisal on *2 May 2007* and negotiations on *14 May 2007*. Board presentation is scheduled for *21 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 105386. US\$ 9.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Permanent Commission for Contingencies, Aldea Las Tapias, 500 metros adelante del Hospital Militar, Carretera a Mateo, Tel: (504) 229-0598, (504) 229-0594, Fax: (504) 229-2623, E-mail: burgosmarco@hotmail.com, Contact: Marco Burgos, Sub-Comisionado

Water and Sanitation

(R) Water and Sanitation: The objective is to improve the efficiency and reliability of Honduras's water supply and sanitation (WSS) services by implementing the Strategic Plan to Modernize the WSS Sector (PEMAPS) which decentralizes service provision to autonomous operators and rearranges the distribution of certain governance functions to relatively new sector institutions; including implementation of replicable models of successful and sustainable provision of WSS services at the municipal level. Decision meeting and appraisal were completed on *4 May 2007* and negotiations on *17 May 2007*. Board presentation is scheduled for *21 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 103881. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Consejo Nacional de Agua Potable y Saneamiento, Frente a El Obelisco 1ra Ave., 13 Calle, Comayaguela, Honduras, Tel: (504) 237-8551, Fax: (504) 237-8552, Contact: Ivonne Ramirez, Coordinador

Mexico

Education

(R) Tertiary Education Student Assistance (Ln. 7346-ME, Ln. 7349-ME): The objective is to increase tertiary education enrollment and quality in an equitable, efficient, and sustainable manner. The larger loan was signed on 7 April 2006 and became effective on 24 October 2006. The smaller loan signing is tentatively scheduled for *late June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85593. US\$ 171.0/9.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Secretariat of Education, Brasil 31-312, Centro Histórico, 06029 México, DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5723-6713, E-mail: iarvizu@sep.gov.mx, Contact: Ignacio Arvizu, Coordinator

Second Tertiary Education Student Assistance: The objective is to expand student loans and establish a financially sustainable student loan system. Decision meeting is scheduled for *30 October 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 95458. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Banco Nacional de Obras y Servicios Públicos, Ave. Javier Barros Sierra No. 515, Col Lomas de Santa Fe, México DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5270-1200, E-mail: raul.escalante@banobras.gob.mx, Contact: Raul Escalante, Project Manager

Energy and Mining

(R) Rural Electrification: The objective is to provide a minimum package of electricity services to poor households in dispersed or remote areas and where connection to the electricity grid is not financially or logistically feasible. Negotiations are scheduled for *26 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88996, 95038. US\$ 15.0/15.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Energía, Insurgentes Sur No. 890, 3er. Piso, Col. Del Valle, México DF 03100 México, Tel: (52-55) 5000-6000, E-mail: arjona@energia.gob.mx, Contact: Dr. Diego Arjona, Director General de Investigación y Desarrollo de Tecnología y Medio Ambiente; Comisión Nacional para el Desarrollo de los Pueblos Indígenas, Av. Mexico Coyoacán No. 343, Col. Xoco, México DF 03330 México, Tel: (52-55) 5000-6049

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) Consolidation of Protected Areas System SINAP II Additional Financing: The objective of the additional financing is to promote the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity in Mexico through the consolidation of the National System of Protected Areas, under an innovative multi-tranched structure with a total final grant amount of US\$ 31.1 million. The third tranche will cover eight additional protected areas. Awaiting GEF CEO Endorsement. Board presentation was scheduled for *7 June 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.4 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Fondo Mexicano para la Conservación de la Naturaleza (FMCN), Comisión Nacional de Areas Protegidas (CONANP), Calle Jerico No. 26, Col. Badillo, México, DF, Mexico, E-mail: renee@xal.megared.net.mx, Contact: Renee Gonzalez Montagut, Director, FANP/FMCN

(R) Indigenous Community Development: The objective is to reduce poverty and inequality by improving social inclusion, economic opportunities, human development and well-being of indigenous people. *Negotiations are postponed until further notice*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 95323. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Commission for Development of Indigenous Communities, Ave. Mexico-Coyoacan 343, 1er Piso Anexo, Col. Xoco, CP 03330 Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 9183-2100, Ext. 7153, E-mail: juisplaza@yahoo.com, Contact: Jose Luis Plaza, Project Coordinator

