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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:

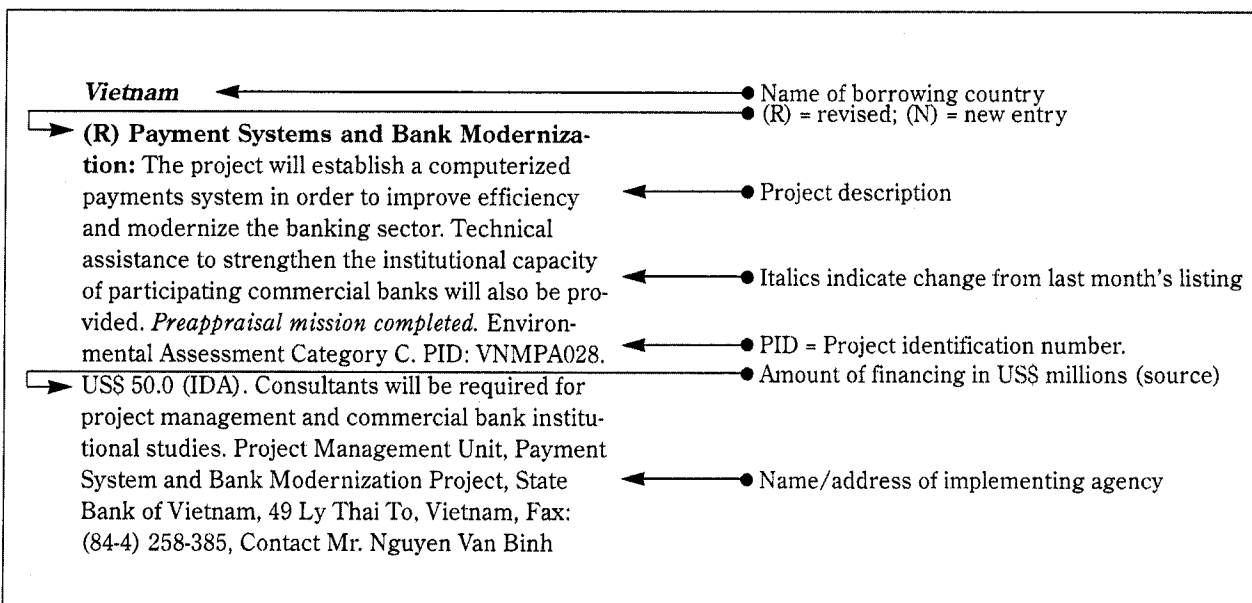
Category A: Environmental assessment is normally required, as the project may have adverse and significant environmental impacts.

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, are available via the internet at **UN Development Business Online** at <www.devbusiness.com>.

A typical summary entry looks like this:



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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Regional: Central America AIDS (H154-CAM)

Africa

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Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis (H140-ANG): The objective of the project is to control the spread and mitigate the effects of AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. *The grant was signed on 18 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83180. US\$ 21.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Rua 17 de Setembro, Luanda, Angola, Contact: Dr. Basilio Kassomoa, Project Coordinator

Water and Sanitation

Water Sector Development: The objective of the project is to develop an integrated water resources management strategy and the related regulatory and institutional framework. A decision meeting is scheduled for September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 60512. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Governo da Província do Namibe, Huila e Cabinda; Direcção Nacional de Água

Benin

Economic Management

(R) Second Poverty Reduction Support (Cr. 4079-BEN): The objectives of the project are to (a) implement the Poverty Reduction Strategy through the budget process and (b) strengthen the government's capacity to design and carry out its development and poverty reduction programs. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74313. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. National Committee for Development and Poverty Reduction, Ministry of Finance and Economy, BP 302, Cotonou, Benin, Tel: (229) 315-356, Fax: (229) 301-851, Contact: Mr. Emmanuel Assilamehoo, Head, Technical Secretariat

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Coastal Zone Integrated Management (formerly Coastal Zone Management) The objective of the project is to manage the coastal zone and biological diversity sustainably. Appraisal mission was scheduled for 11 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

(R) Management of Forests and Adjacent Lands: The objective of the project is to enable continuation of work financed by an earlier series of grants for forest and adjacent land management. *Approved by the GEF Council on 1 May 2005. Appraisal was scheduled for 20 June 2005 and negotiations for 20 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 69896. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Projet de Gestion des Forets et des Terroirs Riverains, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Directorate of Forests and Natural Resources, BP 06-884, Cotonou, Republic of Benin, Tel: (229) 333-053, Fax: (229) 330-421, E-mail: avonomadegbe@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Benoit Avonomadegbe, Program Coordinator

Urban Development

(R) Second Decentralized City Management: The project objective of the project is to increase access to urban services in the primary cities and selected secondary cities. Appraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82725. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. SERHAU SA, 32-34 rue 390 (route de Lome), BP 2338, Benin, Tel: (229) 300-209, Fax: (229) 300-626, E-mail: serhau@intnet.bj, Contact: Mr. Bernardin Agbo, Director

Burkina Faso

Economic Management

(R) Fifth Poverty Reduction Support (Cr. 4053-BUR, H158-BUR): The objective of the project is to implement the revised poverty reduction strategy. *The credit and grant were signed on 18 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78995. US\$ 46.1/13.9 (IDA

Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Budget, 03 BP 712, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Tel: (226) 5032-4211, Fax: (226) 5031-2715, Contact: Mr. Francois Zoundi, Head, Permanent Secretariat for the Monitoring of Financial Programs and Policies

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) HIV/AIDS Disaster Response Supplemental (H160-BUR): The objective of the supplemental project is to complete activities initiated under the original project, toward the ends of (a) lowering the risk of HIV transmission, (b) enhancing capacity to care for and treat those infected, and (c) mitigating the socioeconomic impact on affected households and communities. *The credit was signed on 2 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88879. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. National AIDS Council, 03 BP 7030 Ouagadougou 03 Burkina Faso, Tel: (226) 5032-4188, Fax: (226) 5031-4001, E-mail: spcnls@fasonet.bf, Contact: Mr. Tiendrebeogo Joseph, Permanent Secretary

Health System Strengthening and Multisector HIV/AIDS Program: The objectives of the program are to: (a) improve the quality and coverage of preventive and curative health services, and strengthen the health system's capacity to accelerate progress toward meeting health and nutrition millennium development goals, (b) strengthen multi-sector and civil society efforts to reduce HIV/AIDS transmission and mitigate the socio-economic consequences for those affected, and (c) strengthen systems for monitoring and evaluating progress toward health sector and HIV/AIDS objectives, including the use of performance-based contracts. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93987. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and National AIDS Council, 03 BP 7030, Ouagadougou 03 Burkina Faso, Tel: (226) 5032-4188, Fax: (226) 5031-4001, E-mail: spcnls@fasonet.bf, Contact: Mr. Tiendrebeogo Joseph, Permanent Secretary

Water and Sanitation

(R) Urban Infrastructure and Decentralization: The objective of the project 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. *Appraisal mission is scheduled for October 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84027. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Poles Regionaux de Developpement, 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

Private Sector Development

(N) Regional Trade Facilitation Supplemental (Cr. 3495-BU): The objective of the project is to underwrite political and credit risk insurance for businesses, especially ones involved in cross-border importing and exporting. Approved by the Executive Directors on 31 May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 65789. US\$ 7.5 (IDA). Consultants will be required. African Trade Insurance Agency, PO Box 10620-00100, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 272-6999, (254-20) 271-9727, Fax: (254-20) 271-9701, E-mail: chiefexecoffice@ati-aca.com, Contact: Mr. Caroli Omandi, Acting Chief Executive Officer, General Counsel and Board Secretary

Cameroon

Economic Management

(R) Infrastructure/Local Economic Development: The objective of the project 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. *Concept Review Meeting is scheduled for 20 September 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. PID (Projet d'Infra-

structure de Douala) / Volet Urbain, S/C Communauté Urbaine de Douala BP 43, Douala, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 342-3435/6950

Education

(R) Education Development Capacity Building (Cr. 4070-CM): The objective of the project is to strengthen administrative and educational management skills in the ministries of education and to organize their efforts in the fight against poverty and social inequality. *The credit is scheduled to be signed in October 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75964. US\$ 18.2 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Projet d'appui au Secteur de l'Education, BP 8390, Yaoundé, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 222-4547, E-mail: charles_awono@yahoo.fr, Contact: Charles Awono, Project Coordinator

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Community Development Sustainable Land Management: The objective of the project is to maintain and restore fragile agro-pastoral ecosystems, reducing soil erosion, stabilizing sediment storage, increasing vegetative cover and carbon sequestration in critical water bodies, and enhancing agro-biodiversity through the promotion of sustainable land management policies, practices, and investments. *Appraisal is scheduled for October 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. National Program for Participatory Development (PNDP), Tel: (237) 793-4904, E-mail: pndp@pndp.org, Contact: Marie-Madeleine Nga, National Coordinator

Public Sector Governance

Transparency and Accountability Capacity Building: The objective of the project is to enhance transparency and accountability in the use of public resources. Appraisal is scheduled for September 2005. 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

Economic Management

(R) Second Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to implement the poverty reduction strategy by improving the efficiency, effectiveness and transparency of the national budget process as the central mechanism for channeling resources towards poverty reduction. *Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for September 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 94697. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required during preparation for studies, analysis and program design in public expenditure management, civil service reform, decentralization, judicial reform, health sector financing, social protection systems, education and professional training policy, and results-based monitoring and evaluation. Ministry of Finance and Planning, Praia, Santiago, Republic of Cape Verde, Tel: (238-2) 607-520, Fax: (238-2) 613-897, E-mail: manuelp@gov1.gov.cv, Contact: Mr. Manuel Pinheiro, Director General of Planning

Transportation

(R) Road Sector Support (Cr. 4064-CV): The objective of the project is to meet critical road access infrastructure needs on selected islands and implement sector reforms and capacity building measures. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 May 2005. The credit was signed on 31 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87004. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). A PPF advance of US\$ 1.5 was used for project preparation. Consultant reports have been received on road design and management studies. A general procurement notice has been published. Calls for expressions of interest are under way. Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Ponta Belem, Praia, Santiago, Republic of Cape Verde, Tel: (238-2) 615-699, Fax: (238-2) 614-141, E-mail: msousa@mih.gov.cv, Contact: Mr. Manuel Inocencio Sousa, Minister

Chad

Energy and Mining

Petroleum Management Capacity Building (Supplemental): The objective of the project is to facilitate implementation of the Chad-Cameroon Pipeline project, particularly with respect to environmental issues and to development of domestic oil resources. Board presentation was scheduled for July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category: C. PID: 80709. US\$ 11.5 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Comité Technique National de Suivi et de Control, N'Djamena, Chad, Tel: (235) 520-775, Fax: (235) 520-9729, E-mail: hkabadi@cnppt-chad.org, Contact: Haroun Kabadi, National Coordinator of the Doba Project; Direction du Pétrole; Coordination Nationale

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Integrated Ecosystem Management: The objective of the program is to promote sustainable development in rural areas combined with the management of ecosystems so as to generate global and local environmental benefits. *Board presentation was scheduled for 28 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78138. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Cellule Permanente de Suivi de la Table Ronde de Geneve IV, N'Djamena, Chad, Tel: (235) 520-749, Contact: Mr. Baharadine, Project Coordinator; Ministry of Economic Promotion and Development, N'Djamena, Chad, Tel: (235) 515-898, Fax: (235) 515-185, Contact: Mr. Mahamat Bachir, Vice Director-General

Public Sector Governance

(R) Second Petroleum Economy Management (Supplemental): The objective of the project 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. Appraisal was scheduled for July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 90265. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Cellule Technique GEEP, Tel: (235) 292-695, Fax: (235) 520-451, E-mail: mahamaxx@hotmail.com, geep.finances@internet.td, Contact: Mahamat Moussa Ahmat, Coordinator; Cellule Economique du GEEP, Tel: (235) 523-888, Fax: (235) 522-950, Contact: Mahamat Bahradine Oumar, Coordinator

Social Protection

Demobilization and Reintegration: The objective of the project is to build national reconciliation, peace and security, thereby helping sustain social and economic development. Project concept review is scheduled for December 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Comité National de Reinsertion, PO Box 06, N'Djamena, Chad, Tel: (235) 526-614, E-mail: cnr@intnet.td, Contact: Col Dingamadji Majior, Coordinator, Project Unit

Urban Development

Urban Development: The objective of the project is to rehabilitate infrastructure and manage urban services in the major cities. Appraisal is scheduled for October 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 72030. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). A PHRD grant of US\$ 1.0 has been approved for preparation. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Territorial Administration, Urban Policy and Habitat, BP 436, N'Djamena, Chad, Tel: (235) 544-435, Fax: (235) 523-722, Contact: Dr. Dobingar Al-lassembaye, Project Coordinator

Congo, Democratic Republic of

Transportation

(N) Emergency Living Conditions Improvement Support (H164-ZR): The objective of the project is to improve living conditions in key urban areas and two isolated regions by strengthening the socio-economic situation. Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88619. US\$ 82.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Blvd. du 30 juin, BP 12997, Kinshasa I-Gombe, Democratic Republic of Congo, Fax: (243) 880-2381, Contact: Andre-Philippe Futa, Minister

Côte d'Ivoire

Economic Management

(N) Emergency Economic Recovery: The objective of the project is to meet post-conflict needs and enable sustained recovery. Project Concept Review is scheduled for 16 November 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Immeuble SCIAM, 19ème Etage, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, Tel: (225) 2020-0842, Fax: (225) 2020-0856, Contact: H.E. Mr. Paul Bohoun Bouabré, Minister

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) HIV/AIDS Multi-sector Response: The objective of the project 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 assist infected persons and affected communities cope with the impact of HIV/AIDS. Appraisal completed. Negotiations are rescheduled for 8 August 2005. 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) 2124-3013/4, 2021-0832, 0752-2376, 0505-6699, Fax: (225) 2021-0834, E-mail: clovisko@yahoo.fr, Contacts: Konan Kouassi Clovis, Charge d'Etudes au Cabinet, Prof. Mireille Dosso

Law and Justice

Capacity Building for Poverty Reduction Program: The objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of central and community-based agencies to deliver and be accountable for quality public service. Appraisal is contingent upon security clearance. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 55076. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be required during preparation to put the key analytical and capacity building blocks in place. In the implementation phase, consultants will be required for program management, monitoring and evaluation. Secrétariat National à la Gouvernance et au Renforcement des Capacités, Cabinet du Premier Ministre, 01 BP 1533 Abidjan 01, Rue des jardins, 2 Plateau, République de Côte d'Ivoire, Tel: (225) 2241-0164, Fax: (225) 2022-1833, E-mail: mak@globeaccess.net, Contacts: Mme. Ginette Yoman, M. Marc-Antoine Koffi