(R) Integrated Management of Basins and Aquifers: The objectives are to improve conditions for sustainable integrated water resources management and use, and deter the accelerated deterioration of water resources in selected areas. *Decision meeting was completed on 24 April 2007 and appraisal on 14 May 2007*. Negotiations are scheduled for *24 September 2007*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82950. US\$ 101.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Comisión Nacional de Agua, Ave. Insurgentes Sur 2416, Colonia Copilco Bajo, Delegación Coyoacan 04340, México DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-22) 5174-7743, Contact: Cesar Herrera, Subdirector General de Programacion

Public Sector Governance

Strengthening Urban Real Property Rights Institutions: The objectives are to: (a) facilitate legal recognition and security of urban housing property rights; (b) improve access of the moderate urban poor population to real estate markets and financial systems; and (c) adjust the fiscal framework among the three levels of governments and strengthen local government institutional capacity for property tax administration and collection. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de desarrollo social: Subsecretaria de Desarrollo Urbano y Ordenación del Territorio, Paseo de la Reforma 116-15, Col. Juarez, México, DF 06600 Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5328-5000, Ext. 50629, Contact: Rodolfo Tuiran, Subsecretario de Desarrollo Urbano y Ordenación del Territorio

Rural Development

(R) Savings and Rural Finance Bansefi-Phase II Additional Financing (Ln. 7438-ME): The objective is to help the Mexican government develop a robust SCI sector, consisting of a large number of entities which are compliant with the law, financially viable, operationally effective, managerially sound, technologically upgraded, and having an enhanced level of outreach and access to financial services by the underserved population. Approved by the Executive Directors

on 21 March 2007. *The loan signing was scheduled for 18 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 103491. US\$ 29.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Banco de Ahorro Nacional y Servicios Financieros (BANSEFI), Rio Magdalena 115, Col. Tizapan, San Angel, México DF, Tel: (52-55) 5481-3300, Fax: (52-55) 5481-3372, E-mail: idiaz@bansefi.gob.mx, Contact: Ismael Diaz, International Financing Subdirector

Transportation

(R) National Urban Transport: The objective is to improve the quality and efficiency of urban transport systems. Decision meeting is scheduled for *20 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 98269. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Desarrollo Social, Ave. Javier Barros Sierra No. 515, Col. Lomas de Santa Fe, México DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5270-1200, E-mail: carlos_valdez_mariscal@sedesol.gob.mx, Contact: Carlos Valdez Mariscal, Director of Programs, Studies and Projects for Regional Development

Nicaragua

Private Sector Development

(R) Enhanced Competitiveness for International Market Integration (Cr: 4230-ND): The objective is to strengthen capacity of the Presidential Commission on Competitiveness to provide technical leadership and coordinate the effects of government agencies, municipalities, the private sector, civil society, and donors to improve competitiveness and the business environment. The loan signing is scheduled for *16 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 92949. US\$ 17.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Presidential Commission on Competitiveness, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 277-2955, E-mail: rbendana@competitividad.org.ni, Contact: Mr. Roberto Abarca, Secretario Ejecutivo

Panama

Public Sector Governance

(R) Public Policy Reform Technical Assistance Additional Financing (Ln: 7446-PAN): Similar to the original project (Loan 4635-PAN), the development objectives remain unchanged: consolidate and deepen the reforms needed to accelerate growth and reduce poverty in Panama. In particular, the additional financing will enable the provision of technical assistance to: (i) expand the Government's capacity to monitor economic data and improve macroeconomic policy formulation and implementation and improving the investment climate through legal reform; (ii) institutionalize the relevance, efficiency, and targeting of social programs by continuing to improve the quality of poverty data; and (iii) scale-up the impact of reforms affecting efficiency and transparency in public management. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 105526. US\$ 6.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Via Espana y Calle 52 Este, Edificio Ogawa, 2o Piso, Aptdo. 7304, Zona 5, Panama City, Panama, Tel: (507) 507-7303, Fax: (507) 507-7302, E-mail: jmolina@mef.gob.pa; davids@mef.gob.pa, Contact: David Saied, Director de Políticas Economicas, and Jaime Molina, Coordinador del Sector Servicios Políticas Públicas