Social Protection

(R) Demobilization, Reintegration and Rehabilitation: The objectives of the project are to (a) demobilize and reintegrate ex-combatants; (b) return internally displaced people and refugees to their communities; and (c) strengthening social and economic infrastructures in communities most affected by the war. Negotiations were scheduled for 5 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 82817. US\$ 65.0 (IDA). During preparation, consultants will be required for demobilization and community reintegration. Local consultants will be needed for community-based rehabilitation activities and vocational training. Government of Cote d'Ivoire, 27 BP 933 Abidjan 27 Cote d'Ivoire, Tel: (225) 2252-7350/1/2/4, E-mail: brahima.sangare@cnddr-ci.org, Contact: Ibrahima Sangare, Secrétaire Exécutif du CNDDR

Eritrea

Health, Nutrition and Population

HIV/AIDS/STI, Tuberculosis, Malaria and Reproductive Health Grant: The objectives of the project are to: (a) reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections through a multi-sector approach; (b) improve detection and successful treatment of tuberculosis; (c) prevent an increase in malaria mortality and morbidity; and (d) improve reproductive health. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 30 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94694. US\$ 24.0 (IDA). Consultants may be required in TB control and human resources. Ministry of Health, Hiwet St., No. 5, Asmara, Eritrea, Tel: (291-1) 124-199, Fax: (291-1) 124-357, E-mail: eyobt@pmumoh.eol.com.er, Contact: Dr. Eyob Tekle, Director, Project Management Unit

Transportation

Road Sector: The project, a first phase adaptable program loan, will aim at (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). Consulting services for project preparation are being financed through a PPF. 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) Integrated Development of the Eastern Nile: The objective of the project is to facilitate power trade with Sudan and thus optimize utilization of existing and planned generation capacity. A high-voltage transmission line connecting the two countries would be the first step in realizing an integrated power system in the Eastern Nile. Preappraisal mission was scheduled for 5 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consultants are required. Some have been selected. The Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation, D'Gaulle Square, 2nd Floor, Room 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

Finance

(R) Financial Sector Capacity Building: The objective of the project is to deliver the capacity, infrastructure, products and know-how necessary to develop the financial sector. *Preappraisal* was scheduled for 11 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. *National Bank of Ethiopia*, PO Box 5550, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 513-859, Fax: (251-1) 514-588, Contact: Ato Teklewold Atnafu, Governor

Public Sector Governance

Third Poverty Reduction Support: The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve the investment climate; (b) improve governance and service delivery; and (c) reduce vulnerability. Joint preparation mission with other donors completed. Concept review was scheduled for 14 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 175.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, PO Box 1905, Addis Ababa 1037 Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 226-637, Fax: (251-1) 551-355/551-496, Contact: Ato Getachew Adem, Welfare Monitoring Unit.

Rural Development

(R) Capacity Building for Agricultural Services: The objectives of the project are to (a) increase the productivity and profitability of the agricultural sector, (b) improve the effectiveness of agricultural technology institutions, and (c) facilitate the development of more robust, competitive and accessible agricultural markets. Appraisal is scheduled for 15 September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79275. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). *A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.8 is helping finance project preparation. Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 150-110, Fax: (251-1) 512-984, E-mail: moavm@telecom.net.et, Contact: Belay Edjigu, Minister of State

(R) Irrigation and Drainage: The objective of the project is to increase the area under irrigation through cost-effective, environmentally and socially sound investments that are beneficial to the rural poor. The project also aims at further strengthening cooperation on the Nile among Egypt, Ethiopia, and Sudan. Appraisal is scheduled for March 2006. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 92353. US\$ 95.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants are required for (a) identification of irrigation and drainage projects; (b) feasibility study and detailed design; (c) transaction model and action plan for private sector involvement; (d) environmental impact assessment; (e) preparation of a project implementation manual; and (f) financial management and procurement assessment. Ministry of Water Resources, PO Box 170121, Addis Ababa,

Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 625-516, Fax: (251-1) 626-318, Contact: Mr. Gulilat Birhane, Head, Planning Department

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Civil Society Capacity Building: The project aims at empowering citizens and their organizations to make independent and significant contributions to improved governance and decentralized services. The project will make a particular effort to assure that the voices of traditionally excluded groups such as women and youth are considered. Appraisal is scheduled for 6 September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81614. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Background studies are under way. Ministry of Capacity Building, Civil Society Capacity Building Program Office, Tel: (251-1) 637-204, Fax: (251-1) 637-203, E-mail: meja88@yahoo.com, Contact: Ato Melaku Jemaneh, Director

Urban Development

(R) Decentralization Fiscal Support for Local Infrastructure: The objectives of the project are to: (a) deliver better services to people by facilitating more capital investment at the local government level (woreda and municipal); and (b) deepen the process of decentralization to the local level. Appraisal is scheduled for December 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, PO Box 1905, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Fax: (251-1) 553-844, (251-1) 551-496, Contact: Ato Shiferaw Alemu, Infrastructure Department Head

Water and Sanitation

Flood Preparedness and Early Warning: The objective of the project is to reduce human suffering and damages, as well as capture the benefits of excess flood waters resulting from flooding in the Eastern Nile. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94268. US\$ 5.0/45.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Eastern Nile Regional Technical Office, PO Box 27173-1000, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 461-130, Contact: Dr. Abdulkarim Seid, Regional Coordinator

Gabon

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Forest and Environment Sector: The objective of the project is to increase sustainably the contribution of the natural resources management sector to the national economy, reduce oil dependency and diversify the economy, helping improve standards of living while ensuring sustainable management of natural resources and conservation of biodiversity. Decision meeting and preappraisal are scheduled for August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 70196. US\$ 14.7/8.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Planning and Monitoring Unit, Ministry of Forestry and Environment, Tel: (241) 721-382, Fax: (241) 721-382, E-mail: pnae@inet.ga, Contact: Mr. Juste-L. Boussienguet, Coordinator

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Local Infrastructure Development: The objectives of the project are to: (a) set up a sustainable management system to carry out public works by small- and medium-enterprises (SMEs); (b) promote and develop SMEs in public works sectors such as the secondary road network, health, education; (c) generate employment; (d) provide basic infrastructure and improved access to services; and (e) improve the local economy and contribute to poverty alleviation. Board Presentation is scheduled for October 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82814. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. PAPSUT, PO Box 114, Libreville, Gabon, Tel: (241) 765-830, 768-307, Fax: (241) 765-831, E-mail: papsut@internetgabon.com, Contact: Mr. Richard Damas, Project Coordinator

Gambia, The

Education

(R) Third Education : The project is the second phase of an APL that uses a sector-wide approach toward achieving the millennium development goals of universal completion of primary education by 2015 and gender parity by 2010, with an emphasis on quality during the second

phase, and special attention to rural areas and girls' education. *Identification mission completed. Project Concept Review is scheduled for late July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.6 is financing project preparation. Consultants are likely to be required. Department of State for Education, Willy Thorpe Bldg., Banjul, The Gambia, Tel: (220) 422-8522, Fax: (220) 422-5066, E-mail: lbruce@qanet.gm, Contact: Mr. Lawrence Bruce, Manager, Project Coordination Unit

Rural Development

(R) Community Development: The objective of the project is to improve living conditions and incomes of the poor, improve access to basic services, and improve health outcomes in underserved rural areas. *Preparation mission is in the field.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82969. US\$ 19.0 (IDA). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.5 has helped finance preparation. A PPF advance of US\$ 0.2 has been approved. Consultants will be required for an environmental and social impact assessment, an institutional assessment, a baseline study, a communication strategy, a monitoring and evaluation system, and training activities. Department of State for Finance and Economic Affairs, Tel: (220) 422-5181, Fax: (220) 449-4758, E-mail: falugalas@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Sering Falu Njie, Project Coordinator

Urban Development

(R) Poverty Alleviation and Municipal Development Supplemental: The objective of the project is to improve living conditions of the urban population, the poor in particular, by providing public infrastructure based on demand and clearly-defined criteria, and a capacity-building program to improve local government associations' resource mobilization and management. *Board presentation was scheduled for 21 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94281. US\$ 4.0 (IDA). *Consultants will be required during implementation for supervision of works.* Agency for the Management of Public Works, PO Box 2640, Serrekunda, Kombo, Saint Mary, Banjul, The Gambia, Tel: (220) 437-5341, Fax: (220) 437-5344, E-mail: bljobe@qnet.gm, Contact: Mr. Ebrima Cham, Director General

Ghana

Finance

Accountability, Capacity Building and Decentralization: The objective of the project is to enhance the efficiency, accountability and transparency of government financial management functions and improve revenue generation. Appraisal mission has been delayed. Board presentation is rescheduled for 4 July 2006. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 69348. US\$ 55.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for information technology, training, institutional development and capacity building. Ministry of Finance, PO Box M40, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 668-016, Fax: (233-21) 663-854, E-mail: pubmap1@ghana.com, Contact: Ms. Agatha Gaise-Nketsiah, Program Coordinator

Urban Development

Fifth Urban Phase 2: The objective of the Adaptable Program Loan is to ensure the sustainable delivery of adequate urban infrastructure and services, particularly in under-served secondary towns. Appraisal mission has been delayed. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IDA). Consultants are required for preliminary engineering studies. Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, PO Box M50, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 670-363/4, Contact: Mr. Godfrey Ewool

Guinea

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Community-Based Land Management Program: The objective of the project is to generate multiple global environmental benefits by piloting through the ongoing Village Communities Support Program, an approach in selected sub-watersheds to enable and encourage local communities to incorporate integrated ecosystem management practices designed and implemented by the local populations. Decision meeting is scheduled for 18 August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81297. US\$ 7.0 (GEF). Consulting ser-

vices to be determined. Ministry of Plan, Conakry, Guinea, Tel: (225) 464-031, E-mail: pacv@afribone.net.gn, baldefatoudiop@yahoo.fr, Contacts: Mrs. Aminatou Camara Barry, *National Project Coordinator*, Mme. Balde Hadja Fatoumata Diop, *Project Coordinator*

(R) Coastal Zone Marine Biodiversity Management: The objective of the project is to achieve rational management of coastal biodiversity for conservation and sustainable development, with a particular emphasis on enabling communities in and around priority areas to plan, implement, and maintain environmentally sustainable and socially inclusive alternative livelihoods. Board presentation is scheduled for the second quarter of FY2006. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 80878. US\$ 7.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Plan, BP 221 Conakry, Guinea, Tel: (224) 296-266, E-mail: baldefatoudiop@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mme. Balde Hadja Fatoumata Diop, *Project Coordinator*, Programme d'appui aux communautés villageoises, Tel: (224) 464-023, Fax: (224) 464-031, E-mail: pacv@afribone.net.gn or abcama.cnc@pacv.gov.gn, Contact: Mme. Camara Aminatou Barry, *National Project Coordinator*

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Sector Support (Cr. 4072-GUT): The objectives of the project are to (a) enhance knowledge and skills to prevent and manage communicable diseases and manage nutrition and reproductive health at the household level, with special attention to the poor; (b) increase access and utilization of basic health care services; and (c) strengthen the health care referral system. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 2 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 65126. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère de la Santé (Ministry of Health), BP 585, Conakry, Guinea, Tel: (224) 219-456, E-mail: pdramou@biasy.net, Contact: Mr. Pepe Dramou, *Project Coordinator*

Rural Development

Second Village Community Support Program: The objective of the project is to scale-up decentralized and participatory rural development. Decision meeting was scheduled for 21 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 65129. US\$ 30.0/7.0 (IDA/GEF). Cofinancing amounts of US\$ 7.0 from IFAD, US\$ 3.8 from FRDE, and US\$ 1.9 from ADF are anticipated. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning, Tel: (224) 464-023, Fax: (224) 464-031, E-mail: pacv@afribone.net.gn, Contact: Mme. Camara Aminatou Barry, *National Coordinator*

Guinea-Bissau

Economic Management

(R) Economic Management Reform: (formerly Economic Recovery). The objective of the project is to carry out the initial phase of a macroeconomic program aimed at establishing internal and external balances, contributing towards greater fiscal sustainability and the preconditions for private sector-led growth. *Board presentation is scheduled for 26 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Implementing Unit of the Private Sector Rehabilitation and Development Project, Rua Justino Lopes, Casa 74/A, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 203-496, Fax: (245) 203-495, E-mail: prdsp@mail.gtelecom.gw, Contact: Mr. Carlos Casimiro, *Project Director*

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

National Community-Driven Development: The objective of the project 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. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.4 has been provided for preparation. Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Economy and Finance, 37 Av. Amilar Cabral, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (243) 520-6894, Contact: Mr. Carlos Andrade, *Adviser to the Minister*

Kenya

Economic Management

(R) Development of a National Statistical System: The objective of the project is to build a more effective and efficient statistical system that will produce better data and improved analysis of economic, financial and social developments. Regional vice president's approval *decision was scheduled for 14 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85414. US\$ 20.5 (IDA). Contracts have been written for some of the consultants required during 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*

(R) Economic Recovery Strategy Support: The objective of the project is to implement the economic recovery strategy, which includes strengthening budget and financial management, increasing agricultural productivity and food security, improving private sector competitiveness and strengthening economic monitoring. *Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for late July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 90204. US\$ 75.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Treasury Bldg., Harambee Ave., PO Box 30007, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 338-111, Contact: Mr. Kamau Thugge, *Director, Monetary and Fiscal Affairs*

Education

(R) Education Sector-Wide Approach: The objective of the project is to strengthen the education sector. *Appraisal completed. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for late July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87479. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Jogoo House "B," Harambee Ave., PO Box 30040, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 334-144, Fax: (254-20) 214-287, Contact: Professor Karega Mutahi, *Permanent Secretary*

Finance

(R) Financial Sector Reform: (formerly Financial Sector Adjustment) The objectives of the project 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. *Board presentation was scheduled for 14 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 84224. US\$ 65.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Treasury Bldg., Harambee 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 of the project is to implement a sector-wide reform and strengthening of the health sector. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category B. 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. Gakuru, *Head, Health Sector Reform Secretariat*

(R) Second HIV/AIDS Program: (formerly *Second Multi-Country AIDS Program*) The objective of the project 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. *Appraisal was scheduled for 4 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81712. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. National AIDS Control Council, The Chancery Bldg., 6th Floor, Valley Rd., PO Box 61307, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 711-261, Fax: (254-20) 711-072, Contact: Dr. P.A. Orege, *Director*

Public Sector Governance

(R) Institutional Reform and Capacity Building Technical Assistance: The objective of the project is to provide support to key ministries involved in the implementation of the Economic Recovery Strategy as well as strengthening the public financial management system to enhance transparency, accountability and responsiveness to policy priorities. *Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for late September 2005.*

Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 90567. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 3007, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 227-411, Contact: Mr. Joseph Kinyua, Permanent Secretary/Treasury