Rural Development

(R) Rural Productivity (Ln: 7439-PAN): (*formerly Rural Productivity and Sustainable Development*) The objective is to increase rural employment and incomes by incorporating organized smallholder rural producers into production chains while conserving natural resources and globally important biodiversity. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 21 March 2007. The loan was signed on 11 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64918. US\$ 39.4 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Desarrollo Agropecuario, Calle Manuel Melo, Edificio 575, Panama City, Panama, Tel/Fax: (507) 232-5169, E-mail: jvence@mida.gob.pa, Contact: Arq. Jose Vence, Coordinador de Proyectos Especiales

Social Protection

(R) Social Protection: The objective is to strengthen the social protection system by facilitating access of extremely poor families to basic services in health, education, and nutrition, and promoting their

demand for these services. *Negotiations were erroneously noted as completed, it was scheduled for 23 May 2007.* Board presentation is scheduled for *24 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 98328. US\$ 24.0 (IBRD). Consultants may be required for preparation. Ministry of Social Development, Ave. Ricardo J. Alfaro, Edison Plaza, Piso 4, Apt. 688-50, Panama City, Panama, Tel: (507) 279-0701, Fax: (507) 279-0714, Contact: Mr. Edwin Rodriguez, Executive Secretary of the "Red de Oportunidades" Program

Water and Sanitation

(R) Water Supply and Sanitation in Low-Income Communities: The objective is to increase effective access to water supply and sanitation services. *Appraisal was completed on 3 May 2007 and negotiations on 21 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 17 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82419. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants may be required for preparation. Ministry of Health, Panama City, Panama, Tel: (507) 212-9229, Fax: (507) 212-9201, Contact: Dr. Camilo Alleyne, Minister, and Sr. Emilio Messina, Adviser

Paraguay

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Biodiversity Conservation: The objective is to conserve biodiversity within the production landscape of the Upper Paraná Atlantic Forest and associated systems. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94335. US\$ 5.5 (GEF). Consultants have been recruited. Secretariat of Environment, Ave. Madame Lynch 3500, Asunción, Paraguay, Tel: (595) 2161-5806, (595) 2161-5807, E-mail: gabinete@seam.gov.py, Contact: Juan Manuel Cano, Project Coordinator

Rural Development

(R) Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development: The objective is to improve the quality of life of small-scale producers and indigenous communities by strengthening local organization and self-governance, improving natural resources management and enhancing people's socio-economic condition. *Decision meeting was completed on 20 October 2006. Appraisal is scheduled for 19 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88799. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Pte. Franco 475 c/ 14 de Mayo, Asunción, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 441-036, Contact: Ing. Agr. Alfredo Molinas, Minister

Peru

Economic Management

(R) Programmatic Fiscal Management and Competitiveness Development Policy (Ln. 7419-PE): The objectives of the project are to produce (a) growth with equity, (b) fiscal adjustment, (c) improved quality of public expenditures and (d) changes in the public sector that will facilitate private sector development. The loan was signed on *16 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 101335. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Jr. Junin 319, Lima 1 Peru, Tel: (51-1) 427-7095, (51-1) 426-9452, Fax: (51-1) 428-2101, (51-1) 426-1823, E-mail: aamezaga@mef.gob.pe, Contact: Aida Amezaga, Head, Implementing Unit

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Strengthening Biodiversity Conservation Through the National Protected Areas Program: The objective is to consolidate protected areas in a decentralized framework to ensure that key ecosystems and biodiversity are conserved and managed sustainably. GEF Council approval decision is scheduled for November 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Peruvian Trust Fund for National Parks and Protected Areas, Ave. Prolongacion Arenales 722-724, Miraflores, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 212-1010, Fax: (51-1) 212-1957, E-mail: Apaniagua@profonanpe.org.pe, Contact: Alberto Paniagua, Executive Director

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Reform Program APL 2: The objectives are to (a) reduce infant and maternal mortality at an accelerated rate and (b) improve nutrition and care of children under five. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for *21 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Cat-

egory B. PID: 95563. US\$ 27.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Salud - Programa de Apoyo a la Reforma del Sector Salud, Ave. Javier Prado Oeste, No. 1381, San Isidro, Lima, Peru, Tel/Fax: (511) 440-4101, E-mail: cricse@parsalud.gob.pe, Contact: Carlos Ricse, Coordinador General

Results in Nutrition: The objective is to reduce chronic malnutrition by 5% in 5 years, while establishing a structure and monitoring system to accelerate the rate of malnutrition reduction beyond the 5 years. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Rural Development

(R) Sierra Rural Development (Ln: 7443-PE): The objective is poverty alleviation of rural peasants within a demand-driven base assisting them to (a) improve their access to basic infrastructure; (b) stimulate socio-economic territorial development through strategic alliances; and (c) strengthen institutions to make them better providers of local services. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79165. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Presidencia de Consejo de Ministros, Ave. Miraflores 878, Miraflores, Lima, Perú, Tel: (51-1) 610-9800, Ext. 1250, Contact: Javier Abugattas, Secretario Técnico de la Comisión Interministerial de Asuntos Sociales

Social Protection

(R) Results and Accountability (REACT) Development Policy Loan: (formerly *First Human Development Policy Loan*) The objective is to improve outcomes in primary school reading attainment, early childhood nutrition and the coverage of institutionalized birth attention by establishing strong accountability frameworks. *Appraisal was completed on 16 April 2007 and negotiations on 25 April 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 5 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category PID: 101086. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Jr. Junin 319, Lima 1 Peru, Tel: (51-1) 427-9897, Fax: (51-1) 428-1623, E-mail: aamezaga@mef.gob.pe, Contact: Aida Amezaga, Head, Unidad de Coordinación de Préstamos Sectoriales

Transportation

(R) Decentralized Rural Transport Infrastructure (Ln. 7423-PE): The objective is to decentralize the transportation infrastructure, extend the scope of intervention to additional regions and prepare for an operation integrating other infrastructure sectors. *The loan was signed on 16 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95570. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport and Communications, PROVIAS Descentralizado Rural, Ave. Garcilazo de la Vega No.1351, 3er Piso - Centro Cívico y Comercial de Lima, Lima 1 Peru, Tel: (51-1) 330-3465, Fax: (51-1) 330-8554, E-mail: equispe@proviases.gob.pe, Contact: Edgar Quispe, Executive Director

Regional

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Design and Implementation of Pilot Climate Change Adaptation Measures: The objective is to define and implement pilot adaptation measures to meet the anticipated impacts from climate change in the Andean highlands. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 9 July 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 98248. US\$ 8.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Consejo Nacional del Ambiente, Ave. Guardia Civil 205, San Borja, Lima, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 225-5370, Fax: (51-1) 225-5369, E-mail: mpcigaran@conam.gob.pe, Contact: Maria Paz Cigaran, Project Manager

Rural Development

(R) Biosafety in Centers of Biodiversity: The objective is to implement the Cartagena Protocol (CP) on biosafety by improving institutional capacity of agriculture and environment ministries as well as specific, biosafety-related agencies in the participating countries (Colombia, Peru, Costa Rica, and Brazil), to implement their national biosafety regulations in compliance with the CP. GEF CEO Endorsement was scheduled for 30 April 2007. *Board presentation is scheduled for 24 July 2007.*

Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95169. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. International Center for Tropical Agriculture, Km. 17 Cali-Palmira, Cali, Colombia, Tel: (57-2) 445-0000, Fax: (57-2) 445-0073, E-mail: ciat@cgiar.org, Contact: Zaida Lentini, Coordinator

St. Lucia

Education

(R) Skills for Inclusive Growth (Cr: 4300-SLU): The objectives are to (a) increase the employability of youth and (b) improve the policy framework for delivery of training. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 8 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 97141. US\$ 3.5 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economic Affairs, Economic Planning, National Development and Public Services, 3rd. Fl., Greaham Louisy Administrative Building, Waterfront, Castries, St. Lucia, Tel: (758) 468-2188, Fax: (758) 453-6552, Email: projects@candw.lc, Contact: Donavan William, Officer-in-charge, Designate

Water and Sanitation

Water Supply Infrastructure Improvement Additional Financing

(Ln: 4065-1 SLU): The objectives are to: (i) alleviate the water shortage in the entire north of the country; (ii) implement urgent investments that will result in additional revenues, and reduction of the likelihood of commercial users abandoning the system; and (iii) improve the potential of a successful partnership between the Government and the private sector. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 April 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 105027. US\$ 1.8 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Financial Center, Bridge St., Castries, St. Lucia, Tel: (758) 468-5502, Fax: (758) 452-6700, Contact: Ms. Cointha Thomas, Project Coordinator