Rural Development

(N) Community Driven Development and Flood Mitigation: The objectives of the project 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. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74106. US\$ 60.0 (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

(N) Natural Resource Management: The objectives of the project 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95050. US\$ 60.0 (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

Agricultural Productivity and Sustainable Land Management: The objectives of the project 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. It will contribute to modernizing the agricultural sector and improving the lives and livelihoods of rural communities through the development, acquisition and application of improved and profitable agricultural technologies and production practices. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for August 2005. 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: kiome-rm@kari.org, Contact: Romano Kiome, Director

Urban Development

Local Government Fiscal Restructuring: The objective of the project is to achieve significant improvement in service delivery by local authorities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. 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. Francis N. Mwaura, Director, Department of Urban Development

Lesotho

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Sector Reform APL 2: The objective of the project is to achieve a sustainable increase in access to quality preventive, curative and rehabilitative health care services. *Appraisal completed. Negotiations were scheduled for July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76658. US\$ 12.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required with expertise in physical planning, architecture, human resources and health insurance. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, PO Box 514, Maseru 100, Lesotho, Tel: (266) 2231-7976, Fax: (266) 2231-0279, E-mail: hp-suhis@lesoff.co.za, makhakhem@planning.health.gov.ls, Contact: Mrs. Majoel Makhakhe

Law and Justice

Public Sector Improvement and Reform (APL 1): The project aims at (a) defining the role of government; (b) strengthening financial management; (c) enhancing government transparency; and (d) supporting professionalization of civil service. Concept review is scheduled for July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 65731. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government Office, Maseru, Lesotho, Tel: (266) 2231-1000, Fax: (266) 2232-0578, Contact: Ms. M. Lebesa, Principal Secretary

Transportation

Integrated Transport Program: The project aims at continuing reform of the road sub-sector initiated by the Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance Project, but in the context of a more comprehensive approach to the transportation sector. Appraisal was rescheduled for 12 July 2005. Board presentation is scheduled for 6 December 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75566. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for work on administrative, accounting, financial and operational manuals, a financial system, institutional reform and a transport data study. Ministry of Public Works and Transport, PO Box 1283, Maseru, Lesotho, Tel: (266) 2231-6269, Fax: (266) 2231-0508, E-mail: kolane@mopwt.gov.ls, Contact: Mr. Mathibeli, Principal Secretary

Madagascar

Economic Management

(R) Second Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to implement key elements of the poverty reduction strategy, continuing to consolidate and deepen reforms started under the earlier poverty reduction project. *Negotiations completed.* Board presentation was scheduled for 12 July 2005. *Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 83326.* US\$ 80.0 (IDA). *No consultants are required.* Vice Prime Minister's office, BP 295 Anosy, 101 Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 222-9575, Fax: (261-20) 222-6925, E-mail: dpe@mtpat.gov.mg, Contact: Mr. Solohery Rakotovo Andriankova, Director of Economic Programs

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Second Health (Supplemental): The objective of the project is to improve the health status of the population through more accessible and better quality health services. Board presentation was scheduled for 28 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88729. US\$ 18.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. UGP Projet CRE-SAN, Immeuble Maison de La Reunion, Isoraka, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 225-5323, Fax: (261-20) 225-6976, E-mail: ugpcrezan@simicro.mg, Contact: Mr. Paul Richard Ralainirina, Coordinateur National du Projet

(R) Second Multisectoral HIV/AIDS: The objective of the project is to contain the spread of the HIV infection and prevent the AIDS disease with a multisectoral response. *Negotiations completed.* Board presentation was scheduled for 12 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90615. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Projet Multisectoriel de Prévention du SIDA (PMPS), Immeuble Aro Ampeloha, Rue Andrianaivoravelona, 2ème Etage, Escalier B, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 223-8286, Fax: (261-20) 223-8246, E-mail: secnls@wanadoo.mg; ugp@wanadoo.mg, Contact: Mr. Fenosoa Ratsimanetrimanana, Directeur National du PMPS

Private Sector Development

(R) Integrated Growth Poles: The objective of the project is to accelerate growth in selected regions (Nosy Be, Fort Dauphin, and Antananarivo/Antsirabe) with high economic potential by providing an appropriate infrastructure platform based on the needs expressed by the private sector and evaluated by the Bank to remove the main bottlenecks to investment. *Negotiations completed.* Board presentation was scheduled for 12 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 83351. US\$ 130.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère des Transports, des Travaux Publics et de l'Aménagement du Territoire (MTTPAT), BP 3378, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 223-5612, Fax: (261-20) 222-0890, E-mail: dps@mtpat.gov.mg, Contact: Mr. Freddie Mahazoasy, Directeur, Prospective et Strategie

Rural Development

Watershed Management: The objective of the project is to stimulate inclusive rural growth through intensification and diversification of agricultural production in three regions with high potential for agricultural development, while promoting sustainable use of infrastructure and soil and water resources. Appraisal is scheduled for January 2006 and Board presentation for March 2006. Environmental Assessment Categories A/B. PIDs: 74086, 88887. US\$ 60.0/8.0 (IDA/GEF). Consul-

tants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, PO Box 301, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 222-7227, E-mail: maep.mi@wanadoo.mg, Contact: Mr. Harison Randriamanana, Minister

Malawi

Energy and Mining

Rural Infrastructure Services: The objective of the project is to implement the Poverty Reduction and Economic Growth strategy with a view to significantly enhancing production and productivity, notably in agriculture but also in tourism and mining. Appraisal is scheduled for February 2006. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 57761, 74716. US\$ 40.0/3.0 (IDA/GEF). Cofinancing of US\$ 5.0 is anticipated from the Nordic Development Fund. Consultants will be required for feasibility studies, institutional arrangements and private sector participation. Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, Tel: (265-1) 796-686, Fax: (265-1) 788-247, Contact: Mrs. Fanny M'bawa, Director

Rural Development

Irrigation, Rural Livelihoods and Agricultural Development: The objective of the project is to raise smallholder productivity and thus advance the commercialization of agriculture. Appraisal completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 20 September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84148. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Food Security, PO Box 30134, Capital Hill, Capital City, Lilongwe 3 Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 789-033, Fax: (265-1) 789-218, Contact: Mr. C. J. Matabwa, Principal Secretary

Mali

Education

(N) Education Sector Expenditure Program APL 2: The objective of the project is to ensure that all children complete a quality primary education and that the education system provide the country with the human resources necessary for its development. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 93991. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, BP 71, Bamako, Mali, Tel/Fax: (223) 223-1112, Contact: Mr. Barthélemy Togo, Program Coordinator

Health, Nutrition and Population

Sector-wide Health System and Social Development Support: The objective of the project is to achieve the millennium development health goals of decreasing maternal and infant mortality and fighting malaria, HIV/AIDS and other diseases. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93689. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, BP 232, Koulouba, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 222-5301, Fax: (223) 223-0203, Contact: Mr. Daba Diawara, Secretary General; Ministry of Social Development, BPE 3062, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 222-0387, Fax: (223) 222-4863

Rural Development

(R) Agricultural Competitiveness and Diversification: The objectives of the project are to (a) restore and improve the performance of the cotton sector, and (b) increase and diversify rural households' revenues through the expansion of marketed quantities of selected high-value agricultural and livestock products. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 5 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81704. US\$ 46.5 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, BP 61, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 222-2979/2785, Fax: (223) 223-1023, Contact: Mr. Bakary Sekou Coulibaly, Technical Adviser

(R) Rural Community-Based Development: The objective of the project is to reduce rural poverty and improve the living conditions of people in rural areas through community empowerment and social, economic and environmental investments. Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 15 September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 40653. US\$ 60.0 (IDA). Consultants will

be required. Ministry of Rural Development and Environment, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 222-1589, 223-3595, Fax: (223) 222-1590, Contact: Mr. Sékou Maïga, Project Coordinator

Mauritania

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Community-Based Watershed Management: The objective of the project is to improve the capacity and enabling environment of communes and village communities to plan, implement and adopt sustainable land and water management investments and practices. Appraisal is scheduled for October 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 87670. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Public Sector Governance

Public Sector Capacity Building: The objective of the project is to build institutional capacity and governance in public administration and develop among nongovernmental organizations and civil society genuine stakeholder participation for implementing the poverty reduction strategy most effectively. Appraisal is scheduled for September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82888. US\$ 17.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economic Affairs and Development, BP 238, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Tel: (222) 525-3776, E-mail: mhdabba@toptechology.mr, Contact: Mr. Mohamed Ould Abba, Counsellor

Water and Sanitation

(R) Water Supply and Sanitation Sector: The objective of the project is to achieve sustainable improvement in the provision of water and sanitation services in unserved and low-income areas of Nouakchott and secondary cities. Appraisal mission is scheduled for August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79475. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Hydraulics, Société mauritanienne de l'eau (SNDE), B.P. 335 Nouakchott, Mauritanie, Fax: (222) 525-3995, E-mail: sonelec@opt.mr, Contact: Mr. Sidi Ould Riha, General Manager

Mozambique

Economic Management

(R) Second Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to reform public financial management including the procurement system, the financial sector, the investment climate, and financial aspects of public health and rural development. Appraisal was scheduled for June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 60.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Praça da Marinha, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-1) 311-141, Fax: (258-1) 315-043, E-mail: antonio.laice@UTRAFE.gov.mz, Contact: António Laice, National Director for Treasury.

Education

(R) Technical and Vocational Education and Training: The objective of the project is to implement reform of the technical and vocational education and training system to make it more integrated and demand driven. Appraisal is scheduled for October 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Culture, Ave. 24 de Julho.167, CP 34, Tel: (258-1) 491-314, (258-1) 492-973, Fax: (258-1) 492-196, E-mail: quiteria.mabote@mined.gov.mz, Contact: Quitéria Mabote, Director for Technical and Vocational Education

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Transfrontier Conservation Areas and Tourism Development: The objective of the project is to obtain sustainable livelihood and economic development benefits from well-managed exploitation of the country's natural resources. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 71465, 76809. US\$ 20.0/10.0 (IDA/GEF). A US\$ 0.6 PPF advance has been spent on preparation and is scheduled to close on 31 December 2005. Consultants will be required. TFCA Unit, Ministry of Tourism, Prédio Cardoso, Ave. 25 de Setembro 1123, 4th Floor, Flat C, PO Box 614, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-1) 302-362, Fax: (258-1) 302 372,

E-mail: bsoto@tv cabo.co.mz, Contact: Dr. Bartolomeu Soto, Head of project implementation unit

Finance

Financial Sector Technical Assistance: The objective of the project is to improve the soundness and efficiency, reach and depth of the financial system so that it can fulfill its role of fostering economic growth and reducing poverty. Board presentation is scheduled for 6 September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 86169. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Praça da Marinha, Ave. 10 de Novembro, 929 Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-1)315-040, Fax: (258-1) 310-493, Contact: Dra. Otilia Santos, Deputy National Director for Treasury

Law and Justice

(R) Legal Capacity: The objective of the project is to deliver more effective and efficient legal services, especially for disadvantaged groups. *Preappraisal mission was scheduled for late June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 90905. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Justice, Ave. Julius Nyerere, 13, Tel: (258-1) 301-850, Fax: (258-1) 494-264, E-mail: melotoma@tropical.co.mz, Contact: Dra. Angela Melo, Director of Planning

Transportation

Roads and Bridges Management and Maintenance: The objective of the project is to improve management and maintenance of the roads and bridges systems. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 135.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Administração Nacional de Estradas, Ave. de Moçambique, 1225, Tel: (258-1) 476-018, Fax: (258-1) 475-290, E-mail: Amungho@ane.gov.mz, Contact: Atanasio Mugunhe, Director

Namibia

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Promoting Environmental Sustainability Through Improved Land Use Planning: The project aims at developing an adaptive management framework to guide policy and investment decisions for integrated land use at local, regional and national levels. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. 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

Economic Management

(R) Public Expenditure Reform (Cr. 4066-NIR): The objective of the project is to implement the economic reform program. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83275. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economy, BP 389, Niamey, Niger, Tel: (227) 722-374, Fax: (227) 735-934, Contact: H.E. Mr. Ali Lamine Zeine, Minister of Finance and Economy

Health, Nutrition and Population

(N) Institutional Strengthening and Health Sector Support: The objectives of the program are to (a) reduce maternal and child mortality, (b) lessen inequalities in health outcomes and (c) increase the availability of health services. Decision meeting was scheduled for 10 June 2005. Appraisal was scheduled for 15 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83350. US\$ 28.0 (IDA). Cofinancing by AFD is anticipated for part of the health sector development plan. A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.5 has financed preparation. Consultants will be required during implementation for building capacity in financial management. Ministry of Health, BP 623, Niamey, Niger, Tel: (227) 722-782, Fax: (227) 735-934, Contact: M. Zouma Salifou, Executive Secretary

Nigeria

Health, Nutrition and Population

Partnership for Polio Eradication (Cr. 37511-UNI): The objective of the project is to eliminate polio, continuing the work of the original project. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 90652. US\$ 51.7 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, National Programme on Immunization, Plot 1266, Ammadu Bello Way, Area 11, Garki-Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-09) 314-1285/9, Fax: (234-09) 314-1286, E-mail: npice@infoweb.abs.net or npihq@infoweb.abs.net, Contact: Dr. (Mrs.) A. Awosika, National Coordinator Chief Executive; UNICEF, UN House, Airport Rd., Abuja, Nigeria, Contact: Mr. Ayalew Abai, Resident Representative

Public Sector Governance

State Governance and Capacity Building: The objective of the project is to implement public sector reforms in selected states and build governance capacity. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ amount to be determined (IDA). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Transportation

(R) Rural Access and Mobility: The objective of the project is to assist participating states and local government councils sustainably to improve access and mobility in rural areas. Appraisal is scheduled for November 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Michael Okpara Way, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 523-8463/8466, Contact: Engr. (Mrs.) E. Okeke, Director, Rural Development

Water and Sanitation

Lagos Water Sector Restructuring: The objective of the project is to improve and expand the potable water supply and sewer systems for Lagos. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71391. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation, including legal, financial, engineering and environmental work. Lagos State Water Corporation, Water House Headquarters, Ijora, Lagos, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 774-3013, E-mail: olawale@coker.metrong.com, Contact: Mr. Olumuyiwa Coker, CEO

Regional

Energy and Mining

(N) West Africa Power Pool APL 1: The objective of the project is to establish a well-functioning, cooperative power pooling mechanism among national power utilities of member states of the Economic Community of West African States, which are Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 28 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75994. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Cofinancing is anticipated from AfDB (US\$ 25.0), EIB (US\$ 10.0) and Kuwait (US\$ 16.5). Consultants will be required. Volta River Authority, Contact: Gilbert O. Doyki, CEO

Private Sector Development

(N) Regional Trade Facilitation Supplemental (Cr. 3488-RAF): The objective of the project is to underwrite political and credit risk insurance for businesses, especially ones involved in cross-border importing and exporting. Approved by the Executive Directors on 31 May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 89100. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. African Trade Insurance Agency, PO Box 10620-00100, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 272-6999, (254-20) 271-9727, Fax: (254-20) 271-9701, E-mail: chiefexecoffice@ati-aca.com, Contact: Mr. Caroli Omandi, Acting Chief Executive Officer, General Counsel and Board Secretary

Rural Development

(N) Groundwater and Drought Maintenance: The objective of the project is to enhance the capacity of countries in the Southern African Development Community to adopt and implement drought management policies. Negotiations completed. Endorsed by the GEF CEO on 13 May 2005. Board presentation was scheduled for 14 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70547. US\$ 7.0 (GEF). Co-financing is anticipated from the EC (US\$ 1.0), France (US\$ 0.1), Germany (US\$ 1.2) and SIDA (US\$ 0.5). Consultants will be required. Southern African Development Community, Private Bag 0095, Gaborone, Botswana, Tel: (267) 351-863, Fax: (267) 372-848, Contact: Mr. G. G. L. Leissner, Chairperson

Rwanda

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Integrated Management of Critical Ecosystems: The objective of the project is to rehabilitate farmed wetlands. Appraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70700. US\$ 4.3 (GEF). No consultants are required. Ministry of Land, Environment, Forest, Water and Natural Resources, Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: (250) 517-563, Fax: (250) 85057, Contact: Bishangara Cyprien, Director, Environment Division

Senegal

Economic Management

Second Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to implement the poverty reduction strategy. Regional operations committee decision meeting was scheduled for 5 July 2005. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for mid-July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 91051. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministère de l'Economie et des Finances, Cellule de suivi et de lutte contre la pauvreté, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 888-2167, Fax: (221) 889-2166, E-mail: cspl2003@yahoo.fr, Contact: M. Thierno Niane, Co-ordinateur

Education

(R) Quality Education for All - Phase 2: The objective of the project is to continue implementing the ten-year sector plan, putting greater emphasis on improving quality. *Identification mission completed. Project Concept Review is scheduled for late July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 85.0 (IDA). Consultants are likely to be required. Ministère de l'Éducation, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 821-0762, Fax: (221) 821-1376, E-mail: mendpre@sentoo.sn, Contact: Mbaye Ndoumbé Guèye, Direction de la Planification et de la Réforme de l'Éducation

Energy and Mining

Electricity Sector Efficiency Enhancement (Cr. 4060-SE): The objective of the project is to improve efficiency in the power sector and meet increasing demand for electricity. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73477. US\$ 15.7 (IDA). An IDA partial risk guarantee of up to US\$ 7.2 will be offered as an inducement for third-party cofinancing. IFC also intends to provide an "A" loan of about US\$ 20.0. Consultants will be required during implementation for technical, environmental, financial and legal services. Cellule de Préparation et de Suivi des Réformes du Secteur de l'Énergie, BP 4037, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 821-1611, Fax: (221) 821-1608, E-mail: cprse@telecomplus.sn, Contact: M. Amadou Diagne, Directeur de Cabinet, Ministère de l'Énergie et des Mines

Rural Development

(R) Agricultural Markets and Agribusiness Development: The objective of the project is to improve the competitiveness of the country's agriculture for domestic and international markets. *Decision meeting was scheduled for 22 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83609. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). *A supplemental PPF advance of US\$ 0.6 has been approved. Parallel financing* is being provided by AFD and EU. *Final reports of AFD-funded studies for the irrigation component have been produced, as well as those funded by CIDA on horticultural development and exports. Consultants were used during preparation for technical studies and will be required during implementation for agribusiness*

activities. Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Élevage et de l'Hydraulique, Building Administratif, 5ème étage, Dakar, Sénégal, Tel: (221) 822-4703, Fax: (221) 823-3268, E-mail: tour_mama@yahoo.fr, ndeyemama@hotmail.com, Contact: Mrs. Ndeye Mama Touré, Conseiller Technique

(R) Agricultural Services and Producer Organizations Program, Phase 2: The objective of the project is to consolidate the accountability and responsiveness of agricultural research and extension services and to strengthen producer organizations, so that farmers may progressively increase their ownership of agricultural services. *Preparation mission was fielded in June 2005.* Environmental assessment category to be determined. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). A PHRD preparation grant of US\$ 1.0 has been approved. Consultants will be required for the evaluation of activities carried out during the first phase, definition of a monitoring and evaluation system, and for a social and environmental impact assessment. Ministry of Agriculture and Hydraulics, Office of Analysis, Planning and Statistics, Building Administratif, 5ème étage, Dakar, Sénégal, Tel: (221) 864-6413, Contact: M. Ndiobo Diene, Directeur

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Participatory Local Development: The objective of the project is to develop a national community-driven development framework, based on (a) decentralization and local community empowerment, (b) a multisectoral approach combining the social and economic sectors, and (c) support to local economic development targeted to the poorest communities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88656. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). *Consultants will be required during preparation and implementation for local planning and financing, decentralization, and social infrastructure. Comité interministériel de préparation, Primature, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 889-6910, E-mail: cab.fall@primature.sn, Contact: M. Cheikh Awa Balla Fall, Conseiller technique*

Transportation

(R) Dakar-Diamniadio Toll Road: (formerly Dakar-Thiès Road). The objective of the project 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. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). *An IDA partial risk guarantee of US\$ 30.0 is planned to attract private sector involvement in private-public partnerships. Cofinancing will be required to bridge the financing gap. Consultants will be required during preparation and implementation for road studies, investment banking, and urban upgrading.* Agence Nationale 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

Urban Development

Second Urban Development and Decentralization Program: The objectives of the program are to (a) strengthen the financial and organizational management of municipalities, (b) improve infrastructure and (c) increase delivery of services in urban areas. Appraisal mission has been rescheduled to September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84022. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). Cofinancing of US\$ 20.0 is expected from the AFD. Consultants will be required during implementation for technical assistance, urban financial and technical audits, monitoring and evaluation, municipal finance, strategic urban and metropolitan planning studies, capacity building in municipal management, and environmental assessments. Agence de Développement Municipal, No. 5, Immeuble Carde Renovation, 3ème étage, BP 6783, Dakar Etoile, Senegal, Tel: (221) 849-2710, Fax: (221) 842-2576, E-mail: pacadem@sentoo.sn, Contact: Mr. Kabir Sow, Managing Director

Sierra Leone

Economic Management

(N) Fourth Economic Rehabilitation and Recovery (H169-SL): The objective of the project is to implement the country's poverty reduction strategy, consolidating core capacity-building efforts for pub-

lic resource management, building poverty-reducing capacity in sector ministries and local governments and promoting private sector development. Approved by the Executive Directors on 16 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83477. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Tel: (232-22) 228-616, Fax: (232-22) 224-274, E-mail: minfin@sierratel.sl, Contact: J. B. Dauda, Minister

Energy and Mining

(N) Bumbuna Hydroelectric Environmental and Social Management (H170-SL): The objective of the project is to generate least-cost electricity in an environmentally sustainable and efficient manner. Approved by the Executive Directors on 16 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PIDs: 86801, 86903. US\$ 12.5 (IDA Grant). Cofinancing is anticipated from Italy (US\$ 19.9), Netherlands (US\$ 0.3), AfDB (US\$ 1.9), OPEC Development Fund (US\$ 8.4) and Japan Social Development Fund (US\$ 1.9). IDA also will offer a partial risk guarantee of US\$ 38.0 on a commercial bank loan (see Guarantee Operations). A US\$ 2.0 IDA grant has financed preparation. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Power, Siaka Stevens St., Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232-22) 642-064, Fax: (232-22) 225-784, E-mail: bumpunapiu@yahoo.com, Contact: Nathaniel Vandy, Senior Manager, Electricity House

Water and Sanitation

(N) Urban Water Supply Supplemental (Cr. 27021-SL): The objective of the project is to settle outstanding obligations for contracts completed under the original Urban Water Supply project. Approved by the Executive Directors on 16 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B (for original project). PID: 2428. US\$ 3.2 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Ministerial Bldg., Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232-22) 222-211, Fax: (232-22) 228-472, E-mail: minfin@sierratel.sl, Contact: J. B. Dauda, Minister

Swaziland

Energy and Mining

Energizing Rural Transformation: The objective of the project is to expand rural and peri-urban access to electricity, telephone and internet on a commercial basis in order to enhance the climate for rural development and job creation. Appraisal was scheduled for July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77179. US\$ 20.0/3.1 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, PO Box 602, Mbabane, Swaziland, Tel: (268) 404-3765/8, Fax: (268) 404-8144, E-mail: psmepp@africa.sz, Contact: Ephraim Hlopho

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Biodiversity Conservation and Participatory Development: The objectives of the project are to conserve biodiversity and achieve sustainable economic development in two biodiversity and tourism corridors that are large enough to encompass important biological and ecological functions and to provide a critical mass of tourism attractions and opportunities for private sector investment. Appraisal was scheduled for June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 68975. US\$ 1.0/5.5 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Communication, PO Box 2652, Mbabane, Swaziland, Tel: (268) 404-6420, Fax: (268) 404-6438; Ministry of Economic Development and Planning, PO Box 602, Mbabane, Swaziland, Tel: (268) 404-3765, Fax: (268) 404-2157; Swaziland Environment Authority, PO Box 100, Lobamba, Swaziland, Tel/Fax: (268) 416-3351, E-mail: seabiodiv@realnet.co.sz, Contact: Jameson Vilakati, Director of Environment

Tanzania

Economic Management

(R) Third Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to implement the poverty reduction strategy, the aims of which are: (a) sustaining and accelerating economic growth and broadening its impact; (b) reorientating public service delivery toward a results focus; (c) enhancing public sector performance; and (d) strengthening

environmental management. *Board presentation is scheduled for 4 August 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 87256. US\$ 175.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 9111, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-1174/6, (255-22) 211-1208, Fax: (255-22) 211-0326, (255-22) 211-7790, Contact: Hon. Basil P. Mramba, Minister of Finance.

Energy and Mining

Energizing Rural Transformation: The objective of the project is to bolster incomes generated and jobs created in rural and peri-urban areas by increasing access to electricity and information and communication technology for households, enterprises and social facilities in those areas. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Minerals, Maji Bldg., Sokoine Dr. and Mwepu St., PO Box 2000, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-7156/7/8/9, (255-22) 213-1192/3/4, Fax: (255-22) 211-7790, Contact: Mr. Bashir Mrindoko, Commissioner for Energy and Petroleum

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Marine and Coastal Environmental Management: The objective of the project is to achieve sound governance of the marine and coastal environment so that the revenue base improves while the environment is protected and marine resources are brought under sustainable management. Board presentation is scheduled for 4 August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 51.0/10.0 (IDA/GEF). *A PHRD grant of US\$ 1.8 and IDA preparation advances totaling US\$ 1.0 are financing preparation.* Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, PO Box 9372, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 212-2930, Fax: (255-22) 211-0352, E-mail: nature.tourism@mnrt.org, Contact: Mr. Salmon Odunga, Permanent Secretary; Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Environment and Cooperatives, Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, PO Box 159, Zanzibar, Tanzania, Tel: (255-24) 223-2840, Fax: (255-24) 223-0290, E-mail: manrec@zanlin.com, Contact: Ms. R. Mshangama, Principal Secretary

Law and Justice

Accountability, Transparency and Integrity: The objective of the project is to improve the impact of development programs on the poor by enhancing the quality of governance. Appraisal mission is scheduled for 15 August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70544. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for studies, analysis, system design and documentation, training, document preparation, technical assistance and architectural expertise. Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Tel: (255-22) 211-1151, Fax: (255-22) 113-239; E-mail: jlegalsec@africaonline.co.tz, Contact: Mr. K. Massaba, Permanent Secretary and Deputy Attorney General

Rural Development

Agricultural Sector Development Program: The objective of the project is to provide farmers and other clients, including rural poor people and women, better access to and use of relevant agricultural knowledge and technologies, which, through sustained partnerships with service providers, will enhance their productivity and profitability. Preappraisal is under way. Decision meeting was scheduled for 12 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Food Securities, PO Box 9192, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-24) 286-1345, Fax: (255-24) 286-1344, Contact: Mr. C. Nyakimori, Project Coordinator

Togo

Energy and Mining

Energy Sector Investment (Fifth Power): The objectives of the project are to (a) privatize energy distribution, (b) reinforce and expand the transmission and distribution systems, and (c) create an environment for private sector power generation. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 41277. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for (a) institutional reinforcement and engineering and preparation of bid documents; and (b) technical assis-

tance. Togo Electricité, 426 Ave. du Golfe, BP 42, Lomé, Togo, Tel: (228) 221-2744, Fax: (228) 221-6498, Contact: M. Marc Ducommun-Ricoux, Directeur Général; Communauté Electrique du Bénin, Rue de la Kozah, BP 1368, Lomé, Togo, Tel: (228) 221-5796, Fax: (228) 221-3764, Contact: M. Cyr M'Po Kouagou, Directeur Général

Health, Nutrition and Population

HIV/AIDS Emergency Response: The objective of the project is to build up effective activities in the prevention of HIV infection and care of people living with AIDS. Appraisal is scheduled for August 2005. 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 - NACC), 01 BP 2237, Lomé, Togo, Tel: (228) 262-717, Fax: (228) 218-941, Contact: Dr. Abi Tchao Tagba, Permanent Secretary

Uganda

Education

Millennium Science Institute: The objective of the project is to increase the quantity, quality, and relevance of scientific and technological skills produced. Appraisal mission was scheduled for July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. National Council for Science and Technology, Uganda House, 11th Floor, PO Box 6884, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 250-449, Fax: (256-41) 234-579, E-mail: uncast@starcom.co.ug, Contact: Dr. Z. Nyiira, Executive Secretary.