Uruguay

Economic Management

(R) First Programmatic Reform Implementation: The objectives are to implement (a) tax reform, (b) financial sector and capital market development and (c) social protection reform. *Negotiations were completed on 11 April 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 30 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 83927. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Colonia 1089 3er Piso, Montevideo, Uruguay, Tel: (598-2) 1712-2210, Fax: (598-2) 1712-2212, Contact: Fernando Lorenzo, Jefe de Asesoría Macroeconomica

Education

(R) Promoting Innovation to Enhance Competitiveness (Ln: 7445-UY):

The objective is to strengthen Uruguay's capacity to generate, transfer and adapt knowledge and technology by: (i) improving the institutional framework for science, technology, and innovation (STI), (ii) strengthening the supply side through investments in human capital and high-quality research teams, (iii) building the demand side by supporting technology transfer and private sector innovation and (iv) enhancing linkages between the supply and demand side by stimulating cross-sectoral and international research collaboration and mobility of researchers between public institutions and the productive sector. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 95520. US\$ 26.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Operating Team of the Interministerial Innovation Cabinet, Colonia 1089, 3rd. Fl., Montevideo, Uruguay, Tel: (598-2) 1712-2210, (598-2) 1712-221, Fax: (598-2) 1712-2212, E-mail: amilcar@fcie.edu.uy, Contact: Dr. Amilcar Davyt, Director of Science and Technology, Ministry of Education

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) National Health Insurance and Social Services: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to and quality of the primary health care network serving the poor uninsured; (b) enhance and secure essential public health functions nationwide; and (c) redesign and improve the Ministry of Public Health's regulatory and stewardship capacity. Decision meeting was tentatively scheduled for 4 June 2007. Envi-

ronmental Assessment Category C. PID: 50716. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, 18 de Julio 1892, Montevideo, Uruguay, Tel: (598-2) 409-1015, (598-2) 409-2534, E-mail: ministro@msp.gub.uy, Contact: Dr. Conrado Bonilla, Minister

Public Sector Governance

(R) Institutions Building Technical Assistance: The objectives are to (a) modernize the public sector by enhancing efficiency, accountability and transparency and (b) facilitate the reforms necessary for successful implementation of ongoing policy initiatives. *Negotiations were completed on 12 April 2007. Board presentation was scheduled for 30 May 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 97604. US\$ 12.1 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Economía y Finanzas, Colonia 1089 3er. Piso, Montevideo, Uruguay, Tel: (598-2) 1712-2262, Fax: (598-2) 1712-2265, Contact: Mr. Mario Bergara, Subsecretario

Water and Sanitation

(R) OSE Modernization and Systems Rehabilitation - APL2: The objective is to increase the efficiency, coverage and sustainability of water supply and sanitation services in Uruguay by: (a) improving the competitiveness of OSE; (b) maintaining the reliability and enhancing the coverage of water supply infrastructure; and (c) increasing sewerage coverage treatment. *Decision meeting completed on 4 May 2007, appraisal on 7 May 2007 and negotiations on 16 May 2007. Board presentation is scheduled for 28 June 2007.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 101432. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Obras Sanitarias del Estado (OSE), Soriano 1613, Montevideo, Uruguay, Tel: (598-2) 400-6574, Contact: Sr. Natan Wajner, Gerente ARAPFE

Venezuela

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Expanding Partnerships for the National Park System: The objective is to implement an integrated protected areas management model in Canaima National Park that can later be replicated throughout the park system. *Negotiations postponed till further notice.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85458. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. National Parks Institute, Calle 3B, Edificio Fundayacucho, 4to Piso, La Urbina, Caracas, Venezuela, Tel: (58-212) 273-2701, (58-212) 273-2702, Fax: (58-212) 239-2698, E-mail: proyectocanaima@inparques.gob.ve, Contacts: Renzo Silva, Executive Director and Angela Gonzalez, Project Coordinator

(R) National Environmental Management and Conservation: The objective is to improve and strengthen environmental management and build the capacity of the Ministry of Environment and its associated agencies to address the most pressing issues of the environmental agenda. *Decision meeting postponed until further notice.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90114. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Centro Simon Bolivar, Torre Sur, El Silencio, Caracas, Venezuela, Tel: (58-212) 408-1079, (58-212) 408-1094, E-mail: gpereira@marn.gob.ve, Contact: Mr. Guido Pereira, Executive Coordinator