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Fifth Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to implement the revised Poverty Eradication Action Plan. Appraisal was scheduled for 15 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Office of the Prime Minister, Post Office Bldg., Yusuf Lule Rd., PO Box 341, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 232-575, Fax: (256-41) 341-139, Contact: Mr. Martin Odwedo, Permanent Secretary

Law and Justice

Public Service Performance: The objective of the project is to enhance the capacity and performance of public entities to deliver services effectively and efficiently at levels consistent with raising and sustaining the growth, diversification and modernization of the economy and with the government's poverty reduction targets. Appraisal mission is scheduled for 8 August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 50440. US\$ 70.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for (a) capacity building and training, (b) good governance, (c) human resources development, and (d) management and public service reform. Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, PO Box 7096, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 230-290, Fax: (256-41) 230-891, E-mail: mkeith@infocom.co.ug, Contact: Mr. Keith Muhakanizi, Director

Transportation

Kampala Institutional and Infrastructure: The objective of the project 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. Appraisal is scheduled for April 2006. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 30.0 (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

Zambia

Economic Management

Second Economic Management and Growth: The objective of the project is to implement policy and institution reforms outlined in the poverty reduction strategy. Project is being identified. Appraisal is scheduled for December 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Energy and Mining

Increased Access to Electricity and ICT Services: The objective of the project is to expand access to electricity, telephone and internet services in rural areas. Preparations were under way for a workshop on public-private partnerships for increasing access to electricity services. The workshop was being organized by the Zambia business forum. Appraisal mission is scheduled for 30 November 2005. 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, 252-339, E-mail: doe@zament.zm, Contact: W. Serenje, Director, Department of Energy

Public Sector Governance

Second Public Sector Management Program: The objective of the project is to improve budget management and the accountability of public servants when undertaking expenditures through better tracking, accounting and reporting and to build the capacities of ministries to manage their own procurement. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 82452. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Rural Development

Agricultural Development Support: The objective of the project is to improve the productivity of small farmers by building capacity of agricultural infrastructure and institutions, particularly making extension services stronger and agricultural research more competitive and results-oriented. Appraisal mission is scheduled for 15 October 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70063. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Mulungushi House, Independence Ave., PO Box 50197, Lusaka, Zambia, Tel: (260-1) 253-933, Fax: (260-1) 253-532, Contact: Mr. N.J. Kwendakwema, Permanent Secretary

Transportation

(R) Emergency Bridge Rehabilitation: The objective of the project is to reinstate river crossings to those parts of the country that were negatively affected by the floods of recent years. Project Concept Note completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93611 US\$ 160.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Communications and Transport, Roads Development Agency, Lusaka, Zambia, Tel: (260-1) 251-728; Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Lusaka, Zambia, Contact: Dr. Situmbeko Musokotwane, Secretary to the Treasury

Water and Sanitation

Support to Water Reform: The objective of the project is to ensure that water sector resources are effectively and efficiently used to contribute to poverty reduction. Appraisal mission is scheduled for August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71259. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Local Government and Housing, Tel: (260-1) 253-643, (260-1) 250-345, Fax: (260-1) 252-204; Ministry of Energy and Water Development; Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company; other utilities in Lusaka and Copperbelt Provinces

Zimbabwe

Health, Nutrition and Population

AIDS: The objective of the project is to scale up and accelerate the national response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Negotiations will proceed once suspension of disbursements is lifted. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70186. US\$ 54.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. National AIDS Council, 18 Lanark Rd., Belgravia, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 791-171/172/178, (263-4) 791-152 (direct line), Fax: (263-4) 703-682, (263-4) 728-998, E-mail: secretariat@nac.co.zw, Contact: Dr. Everisto Marowa, Executive Director

National Health Strategy Support: The objectives of the project are to (a) decentralize the health sector, (b) facilitate a public/private mix of health financing, (c) provide drugs and medical supplies, and (d) improve preventive and curative care for reproductive health. Pro-

ject preparation is on hold due to the country situation. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 3325. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health and Child Welfare, 14th Floor, Kaguvi Bldg., 4th St./Central Av., Causeway, PO Box CY 1122, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 727-951, Fax: (263-4) 702-293, E-mail: pmufhpii@healthnet.zw, Contact: Dr. D. Dhlakama, Director, Technical Support Unit

Law and Justice

Enhanced Social Protection: The objective of the project is to provide social protection to groups most vulnerable to the impact of the economic and social crisis. Appraisal completed. Negotiations will proceed once suspension of disbursements is lifted. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 68947. US\$ 101.2 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Social Development Fund, Ministry of Public Service, Labor and Social Welfare, Private Bag 7707 Causeway, Harare or 6th Floor, Compensation House 4th St., Central Ave., Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 790-871/9, Fax: (263-4) 794-568, E-mail: mhishi@sdf.org.zw, Contact: Mr. Sidney Mhishi, Director

Local Government and Development: The project will provide infrastructure financing and capacity building support for local governments, including urban and rural district councils. Board presentation is on hold due to the country situation. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 3306. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be required. Ministry of Local Government and National Housing, Private Bag 7706, Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 790-601, Fax: (263-4) 708-943, Contact: Mr. S. Chakaipa, Deputy Secretary

Transportation

Railways Restructuring: The objective of the project is to complete the restructuring and privatization of the railway system. Project preparation is on hold due to the country situation. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 57096. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. National Railways of Zimbabwe, PO Box 596, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 363-838, Fax: (263-4) 363-502, Contact: Mr. Patrick Bondai, Director of Finance

Road Maintenance and Reform: The objective of the project is to strengthen the government's ability to rehabilitate and maintain its roads through coordinated sector development plans, policy and institutional reforms, improved programming of rehabilitation and maintenance, private sector participation and human resource development. Negotiations are on hold. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 40634. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport and Energy, Department of Roads, PO Box CY595 Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 700-991 Ext. 229, Fax: (263-4) 700-817, Contact: Mr. Nelson Kudenga, Director of Roads

Ministry of Commerce, 20 A and B Norodom Blvd., Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 366-874, Fax: (855-23) 426-396, E-mail: sithanundermc@bigpond.com.kh, Contact: H.E. Kem Sitham, Secretary of State

Public Sector Governance

(R) Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to support key policy measures of the government's National Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (NPRS), which was completed in December 2003. The project aims at helping reduce poverty by (a) enhancing the effectiveness of public sector management, in particular in the areas of expenditure, civil service reform; (b) improving the environment for private sector development, including promoting trade and investment; and (c) promoting pro-poor sectoral policy actions, with the focus on health, education, transport and rural development, specifically land reform. *Regional Operational Committee is schedule for September 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, St. 92 Sangkat Wat Phnom, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855) 1286-1355, Fax: (855) 2342-87798, E-mail: ferp-mefwbd@camnet.com.kh, Contact: Mr. Thao Sokmuny, Chief, World Bank Division

(R) Public Financial Management: The project will improve the credibility of the budget, enhance accountability of budget managers, and strengthen the linkage between pro-poor policy and budgets. *Concept review was scheduled for July 2005. Decision meeting is scheduled for September 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, No. 60, Daun Penh (St. 92), Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 428-960, Fax: (855-23) 427-298/430-960, E-mail: mefcg@hotmail.com, Contact: Dr. Aun Porn Moniroth, Secretary General

Rural Development

Land Allocation for Social and Economic Development: The objective of the project is to transfer good quality agricultural land to poor, landless farmers for social and economic development. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Land Management and Administration, 771 Monivong Blvd., Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel/Fax: (855-23) 211-354, E-mail: lmap@camnet.comkh, Contact: Mr. Sar Sovann, Project Director

China

Economic Management

Economic Reform Implementation: The objective of the project is to promote China's economic reform and development by providing technical assistance for implementing agreed reform strategies. Appraisal was scheduled for July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85124. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Sanlihe, Xicheng District, Beijing, China 100820, Tel: (86-10) 6855-1208, Fax: (86-10) 6855-1125, E-mail: fy.liu@mof.gov.cn, Contact: Ms. Liu Fangyu, Director of Technical Assistance Division

Energy and Mining

(R) Heat Reform and Building Energy Efficiency: The objective of the project is to achieve in eight years a combination of heat reform and energy efficiency measures to be implemented by municipalities, but with the central government as the overall counterpart. *Grant Agreement was signed on 24 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 72721. US\$18.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Construction, Bai Wan Zhuang, Beijing, China 100835, Fax: (86-10) 6839-4530, Contact: Mr. Wu Yong, Deputy Director, Department of Science and Technology

(R) Renewable Energy Scale-up Program (Ln. 4792-CHA): The objective of the project is to enable commercial renewable electricity suppliers to provide energy to customers efficiently, cost-effectively and on a large scale. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 16 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 67828. US\$ 87.0/40.2 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants have been hired, financed by GEF and

East Asia and Pacific

Cambodia

Education

Education Sector Support: The objective of the project is to expand access to and improve the quality of basic education. Approved by the Executive Directors on 12 May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70668. US\$ 8.0/20.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport, 80 Norodom Blvd. (cnr. St. 310), Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 210-349, Fax: (855-23) 210-349, Contact: H.E. Pok Than, Sethy, Secretary of State

Private Sector Development

(R) Trade Facilitation and Competitiveness (H165-KH): The objective of the project is to promote external trade and enhance the competitive appeal of the country's products in world markets. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 2 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89196. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). *Consultants are required.*

PHRD preparatory grants. China/WB/GEF Renewable Energy Scale-up Program Project Management Office, B1718 Guohong Mansion, Muxidi Beilijia 11, Xicheng Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 6390-8566, Fax: (86-10) 6390-8568, E-mail: Zhoufq@public3.bta.net.cn, Contact: Mr. Zhou Fengqi, Director

Yantai Integrated Gasification and Combined Cycle: The objective of the project is to develop a long-term strategy to gradually achieve zero-CO2 emissions from coal-fired power generation by constructing, commissioning, operating, demonstrating and replicating a green-field 300-400 MW IGCC plant at Yantai, Shandong Province. Project preparation was delayed due to procurement matters that were not yet approved by the government. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 71439. US\$15.0-18.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. State Grid Corporation of China, 86 Xi Chang'an Ave., Beijing, China, Fax: (86-10) 6659-8592, Contact: Mr. Lu Jianping, Deputy Director General, Investment and Financing

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Demonstration of Alternatives to Chlordane and Mirex in Termite Control: The objective of the project is to introduce, first through a demonstration and later on a broader scale, alternative termite control practices to those that threaten human health and the environment. *Project was approved for GEF work-program entry on 6 June 2005. Negotiations are scheduled for late September/October 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82992. US\$ 15.6 (GEF). Cofinancing is expected from bilateral donors. Consultants have been identified. State Environmental Protection Administration, 115 Xizhimennei Nanxiaojie, Beijing 100035 China, Tel: (86-10) 6615-3366, Fax: (86-10) 6615-1776, E-mail: luogl@svr1-pek.unep.net, zhangqf@svr1-pek.unep.net, Contact: Mr. Gaolai Luo, Deputy Director General, FECO

(R) Demonstration of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) Management and Disposal: The objective of the project is to reduce and remove threats to human health and the environment posed by Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) by demonstrating how to recover PCBs from unsafe temporary storage sites and dispose of them safely. *Negotiations are scheduled for September/October 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82993. US\$ 18.3 (GEF). Cofinancing is expected from country contributions and bilateral donors. Consultants have been identified. State Environmental Protection Administration, 115 Xizhimennei Nanxiaojie, Beijing 200035 China, Tel: (86-10) 6115-3366/1775, Fax: (86-10) 6615-1776, E-mail: luogl@svr1-pek.unep.net, zhangqf@svr1-pek.unep.net, Contact: Mr. Gaolai Luo, Deputy Director General, FECO

Health, Nutrition and Population

Rural Health: The objective of the project is to reform health care systems in selected poor rural provinces and address regional inequalities. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (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

Young Farmer Training: The project aims at developing a coherent policy framework and institutional structure for training and labor market interventions. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 165.0 (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. Wang Aiwen, Deputy Director General

Rural Development

(R) Third Irrigated Agriculture Intensification: The objectives of the project are to help raise agricultural output and farm income in the 3-H Basin through environmentally sustainable, modern irrigated agriculture based on improved water/agriculture productivity, and to facilitate farmer adjustment to increased market competition and integration with the global economy after WTO accession. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for 11 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84742. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. State Office for Comprehensive Agricultural Development, 100026 Fulu Mansion, Fengtai District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-

10) 6855-3318, Fax: (86-10) 6855-3312, E-mail: luoluyong@126.com, Contact: Mr. Luo Luyong, Director

Agricultural Technology (Ln. 4773-CHA): The objective of the project is to raise rural incomes in selected areas by supporting the restructuring and modernizing of agricultural production, processing and marketing, using viable scientific and technical models, and a sustainable and efficient use of natural resources. Approved by the Executive Directors on 28 April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 69862. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Limited international/national consulting services will be required for preparation. State Office of Comprehensive Agriculture Development, 100026 Fulu Mansion, Fengtai District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8891-0024, Fax: (86-10) 8891-0023, E-mail: lluo@socad.org, Contact: Mr. Luo Luyong, Division Chief, Foreign Funding Division

Changjiang Pearl River Watershed Rehabilitation: The objective of the project is to create and promote an integrated model of sustainable rural development in the poor and highly degraded watersheds of Southern China. Appraisal mission is tentatively scheduled for October 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81255. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Water Resources, No. 2, Baiguanglu Ertiao, Xuanwu District, Beijing 100053 China, Tel: (86-10) 6320-2365, Fax: (86-10) 6320-2361, E-mail: wangjs@mwr.gov.cn, Contact: Ms. Wang Jinsu, Project Officer, Department of International Cooperation and Science

Guangxi Integrated Forestry Development and Conservation: The objective of the project is to sustainably manage forest resources and conserve biodiversity in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 107.0 (IBRD/GEF/CBF). Consultants will be required for afforestation technical support, nature reserve management, a biocarbon program, and watershed management. Forestry Department, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, No. 133, Qixing St., Nanning City 530022 China, Tel: (86-0771) 280-9558, Fax: (86-0771) 280-9558, E-mail: uffo@public.nn.gx.cn, Contact: Mr. Li Fufu, Director, World Bank Project Office

Heilongjiang Dairy: The objective of the project is to improve the financial viability of existing and new dairy operations in selected areas of Heilongjiang. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86629. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services may be required for implementation. Heilongjiang Province Agriculture World Bank Project Management Office, 202 Zhongshan Rd., Nangang District, Harbin 150001 China, Fax: (86-451) 263-2146, Contact: Mr. Liu Guicheng, Director

Poor Rural Communities Development: The objective of the project is to reduce poverty in Western China through a participatory and multisectoral attack on absolute poverty in an extremely resource-deficient area covering the worst affected upland areas of several inland provinces. Poor rural communities would design and implement activities to improve agricultural productivity and access to infrastructure and social services in the poorest communities of Guangxi, Yunnan, and Sichuan Provinces. Board presentation was scheduled for 21 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71094. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Limited international consulting services will be required. Leading Group for Poverty Alleviation, Foreign Capital Project Management Office, 3rd Floor, South Bldg., Shuang Yu Shu Xi Li No. 36, Haidian District, Beijing, China 100086, Tel: (86-10) 8261-7155, Fax: (86-10) 8261-7165, Contact: Mr. Qu Qingping, Deputy Director, FCPNC Liaison Officer

Transportation

(R) Fujian Highway Sector Investment: The objectives of the project are to (a) rehabilitate, upgrade and maintain the *rural roads* network, (b) construct 195 km of expressway from Yongna to Wuping, and (c) *improve the planning, management of the highway administration.* Identification mission is completed. *Preparation under way.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for civil works design review and construction supervision. 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@fjzt.gov.cn, Contact: Mr. Xu Gang, Director; Ms. Xu Ying, Deputy Director; Mr. Wu Dayuan, Deputy Director, Expressway Construction Directorate

(R) Fuzhou Nantai Peri-Urban Development: The objective of the project is to assist Fuzhou city development as it expands to include Nantai Island by: (a) financing transport and associated infrastructure to facilitate development of existing peri-urban land in Nantai Island; and (b) assisting the city in developing a strategy that promotes fiscally, socially and environmentally sustainable development of the island. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for *early July 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 70519. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). No grant funds are available for preparation. Fuzhou municipal government has hired a variety of domestic design institutes to provide consultants for preparation. Key Project Office, Fuzhou Development and Planning Commission, No. 21, Douxi Rd., Fuzhou City 350005 China, Tel: (86-591) 8332-7968, Fax: (86-591) 8334-6094, E-mail: fzpmo@126.com, Contact: Mr. Wang Congshen, Director-General

(R) Inner Mongolia Transport and Trade Facilitation: The objectives of the project are to: (a) construct a 250-km highway connecting Manzhouli and Yakeshi; (b) operate a rural roads maintenance program and (c) improve highway safety. *The loan was signed on 18 May 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 68752. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for construction supervision, technical studies and training. Inner Mongolia Communication Department, No. 68 Saihan District, Dizhiju South St., Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, China, Tel: (471) 696-8813, Fax: (471) 696-7588, Contact: Mr. Bao Jianshi, Deputy Director

(R) Shaanxi Ankang Road Development : (formerly Third Shaanxi Highway) The objective of the project is to *enhance transport conditions and accessibility in the Ankang region of the Shaanxi Province. The project includes: (a) construction of an expressway connecting Ankang City with the Shaanxi-Sichuan border; (b) the improvement of provincial/country/rural roads in the Ankang region; and (c) institutional strengthening actions to enhance the capacity of the Shaanxi Providence.* Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 350.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for review of designs of civil works and construction supervision. Shaanxi Provincial Transport Department, Youyi West Rd. No. 300, Xian, Shaanxi 710068 China, Tel/Fax: (86-29) 8523-3105, Contact: Mr. Jiao Fangqun, Deputy Director

(R) Third Jiangxi Highway: The objective of the project is to construct an expressway from Ruijin, via Huichang, Yudou, Ganzhou to Ganzhou City. *Preparation mission is in the field.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 93906. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants are required for preparation, including one highway engineer and one environmental consultant. Jiangxi Provincial Communications Department, 3rd Floor, Fangzong Bldg., 508 Hongcheng Rd., Nanchang, Jiangxi 330025 China, Tel: (86-791) 624-3260, Fax: (86-791) 628-1344, E-mail: chenhm@jxjt.gov.cn, Contact: Mr. Wu Shaoming, Director, World Bank Loan Project Office

Fifth Inland Waterways: The objectives of the project are to provide (a) cost-effective, predictable, and increased transport capacity for waterway users along the Han River; and (b) sustainable hydropower and water resources for the Xiangfan City Area and the Tondong Farmland Region. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 85333. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required to assist the institutional strengthening of the implementing agency. Hubei Provincial Communications Department, No. 428 Jianshe Ave., Hankou, Wuhan 430030 China, Tel: (86-27) 8346-0753, Fax: (86-27) 8386-0754, Contact: Mr. Wang Yanghong, Deputy Director, Project Management Office

Third National Railways: The objective of the project is to expand capacity to transport passengers and freight to and from Yunnan by realigning the railroad tracks to allow higher speeds, double-tracking the remaining single track sections between Liupanshui and Zhanyi, and remodeling the Liupanshui terminal area. Preparation mission was scheduled for July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 86515. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Technical assistance and need for consultants will be defined by appraisal, likely to involve technology transfer and strengthening management system. Ministry of Railways

(Foreign Capital and Technical Import Center), No. 10, Fuxing Rd., Beijing 100844 China, Tel: (86-10) 5184-1825, Fax: (86-10) 5184-1845, Contact: Mr. Chen Juemin, Deputy Director-General

Urban Development

(N) Gansu Cultural Heritage Infrastructure and Management: The project objective is to contribute to economic development and poverty alleviation in Gansu Province by supporting sustainable development of the provincial tourism sector through (a) establishing a province-wide tourism strategy and management system to develop, protect and promote cultural, natural and ethnic tourism resources in the province, and (b) investing in environmental management and strategic infrastructure at key tourism sites in the province. The project components will be located in several cities within Gansu Province. Identification is under way. Identification mission is scheduled for 25 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Application for PHRD grant for project preparation has been submitted. Gansu Provincial Tourism Administration, 2 Nongmin Lane, Lanzhou, Gansu Province, 730000, China, Tel: (86-931) 841-1228, Fax: (86-931) 8873-3091, Contact: Mr. Hao Hua, Vice-Director

(R) Chongqing Small Cities Infrastructure Improvement: The objective of the project is to *support emerging small cities to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of infrastructure service delivery, to accommodate rapid urban growth.* Board presentation was scheduled for 21 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 190.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Chongqing Project Management Office, 14/F Sun of Asia Mansion, 248 Renmin Rd., Chongqing 400014 China, Tel: (86-23) 6387-7677, Fax: (86-23) 6387-7822, E-mail: cmgpmo@public.cta.cq.cn, Contact: Mr. Zhou Linjun, Director

(R) Ningbo Water and Environment (Ln. 4770-CHA): The objective of the project is to expand water and wastewater services in the Ningbo metropolitan area and thereby protect public health, improve the environment, and sustain the area's rapid economic growth. *The loan was signed on 6 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 86505. US\$ 130.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for: (a) design review and construction management; (b) business management for a water and wastewater company; (c) a utility regulatory study; and (d) urban water supply master plan study. Ningbo Water and Environment, World Bank Project Management Office, 1509/R, 15F, Tianning Tower, 138 West Zhongshan Rd., Ningbo, China, Tel: (86-574) 8728-0409, Fax: (86-574) 8728-0430, E-mail: xuxu1411@163.com, zhibo@nbnet.com.cn, Contacts: Ms. Xu Xu, Vice Director, Mr. Zhibo Li, Deputy Division Chief

(R) Shanghai Urban Environment (APL 2): The objective of the project is to improve environmental conditions in Shanghai by progressive development and implementation of integrated, metropolitan-wide measures. *Board presentation was scheduled for 30 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 75732. US\$ 180.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for construction supervision, technical studies and training. Shanghai Development and Reform Commission, 200 Ren Min Da Dao, Shanghai 200003 China, Tel: (86-21) 6321 2810, Fax: (86-21) 6358-5227, Contact: Mr. Qiu Wenjin, Deputy Director, Department of Foreign Capital Development

(R) Sichuan Urban Development: This objective of the project is to resolve water, sewer, transport, and other infrastructure deficiencies and bottlenecks, including in new development areas, that constrain increased economic activity and environmental progress in Mianyang, Panzhihua, Suining and Yibin. Project preparation is under way. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for 15 August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 190.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Sichuan Urban Environment Project Office, 10th Floor Nongzi Bldg., No. 10 East Jinli Rd., Qingyang District, Chengdu 610041 China, Tel: (86-28) 8512-8880, Fax: (86-28) 8612-9043, Contact: Mr. Shi Yi, Vice Director

Second Guangdong Pearl River Delta Urban Environment: The objectives of the project are to provide a safe environment setting for long-term local economic growth to contribute to environmental pollution control and water resources preservation through sanitation and flood control investments. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for 15 September 2006. Environmental Assessment Category A.

PID: 87273. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultant Trust Funds have been mobilized to review some part of the feasibility study and to review urban service improvement and heritage program. The Guangdong Province has already mobilized an international consultant to assist with the counterpart project preparation. Technical assistance for implementation is to be determined at a later stage. Shenzhen Municipal Government, Shenzhen Water Resources Bureau, 3rd Fl. Hongtao Bldg., Nol. 2 BaoAn Rd. Shenzhen 518008, Tel: (86-755) 2559 3766, Fax: (86-755) 2559 3447, Contact: Mr. Chen Jie, Deputy Director

Water and Sanitation

(R) Liuzhou Environment Management (Ln. 4781-CHA): The objectives of the project are to (a) improve community sanitation by investing in solid waste and public toilet facilities, and (b) improve water quality in Liuzhou's Liujiang river. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 81346. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Retroactive financing of about US\$ 2.4 is expected for urgent work (JILAN cross river siphon). *Consultants have already been selected.* Liuzhou Construction Investment and Development Co., Ltd., Middle Tanzhong Rd., Liuzhou Guangxi 545001 China, Tel: (772) 283-0681, Fax: (772) 283-0681, E-mail: zjndaniel@163.com, Contact: Mr. Yang Geng, Vice General Manager

Henan Towns Water Supply and Sanitation: The objectives of the project are to (a) develop sustainable water supply and wastewater management systems in key towns of Henan, (b) improve living conditions and support growth of the towns, and (c) establish a model for developing water supply and wastewater management systems elsewhere. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for capacity building, implementation support and policy support. Province of Henan, PO Box 450008, World Bank Project Management Office, Henan Finance Bureau, No. 27, Jing San Rd., Zhengzhou, Henan Province, China, Tel: (86-371) 580-8032, Fax: (86-371) 571-0590, E-mail: yangl901@sohu.com, Contact: Mr. Yang Liu, Deputy Director

Indonesia

Education

(R) Managing Higher Education for Relevance and Efficiency (Ln. 4789-IND, Cr. 4077-IND): The objective of the project is to create an enabling environment for the evolution of autonomous and accountable public higher education institutions, and to develop effective support mechanisms for the improvement of the quality, relevance, efficiency, and equity of higher education. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85374. US\$ 50.0/30.0 (IBRD/IDA). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of National Education, Directorate General of Higher Education, Jl. Jend. Sudirman, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel/Fax: (62-21) 572-5061, E-mail: satrio1@indo.net.id, Contact: Prof. Dr. Satrio Brodjonegoro, Director General of Higher Education, Ministry of National Education

Non-Formal Early Childhood Development: The project aims at building a coherent policy framework and institutional support to increase access to early childhood development services, particularly for the poor, and to improve children's readiness for primary schooling. Project appraisal is scheduled for February 2006. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 68.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of National Education, Jl. Jenderal Sudirman, Senayan, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 572-5613, Fax: (62-21) 572-5057/8, Contact: Dr. Fasli Jalal, Ph.D., Director General of Non-Formal Education and Youth

Energy and Mining

(R) Domestic Gas Sector Restructuring: The project aims at supporting the government's reform program for the domestic gas sector by providing financing for expansion of gas distribution on West Java. *Technical discussions completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 12 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 77175. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. PT. PGN Persero, Jl. K.H. Zainul Arifin No. 20, Jakarta 11140, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 633-9525, Fax: (62-21) 633-1304, E-mail: adilabas@pgn.co.id, Contact: Adil Abas, Development Director

Health, Nutrition and Population

Provincial Health and Nutrition: The project aims at improving priority health outcomes through effective and sustainable health sector reforms, with a focus on nutrition. Preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 75.0 (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, Contact: Mr. Syafi Ahmad, Secretary General, Ministry of Health

Public Sector Governance

(R) Initiatives for Local Governance Reform Ln. 4790-IND, Cr. 4078-IND): The objective of the project is to reform local governing institutions so that there is a district-level system of checks and balances, increasing accountability and transparency. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76174. US\$ 14.5/15.0 (IBRD/IDA). *PHRD and DFID grants totalling US\$ 4.1 have been provided for preparation.* Consultants have completed project preparation financed by PHRD and a DFID grants. Ministry for National Development and Planning, Bappenas & Moha, Jl. Taman Suropati No. 2, Tel/Fax: (62-21) 334-195, 335-289, Contact: Max Pohan, Director, Regional Autonomy Development

Rural Development

(N) Marginal Fishing Communities Development: The objective of the project is to improve the management of coastal ecosystems so that their productive capacity is maximized for the benefit of those dependent on them for their livelihoods. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD/IDA/GEF). Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Jl. Medan Merdeka Timur No. 16, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 351-9070, Fax: (62-21) 352-2560, Contact: Ir. Wahyuningsih Darajati, Director for Marine and Fisheries

(R) Water Resources and Irrigation Sector Management (Ln. 4711-IND, Cr. 3807-IND): The objectives of the project are to (a) develop and build the capacity of Irrigation Water User Associations and District Irrigation Agencies; (b) establish local Irrigation Improvement Funds for irrigation facilities and for rehabilitation and completion of canals for irrigation schemes; (c) support an irrigation and agricultural extension program; (d) build the capacity of River Basin Management Units; and (e) finance river improvement work. The loan and credit were scheduled to be signed on 22 June 2005. The signing was reported earlier in error as occurring on 18 April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 59931. US\$ 45.0/25.1 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants for preparation have been selected and negotiations are in progress. Directorate General for Water Resources, Ministry of Settlement and Regional Infrastructure, Pattimura 20, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 739-3006, Contact: Jl. Ir. Sri Nurumi, Director; Ministry of Home Affairs and National Planning Agency, Directorate Technical Guidance, Ministry of Settlement and Regional Infrastructure

Farmers Empowerment through Agricultural Technology and Information: The objective of the project is to increase agricultural productivity and farmers' income in selected districts by empowering and organizing farmers, particularly smallholders, to drive the agricultural services agenda and improve their access to technical and market information, by promoting partnerships and improving the delivery of research and extension services. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83742. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD/IDA). BCEOM/PT Amurwa have been selected as the consultants for the main feasibility study, and PT Intersys will carry out the social and environmental assessment. Ministry of Agriculture, Jl. Harsono RM. No. 3, Bldg. A, Pasar Minggu, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 780-4427, Contact: Dr. Memed Gunawan, Secretary General

Marginal Fishing Communities Development: The objective of the project is to improve the management of coastal ecosystems so that their productive capacity is maximized for the benefit of those dependent on them for their livelihoods. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD/IDA/GEF). Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Jl. Medan Merdeka Timur No. 16, Jakarta, In-

onesia, Tel: (62-21) 351-9070, Fax: (62-21) 352-2560, Contact: Ir. Wahyuningsih Darajati, Director for Marine and Fisheries

Sustaining Microfinance: The project will provide capacity building to the community-managed microfinance units (CMFUs) and participating banks (PFIs) that are accredited based on eligibility criteria, and promote links among them to increase outreach to rural areas. The project will also provide a line of credit to eligible private financial institutions to be onlent directly to borrowers and to PFIs. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD/IDA). Feasibility study is under way. The social/environmental impact assessment consultants have submitted their report. PHRD grant is being used by the government. Ministry of Finance/Commercial Bank/Ministry of Home Affairs, Bldg. A, 5th Floor, Jl. Dr. Wahidin No. 1, Jakarta 10710 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 384-8305, Fax: (62-21) 384-7473, E-mail: sbguritno@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Sri Bagus Guritno, Head of Section Investment for Banking Sector, Directorate of Onlending Management