Urban Development

(R) National Slum Upgrading: The objectives of the project, which will focus on urban areas outside Caracas, are to: (a) improve the coverage and access to basic infrastructure services in urban slums; (b) strengthen the capacity of community-based organizations; (c) assist municipalities to adequately plan investments in slums and mitigate the growth of new informal settlements; and (d) facilitate access to microfinance for incremental housing finance. *Preappraisal is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 55927. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Fundación para el Desarrollo de la Comunidad y Fomento Municipal, Ministerio de Participación Popular y Desarrollo Social, Ave. Araham Lincoln Final Blvd. de Sabana Grande, Chacito, Edificio Fandacomun, Apartado Postal No. 50218, Venezuela, Tel/Fax: (58-212) 955-1708, Contact: Dianney Ocantó, President

Water and Sanitation

Urban and Rural Water and Sanitation: The objective is to implement a medium-term institutional development and investment program in the water and sanitation sector in order to reach the target of universal water and sanitation coverage by 2015. Decision meeting was postponed until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 92953. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Hidroven-Compania Hidrologica Venezolana, Ave. Principal de Mariperez con 9 Transversal, Edificio Hidrocapital, 5to Nivel, Caracas, Venezuela, Tel: (58-212) 793-7020, Fax: (58-212) 793-1814, E-mail: fduran11@cantv.net/hvenrect@cantv.net, Contact: Lic. Francisco Duran, Vice President

Guarantee Operations

In September 1994, the Bank's Executive Directors approved a proposal to make guarantees a mainstream instrument of Bank operations. These guarantees are most likely to be used for infrastructure financing, where the demands for funding are large, political and sovereign risks are significant, and the need for long-maturity financing is often critical to a project's viability.

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 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 typically extends maturities beyond what private creditors could otherwise provide, for example, by guaranteeing late-dated repayments or by providing incentives for lenders to roll over medium-term loans.

For more information on the Bank's guarantee program and to obtain a copy of the pamphlet "The World Bank Guarantees: Leveraging Private Finance for Emerging Markets" (available in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish), please contact the Project Finance and Guarantees Group. Tel: (202) 458-8111; Fax: (202) 522-0761, or visit www.worldbank.org/guarantees.

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Regional

Transportation

Joint Railway Concession: (Public Sector) The objective of the project is to mobilize commercial debt financing in support of the joint concessioning of the Kenya and Uganda railways. Two IDA partial risk guarantees in support of the project, which is a component of the East Africa Community Transport Facilitation project, were approved by the Executive Directors on 23 January 2006. Financial closure and guarantee effectiveness are pending.

Rwanda

Energy and Mining

(N) Lake Kivu Power (Private Sector): The objective of the project is to develop, build and operate (a) a gas extraction, production and processing plant with an installed capacity of 198,900 cubic meters per day of methane, (b) an onshore 35 MW gas-fired power plant, and (c) a submerged pipeline connecting the two, the entire system to be owned and operated by a private company. An IDA partial risk guarantee of US\$ 20.0 is proposed in support of the project. Estimated total project cost is US\$ 100.0. Board presentation was scheduled for the third quarter FY08.

Senegal

Energy and Mining

Electricity Efficiency Enhancement (Kounoune IPP): (Private Sector) The objective of the project is to improve efficiency in the power sector and meet increasing demand for electricity. An IDA partial risk guarantee of US\$ 7.2 was offered as an inducement for third-party co-financing of the investment project for which an IDA credit of US\$ 15.0 was approved by the Executive Directors in May 2005. Financial closure is pending.

Sierra Leone

Energy and Mining

Bumbuna Hydroelectric Completion: (Private Sector) The objective of the project is to complete a 50 MW run-of-the-river hydropower plant on the Sell River to deliver quality electricity services at low cost in the western area, including Freetown, and to promote private sector participation in the power sector. An IDA partial risk guarantee of US\$ 38.0 was approved by the Executive Directors on 16 June 2005. Due to changes in the risk allocation among the project's stakeholders, which differs from the allocation approved by the Board in 2005, the project requires another Board approval. Board presentation to be determined. Estimated total cost: US\$ 91.8. An IDA grant of US\$ 12.5 was also approved by the Executive Directors on 16 June 2005.