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Support for Poor and Disadvantaged Areas (Ln. 4788-IND, Cr. 4076-IND): The objective of the project is to facilitate transition to longer-term development in post-conflict areas by (a) strengthening community-led planning and dispute resolution processes; (b) promoting private investment and job creation; and (c) increasing utilization of effective education and health services. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78070. US\$ 69.0/35.0 (IBRD/IDA). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.5 was provided for preparation. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Disadvantaged Areas, Jl. Abdul Muis 7, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-816) 351-8783, Fax: (62-21) 352-4043, E-mail: twiranto@dnet.com. Contact: Mr. Syaifulh Yusuf, Director

(R) Third Kecamatan Development, Phase 2 Ln. 4771-IND, Cr. 4045-IND): The objectives of the project are to reduce poverty and strengthen community participation in development. *Loan signing was scheduled for July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 92019. US\$ 80.0/80.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required and have been identified. Ministry of Home Affairs, Director General of Community and Village Empowerment, Jl. Raya Pasar Minggu KM 19, Pasar Minggu, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 7919-1684, Fax: (62-21) 7919-6118, E-mail: joseph_bw@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Bitu Wikantosa, SS, Project Manager

Transportation

(R) Marine Electronic Highway Demonstration: The objective of the project is to demonstrate the feasibility of implementing a Marine Electronic Highway (MEH) in the Singapore and Malacca straits. The project will constitute a first stage of the MEH whose goals are to improve navigational efficiency, reduce the risk of environmental damage, and increase the sustainability of coastal and marine protection measures. Project preparation is under way. Decision review *meeting was tentatively scheduled for late June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 68133. US\$ 8.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. International Maritime Organization, 4 Albert Embankment, London SE1 7SR United Kingdom, Tel: (44-207) 587-3210, Fax: (44-207) 587-3119, E-mail: info@imo.org, Contact: Jean-Claude Sainlos, Director, Marine Environment Division

(R) National Roads Infrastructure: The objective of the project is to improve the conditions and increase the capacity of inter-urban and urban national roads nationwide with emphasis on provincial and non-status roads recently reclassified as national, and in the process reduce corruption, improve construction quality and upgrade road sector staff capacity. Concept review *meeting was scheduled for late June 2005.* 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: Mr. Machfudz Madjid, Director of Technical Affairs, Directorate General of Highways

Strategic Roads Infrastructure: The objective of the project is to provide improved road conditions and capacity along key traffic corridors to support economic growth. Project preparation is under way. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for October 2005. Environmental Assessment

Category A. US\$ 255.0 (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. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Jakarta Selatan 12110 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 720-0281, 727-6581, Fax: (62-21) 720-1760, 727-9232, Contacts: Mr. Machfudz Madjid, Director of Technical Affairs, (Inter-urban), Mr. Herman Darmansyah, Technical Affairs (Urban and Rural Roads) Directorate General of Highways

Urban Development

(R) East Java Regional Development and Reform Program: The objective of the project is to provide loans and technical assistance to improve long-term regional economic development in East Java. Preappraisal is scheduled for October 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 84090. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). A consultant has been hired, financed by a PHRD grant, and additional consultants are required for implementation. East Java Provincial Government, Jl. Pahlawan No. 108-110, Surabaya, Indonesia, Tel: (62-31) 353-3877/75, Fax: (62-31) 353-3877/75, E-mail: didiekh@rad.net.id, Contact: Mr. Hadi Prasetyo, Head of Bappeda East Java Province

(R) Third Water Supply and Sanitation for Low-Income Communities: The project will build on the achievements of the two preceding projects and focus on the kabupatens in the eastern part of the country farthest from achieving the Millennium Development Goals for water supply and sanitation. Appraisal is scheduled for *March 2006.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health Directorate General for Communicable Disease Control and Environment, Jl. Percetakan Negara No. 29, PO Box 223, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 420-9930, Fax: (62-21) 420-7807, E-mail: ppmplp@cbn.net.id, Contact: Professor Dr. Umar Fahmi Ahmadi, Director General for Communicable Disease Control and Environment

(R) Urban Sector Development and Reform (Ln. 4786-IND): The objective of the project is to make urban local governments more efficient and effective in meeting the needs of their citizens in the context of the new decentralization laws. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 71296. US\$ 45.0 (IBRD). A PHRD grant of US\$ 1.2 has been used for preparation. Another PHRD grant of US\$ 5.0 has been provided as cofinancing for capacity building. Consultants are required. Ministry of Settlement and Regional Development, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 712-805, Fax: (62-21) 739-2563, Contact: H.E. Ir. Bambang Goeritno, Minister of Settlement & Regional Infrastructure

(R) Urban Water and Sanitation Improvement and Expansion: The objective of the project is to improve and expand the delivery of water supply and sanitation services by strengthening the local provision of those services in an operationally efficient and financially sustainable manner. A second objective is to scale up sanitation services by pilot-testing SANIMAS approach to service larger community areas in the three urban centers. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for *late June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84872. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be needed for implementation of study and detail design. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 727-96155/58, Fax: (62-21) 727-96155, E-mail: patana@kimpraswil.go.id, Contact: Mr. Patana Rantetoding, Director General of Urban and Rural Development

(R) Western Java Environment Management APL 2: The objectives of the project are to (a) strengthen the institutional and community capacity of local governments and groups to implement environmental waste management programs, (b) construct waste management and drainage/flood control projects and facilities, (c) assist two new waste management corporations effectively to manage related programs through capacity building and technical assistance, and (d) support community and commercial *environmental management, including* composting. Preappraisal is scheduled for August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 65.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Senopati No. 38, Jakarta 12110 Indonesia, Tel: (021) 726 0669, Fax: (021) 726-1935,

E-mail: noeradhi@wjemp.com, Contact: Ir. Noeradhi Iskandar, Head, Central Program Support Unit

Third Urban Poverty (Ln. 4779-IND, Cr. 4063-IND): The objective of the project is to improve services to the urban poor by: (a) establishing or supporting representative and accountable community organizations that are able to increase the voice of the poor in public decision making; (b) making local governments more responsive to the needs of the poor through increased cooperation with community organizations; and (c) providing funds transparently to community-based organizations and local governments to provide services to the urban poor. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 May 2005. Loan and credit signing were scheduled for 15 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84583. US\$ 67.3/71.4 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants are being hired. Ministry of Public Works, Jl Pattimura No. 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta Selatan 12110 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 723-2373, Fax: (62-21) 723-2373, Contact: Dr. Ir. Syarifuddin Akil, Director General of Human Settlements

Water and Sanitation

Urban Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective of the project is to improve water supply services by strengthening local water utilities to become operationally efficient and financially sustainable. Appraisal mission is scheduled for December 2005. 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. Patana Rantetoding, Director General, Directorate General of Urban and Rural Development

Kiribati

Rural Development

Adaptation: The project aims at reducing vulnerability to climate change, climate variability and rise of the sea level. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78290. US\$ 3.3 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, National Economic Planning Office, PO Box 57, Bairiki, Tarawa, Kiribati, Tel: (686) 21808/9, Fax: (686) 21808/9, E-mail: dnepo@tskl.net.ki, Contact: Mr. Peter Tong, Director of Planning

Adaptation - Pilot Implementation Phase: The objective of the project is to implement pilot adaptation measures and consolidate adaptation mainstreaming into national economic planning. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 89326. US\$ 3.1 (GEF). Consultants will be required for a legislative review, technical assessments of adaptation options (particularly in water and coastal engineering), an environmental analysis, preparation of a land acquisition framework, and preparation of an operational manual for island adaptation. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, National Economic Development Office, PO Box 57, Bairiki, Tarawa, Kiribati, Tel/Fax: (686) 21808/9, E-mail: dnepo@tskl.net.ki, Contact: Mr. Peter Tong, Director of Planning

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Economic Management

(R) Poverty Reduction Support (Cr. 4049-LA, H156-LA): The objective of the project is to develop and implement policies and structural reforms supportive of the country's overall economic development strategy in a sequenced and phased manner. The initial reforms will focus on public sector governance, social sectors, trade, private sector development and other areas to be determined. The loan and credit were signed on 3 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 75287. US\$ 4.5/5.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, That Luang Rd., PO Box 46, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856) 911-370, Fax: (856) 412-142, E-mail: tchanthavongsa@hotmail.com, Contacts: Mrs. Thippakone Chanthavongsa, Deputy Director of External Financial Relations Department; Mrs. Vienthong Siphandone, Director

Energy and Mining

(R) Nam Theun 2 Hydroelectric (H155-LA, B008-LA): The objective of the project is to generate revenues through environmentally and socially sustainable exploitation of Nam Theun 2's hydropower potential, to finance spending on priority poverty reduction and environmental management programs. The grant and partial risk guarantee were declared effective on 10 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). A US\$50.0 IDA partial risk guarantee (see Guarantee Operations section) of up to US\$200.0 and MIGA guarantees of up to US\$20.0 are other elements of a broad financing plan. Consultants will be required for long-term monitoring and evaluation. Lao National Committee for Energy, Committee for Development of Electric Power, Ground Floor HPO Building/MIH, Nongbone Rd., PO Box 4708, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 452-539, Fax: (856-21) 415-626, E-mail: ince@laotel.com, Contact: Mr. Xaypaseuth Phomsoupha, Chief of Bureau of the Secretariat; Nam Theun 2 Power Company Ltd., Unit 0, That Luang Rd., Nong Bone Village, PO Box 5862, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 263-900, Fax: (856-21) 263-901, E-mail: ntpcvte@loxinfo.co.th, Contact: Mr. Bernard Tribollet, Chief Executive Officer

(R) Nam Theun Social and Environment: The objective of the project is to implement eligible environmental and social mitigation management measures by funding a portion of the government's equity in the Nam Theun 2 Power Company. The grant was signed on 26 April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Industry and Handicrafts, Tel: (856-21) 415 442, E-mail: ince@laotel.com, Contact: Dr. Samboun Manolom, Permanent Secretary

(R) Second Southern Provinces Rural Electrification: The objective of the project is to improve living standards and increase income opportunities for about 80,000 rural households by providing them with electricity. Board presentation is scheduled for 8 September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75531. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants are required during project preparation for the following activities: socioeconomic survey and rural electrification database; distribution system loss reduction; tariff study; rural electrification framework; power sector financing strategy; and project preparation of physical components. Contract awards are being finalized. Electricité du Laos, Nong Bone Rd., BP 309, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 451-519, Fax: (856-21) 415-039, E-mail: somphone@edl-laos.com, Contact: Mr. Somphone Simmalavong, Officer; Ministry of Industry and Handicraft, Nong Bone Rd., BP 4708, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 415-037, 413-012, Fax: (856-21) 413-013, E-mail: houmphon@laotel.com, Contact: Mr. Houmphone Bulyaphol, Director

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Environment and Social: The objective of the project is to strengthen the government's regulatory, management and enforcement capacity in environmental protection, resettlement and biodiversity conservation in protected areas, especially in Central Lao. Negotiations completed. Board Presentation was scheduled for 30 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Science, Technology and Environment Agency, Tel: (856-21) 312-749, E-mail: mone_many@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Noulinh Sinbandhit, Vice President

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Services Improvement: The project will improve the health status of the population by (a) expanding access to and improving the quality of health services in eight provinces (b) building institutional capacity and (c) making health care financing more equitable, efficient and sustainable. Negotiations are under way in the field. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74027. US\$ 8.1/6.7 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Simuang Rd., PO Box 2236, Vientiane Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 214-009, Fax: (856-21) 214-508, E-mail: pcmoh@laotel.com, Contact: Dr. Sisamone Keola, Head of Preparation Team, HSIP and PCU Director, Health System Reform and Malaria Control Project

Rural Development

Khammouane Rural Livelihood: The project will enhance opportunities for rural villagers in the Xe Bang Fai Basin to participate in the expected economic development in the basin. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lanexang Ave. (Patouxay), Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 412-359, Fax: (856-21) 412-340, E-mail: rasphone@laotel.com, Contact: H.E. Mr. Sitaheng Rasphone, Vice-Minister

Transportation

Provincial and Rural Infrastructure: The objective of the project is to stimulate economic and social development by improving accessibility to markets, jobs, education and health services, and by providing access to water and sanitation to meet basic health and hygiene for small towns and rural population. The project will provide basic rural infrastructure and help develop managerial, technical, and administrative capacity to plan, budget, manage and monitor investments and maintenance activities effectively. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75780. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants are required for preparation. Ministry of Communications, Transport, Post and Construction (MCTPC), Lane Xang Ave., Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 412-741, Fax: (856-21) 414-132, E-mail: sommad@laotel.com, Contact: Sommad Pholsena, General Director, Department of Roads; Provincial governments of Attapu, Xekong, Houaphan, and Phongsali

Mongolia

Energy and Mining

Infrastructure Services: The objective of the project is to improve the infrastructure for production and delivery of heat, electric power and information and communication technology. Project is being identified. Concept Note review is scheduled for late August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (GEF). Consulting services will be needed for market assessment, supply options and financial management. Ministry of Fuel and Energy, Baga Toiruu 6, Ulan Bator 46, Mongolia, Tel/Fax: (976-11) 318-169, Contact: Mr. T. Ochirkhuu, Minister of Field and Energy

Information and Communication

Information and Communication Technologies Development: The objective of the project is to promote fair competition and market-based incentives in the delivery of information and communication technologies to rural areas. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 7.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Information and Communication Technology Authority, PO Box 785, Central Post Office Square, Sukhbaatar-1, Ulaanbaatar-13, 211213, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 319-626, Fax: (976-11) 330-780, E-mail: saikhanbileg@icta.gov.mn, Contact: Mr. Ch. Saikhanbileg, Chairman; Communications Regulatory Commission, Amarsanaagin Gudamj-26, Ulaanbaatar 210524 Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 304-258, Fax: (976-11) 327-720, E-mail: crc@crc.gov.mn, Contact: Mr. Ch. Enkhmend, Chairman

Law and Justice

Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project 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. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for 27 October 2005. 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 of the project 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 is being identified. 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

Private Sector Development

(R) Second Private Sector Development: The project will scale up the gains achieved with the first Private Sector Development project by continuing to develop the intermediate loan market for viable private sector borrowers and follow-up technical assistance for building of private sector capacity and banking market infrastructure. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 28 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 7.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, United Nations St., 5/1, Ulaanbaatar 210646 Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 321-912, Fax: (976-11) 320-247, Contact: Mr. Galsan, Director General, Financial Market and Sector Coordination Department