Tanzania

Transportation

Tanzania Railways Corporation: (Private Sector) The objective of the project is to catalyze financing for the Tanzania Railways concession. An IDA guarantee of up to \$40.0 is proposed to back ongoing restoration and termination payments due to the concessionaire under the agreement. (An IDA credit of \$33.0 was approved for track rehabilitation in April 2004.) Board presentation is scheduled for the first quarter FY08.

Uganda

Energy and Mining

Bujagali Power: (Private Sector) The objective of the project is to catalyze financing for the construction of a 250 MW hydropower facility on the Victoria Nile Rive near Jinja. An IDA partial risk guarantee of US\$ 50.0-80.0 is being considered in support of the project. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 April 2007. Effectiveness pending.*

East Asia and Pacific Region

Philippines

Energy and Mining

Power Sector Reform and Transco Concession: (Private Sector) The objective of the project is to implement a power sector reform and

privatization program by facilitating the concession of an electric distribution company. An IBRD partial risk guarantee of US\$ 250.0 is being considered. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for the fourth quarter of FY07.

Europe and Central Asia Region

Regional

Energy and Mining

World Bank GEF Geothermal Energy Development: (Private/Public Sector) GeoFund will be established, with GEF funding of US\$ 25.0, to develop geothermal energy for electricity generation, district heating, and other applications in the region. It has three windows of financing facility: technical assistance (US\$ 7.0), geological risk insurance (US\$ 10.0) and direct investment (US\$ 8.0). The GEF risk mitigation program will provide a guarantee for the geology-related risks associated with the exploration and operation of geothermal energy projects. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 November 2006.

Russian Federation

Energy and Mining

SUAL Partial Risk Guarantee Facility: (Private Sector) The objective of the project is to catalyze the required commercial funding to develop a large scale integrated aluminum complex sponsored by the aluminum company, SUAL, in the Republic of Komi. An IBRD partial risk guarantee of US\$ 50.0 is being considered to support a commercial bank loan as part of the project financing. Estimated project cost: US\$ 1,200.0. Board presentation to be determined.

Middle East and North Africa Region

Jordan

Guarantee now effective (can be removed from MOS)

Energy and Mining

Amman East Power: (Private Sector) The objective of the project is to catalyze private investment for the construction of a 370 MW gas-fired combined cycle power station to be developed, owned and operated by a private-sector company at Almanaker, near Amman. Estimated total project cost is US\$ 300.0. An IBRD partial risk guarantee of about US\$ 45.0 is being considered. Board presentation was scheduled for the second or third quarter of FY 2007 or later. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources, PO Box 140027, Amman 11814 Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 582-8971, Fax: (962-6) 582-1398, E-mail: elect@memr.gov.jo, Contact: Eng. Khaldoun Qutishat, Secretary General. Approved by the Executive Directors on 13 March 2007. Guarantee effective as of 26 March 2007.

LIST OF ACRONYMS

AUSAID	Australian Agency for International Development	IsDB	Islamic Development Bank
ADB	Asian Development Bank	JBIC	Japan Bank for International Cooperation
ADF	African Development Fund	ITF	Interim Trust Fund
AfDB	African Development Bank	KfW	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (Germany)
APL	Adaptable Program Loan	LIL	Learning and Innovation Loan
BADEA	Banque arabe de développement économique en Afrique	NCB	National competitive bidding
BOAD	Banque ouest africaine de développement	NGO	Nongovernmental organization
CDB	Caribbean Development Bank	NORAD	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
CFD	Caisse française de développement	OECD	Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (Japan)
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency	OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
DANIDA	Danish International Development Agency	PAD	Project Appraisal Document
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)	PCD	Project Concept Document
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	PCF	Prototype Carbon Fund
EDF	European Development Fund	PCN	Project Concept Note
EIB	European Investment Bank	PHRD	Policy and Human Resources Development (Japan)
EU	European Union	PID	Project Identification (Number)
FAC	Fonds d'aide et de coopération (France)	PPF	Project Preparation Facility
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations	QCBS	Quality and Cost-Based Selection
FAO/CP	FAO Cooperative Program (with the World Bank)	SDC	Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation
FINNIDA	Finland International Development Agency	SIDA	Swedish International Development Authority
GEF	Global Environment Facility	UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit	UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
IAPSO	Inter-Agency Procurement Service Office	UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
ICB	International competitive bidding	WHO	World Health Organization
IDA	International Development Association		
IDB	Inter-American Development Bank		
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development		