Rural Development

(R) Index-Based Livestock Insurance (Cr. 4069-MOG): The objective of the project is to ascertain the viability of index-based livestock insurance through piloting of insurance schemes in various provinces and formulating an appropriate regulatory framework. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 7.8 (IDA). Consultants in insurance and regulation will be required for preparation. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Government Bldg. 2, United Nations St., 5/1, Ulaanbaatar 210646 Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 328-693, E-mail: oerdembileg@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. O. Erdembileg, Director, Division of Financial Sector

Papua New Guinea

Rural Development

(R) Smallholder Agriculture Development: The objective of the project is to promote rapid economic growth in the rural areas in four oil palm growing provinces. Project preparation is *expected to start by late 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79140. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. The Oil Palm Industry Corporation, Ela Beach, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (675) 320-1588/1583/1592, Fax: (675) 320-1577, E-mail: fbakani@opic.com.pg/opic@datec.net.pg, Contact: Mr. Felix Bakani, General Secretary

Transportation

Highlands Highway: The project will rehabilitate the 600 km Highlands Highway between Lae and Mendi and support the establishment of an authority to manage roads with reliable funding arrangements, and implementation of a program to reduce HIV/AIDS caused by mobility provided by the improved highway. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 59066. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). A consulting firm completed the preparation of engineering, environmental, land acquisition/resettlement, economic, institutional and financing aspects. Consulting services will be required for supervision and management and for support of the proposed Highlands Highway Authority as well as for management of the HIV/AIDS component. Department of Works, PO Box 1108, Boroko NCD, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (675) 324-1343, Fax: (675) 324-1277, E-mail: roymumu@daltron.com.pg, Contact: Mr. Roy Mumu, Deputy Secretary (Technical)

Philippines

Education

(R) National Program Support for Basic Education : (formerly Basic Education Sector Reform Program) The objective of the project is to implement sector-wide reforms anchored in the government's Schools First agenda to improve education outcomes and governance of service delivery of basic education. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Education, University of Life Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City, Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 633-7208, Fax: (63-2) 631-9640, Contact: Mr. Florencio Abad, Secretary

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) National Program Support for Health: (Formerly Health Sector Reform) The objective of the project is to support improved national health expenditure management and the Department of Health's sector-wide reform agenda. The reform agenda encompasses health insurance, local health systems development, public health services and health regulation. The Department of Health will lead coordinated sector-wide support for reform from a number of Official Development Assistance (ODA) partners, including the World Bank. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75464. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Ave., Sta. Cruz, Manila, Philippines, Tel: (632) 781-8843, Fax: (632) 781-8843, E-mail: bihc@central.doh.gov.ph, Contact: Dr. Ma. Virginia Guzman-Ala, Head

(R) Second Women's Health and Safe Motherhood (Ln 7290-PH): The project will promote the health of women and, through them, their children. Approved by the Executive Directors on 21 April 2005. Loan signing was scheduled for mid-July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79628. US\$ 16.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required. Unified Project Management Division, Department of Health, GF Bldg. 3, San Lazaro Compound, Sta. Cruz, Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 781-8843, Fax: (63-2) 781-8843, E-mail: bihc@doh.gov.ph, Contact: Dr. Ma. Virginia Guzman-Ala, Head

Public Sector Governance

(R) Public Expenditure Rationalization : (formerly Public Sector Strengthening) The objective of the project is to improve governance, combat poverty and improve the delivery of basic services. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78068. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants, to be financed by a US\$ 1.1 PHRD grant, are required to 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, 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: lpascua@dbm.gov.ph, Contact: Ms. Laura B. Pascua, Undersecretary, Department of Budget and Management

(R) Public Finance Strengthening: The objective of the project is to strengthen the efficiency and effectiveness of public finance systems. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75335. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Finance, Tel: (632) 521-2948, Fax: (632) 521-2948, Contact: Ms. Juanita Amatong, Secretary, Department of Finance

Rural Development

(R) Second Land Administration and Management (Ln. 7298-PH): The objectives of the project are to (a) improve land tenure security, (b) facilitate the development of land markets, and (c) increase government revenues from property taxes. Approved by the Executive Directors on 31 May 2005. Loan signing is scheduled for 28 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73206. US\$ 19.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Visayas Ave., Diliman, Quezon City 1100 Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 925-2328, Fax: (63-2) 925-2328, E-mail: lamp@denr.gov.ph, Contact: Ms. Annaliza Teh, Executive Director

(R) Second Mindanao Rural Development: The objective of the project is to improve productivity, food security and access to viable livelihood opportunities for small farmers and fishers in Mindanao. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 70.0/8.0-10.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Department of Agriculture, Office of the Secretary, Elliptical Rd., Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel/Fax: (63-2) 920-4079, Contact: Mr. Edmund J. Sana, Undersecretary

Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Communities Development Program: The objective of the project is to speed up and reduce the cost of implementing the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP), while improving agricultural productivity by providing support services. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78252. US\$ 40.0-50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Agrarian Reform, FAPSO Bldg., DAR Compound, Elliptical Rd., Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 951-5981, Fax: (63-2) 454-2027, E-mail: josemarip@dar.gov.ph, Contact: Jose Mari B. Ponce, Assistant Secretary

National Program Support for the Environment and Natural Resources Management Program: The objectives of the project are to establish the basis of a sound and coordinated environmental and natural resources management program to identify inefficiencies and priority interventions in the medium term and general plans of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0-40.0/10.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, DENR Bldg., Visayas Av., Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 926-2689, Fax: (63-2) 926-8074, E-mail: ondet_ferrer@yahoo.com, Contact: Ms. Lourdes Ferrer, Chief, Foreign Assisted Projects Office

Participatory Irrigation Development: The objectives of the project are to (a) improve National Irrigation Administration's (NIA) 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 is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. NIA, 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

Private Sector Support for Rural Finance: (formerly Microfinance Strengthening and Rural Finance) The objective of the project is to develop a sustainable rural finance system that will promote investments in agribusiness and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) in rural areas. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Land Bank of the Philippines, Landbank Plaza, 1598 M.H. del Pilar cor. J. Quintos, Malate, Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 522-0000, 551-2200, Fax: (63-2) 528-8523, E-mail: ccastro@mail.landbank.com, Contact: Mr. Carlos Castro, Vice President, Program Lending Group

Urban Development

(N) Cities Development and Investment: The objective of the project is to improve urban management and services. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation and will be financed by a PHRD grant. Land Bank of the Philippines, Land Bank Plaza, 1598 Dr., Quintos St., M.H. del Pilar, Malate, Metro Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 405-7340, (63-2) 522-0000, Fax: (63-2) 528-8523, E-mail: ccastro@mail.landbank.com, Contact: Mr. Carlos T. Castro, Vice President, Program Lending Dept.

(R) Manila Third Sewerage: The objectives of the project are to (a) increase the coverage and effectiveness of sewerage service delivery in participating areas of metro Manila, and (b) establish the financial and technical viability of new approaches for sewage management. Board presentation was scheduled for 21 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 79661. US\$ 64.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Manila Water Company, Inc., MWSS Bldg., Katipunan Rd., Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 981-8147, Fax: (63-2) 928-5762, Contact: Mrs. Sherisa P. Nuesa, Chief Financial Officer

Regional

Rural Development

(R) Livestock Waste Management in East Asia: The objective of the project is to reduce pollution of the South China Sea by improving livestock waste management in China, Thailand and Vietnam. Decision meeting was held on 1 June 2005. Appraisal mission was scheduled for 1 July 2005 and negotiations for late September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79610. US\$ 7.0 (GEF).

Consultants, mainly funded by a grant implemented by FAO on behalf of participating countries, have been required for preparation and will be required for implementation. Guangdong Provincial Department of Finance, Level 11, 26 Cangbian Rd., Guangzhou 510030 China, Tel: (86-20) 8317-0063, Fax: (86-20) 8333-0007, E-mail: hehuanzp@gdwbo.gov.cn, Contact: Ms. He Huan, Guangdong Provincial Project Management Office; Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Phayathai Rd., Bangkok 20400 Thailand, Tel: (66-2) 653-4486, Fax: (66-2) 653-4486, E-mail: arux-chaiyakul@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Arux Chaiyaku, Department of Livestock Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives; Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, 67 Nguyen Du St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 773-4244, Fax: (84-4) 773-4245, E-mail: nvtai@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Van Tai, GEF - Vietnam Coordinator

Timor-Leste

Economic Management

First Consolidation Support Program: The objective of the project is to provide a framework for multi-donor grant-financed development support in a series of annual programs based on the national development plan and annual planning exercises. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 4.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning and Finance, GPA Compound, Dili, Timor-Leste, Tel: (670-390) 333-9510, E-mail: minfinance@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Macario Sanches, Project Director

Energy and Mining

Gas Seep Harvesting: The objectives of the project are to (a) secure carbon credits by harvesting natural gas, currently escaping into the atmosphere from seeps near Aliambata, and (b) generate power for local communities with the harvested gas. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 0.5 (IDA). Consultants are needed for preparation, and a PHRD grant of US\$ 0.3 is funding their work. 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

Public Sector Governance

Public Finance for Service Delivery: The objective of the project is to build capacity in planning and financial management, particularly in the Ministry of Planning and Finance. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 92484. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning and Finance, GPA Compound Dili, Timor-Leste, Tel: (670-390) 333-9510, E-mail: minfinance@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Macario Sanches, Project Director

Tonga

Education

(R) Education Support Program (Cr. 4081-TON): The objective of the project is to improve the learning outcomes of students in their first eight years of basic education, particularly those most at risk. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 16 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79657. US\$ 1.0 (IDA). Consulting will be required. Ministry of Education, Nukua'lofa, Tonga, Tel: (676) 23511, Fax: (676) 23596, Contact: Mr. Viliami Takau, Director of Education

Vietnam

Economic Management

(R) Fourth Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to further the progress achieved under the reform agenda supported by previous poverty reduction projects. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 30 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. State Bank of Vietnam, 59 Ly Thai To St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 934-3361, Fax: (84-4) 825-0612, E-mail: fidsby@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Le Duc Thuy, Governor

Fifth Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to implement the reform agenda in (a) making the transition to a market economy, (b) pursuing socially inclusive and environmentally sustainable development (c) building modern governance, (d) reforming the public investment program, (e) improving sub-national planning, and (f) ending corruption. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. State Bank of Vietnam, 59 Ly Thai To St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 934-3361, Fax: (84-4) 825-0612, E-mail: fidsbv@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Le Duc Thuy, Governor

Education

(R) National Education for All Plan Implementation: The objectives of the project are to (a) implement the National Education for All Action Plan and (b) promote an enabling policy environment for improvements in service delivery. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 28 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85260. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Training, Suite 406, 25 Ta Quang Buu St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel/Fax: (84-4) 869-5116, E-mail: nqchi@hn.vnn.vn, tsngu@fpt.vn, Contacts: Mr. Nguyen Quoc Chi, Coordinator, Mr. Nguyen Van Ngu, Coordinator

Second Higher Education: The objectives of the project are to increase the relevance and raise the standards of higher education, in response to changing economic and social needs. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79665. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Training, 49 Dai Co, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 869-2479, Contact: Tran Van Nhung, Vice Minister

Energy and Mining

(R) Second Rural Energy (Cr. 4000-VN): The objectives of the project are to improve access to good quality, affordable electricity services to rural communities, in an efficient and sustainable manner. The project is expected to provide improved access to energy to about 1 million households, including many living in some of the poorest communes identified in the government's special commune program. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 18 November 2004. Credit signing was tentatively scheduled for mid-July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74688. US\$ 220.0/7.0 (IDA/GEF). *A PHRD grant of US\$ 1.2 financed preparation.* Consultants will be required. 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; Ministry of Industry, 54 Hai Ba Trung St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 934-9411, Fax: (84-4) 934-9412, E-mail: bqlppi-bcn@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Hoang Trung Hai, Minister

Finance

Second Payment System and Bank Modernization (Cr. 4041-VN): The project aims at upgrading and expanding (a) the use of the Inter-Bank Payment System (IBPS) operated by the State Bank of Vietnam by increasing the number of provincial processing centers and connecting all banks and branches operating, and (b) the commercial banks' intra-bank payment system and client support services system by increasing the number of applications and rolling out the system to several more branches per commercial bank. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 March 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82627. US\$ 105.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. The State Bank of Vietnam, 28 Nguyen Chi Thanh, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 733-0488, Fax: (84-4) 834-5180, E-mail: pdalnh@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Dr. Ta Quang Tien, General Director, Information Technology Department

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) HIV/AIDS Prevention (H152-VN): The objective of the project is to strengthen the HIV/AIDS program to slow the spread of the infection and mitigate the disease's effects on socio-economic development. *The grant was signed on 26 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82604. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). *A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.5 financed preparation.* Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, 138A Giang Vo, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 934-2013, Fax: (84-4) 934-

2014, Contact: Dr. Trinh Quan Huan, General Director of General Department of Preventive Medicine and HIV/AIDS Control

(R) Mekong Region Health Support: The objective of the project is to enhance the health services system with a policy framework and better institutional capacity for improved quality of hospital care and prevention as well as stronger mechanisms for financing catastrophic curative care for the poor. Appraisal mission is *under way*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79663. US\$ 47.0 (IDA). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.5 is *financing preparation*. 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. Duong Huy Lieu, Director of Planning and Finance Department

Health Fund for Poor: The project will finance health services for the poor in selected provinces while piloting mechanisms to ensure that financing will be self-sustaining. Appraisal mission is scheduled for *June 2006*. 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. Duong Huy Lieu, Director, Planning and Finance Department

Information and Communication

(R) E-Government: The objective of the project is to accelerate information communication technology development in Vietnam. The project will promote public sector efficiency and transparency, access, with emphasis in rural areas, and national and international E-commerce, which will lead to job creation. Appraisal mission *completed*. *Negotiations are scheduled for mid-July 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79344. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.6 is *financing preparation*. Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Public Sector Governance

(R) Customs Modernization: The program aims at assisting in trade reform, revenue collection, foreign trade statistics collection, community protection and meeting international obligations. *Negotiations technically completed*. *Board presentation was scheduled for 12 July 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category: C. PID: 85071. US\$ 70.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. A PHRD grant agreement has been signed for preparation. A request for proposals has been issued. Ministry of Finance, 162 Nguyen Van Cu St, Long Bien Dist, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 872-5258, Fax: (84-4) 872-5949, E-mail: thtkhq@hn.vnn.vn, customsitpro@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Manh Tung, Director of Project Management Unit of Technical Assistance

Rural Development

(R) Natural Disasters Mitigation: The objectives of the project are to save lives and protect economic assets and outputs, especially for the poor, who are often the most vulnerable to natural hazards. Appraisal mission *completed*. *Negotiations were scheduled for late June 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 73361. US\$ 86.0 (IDA). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.8 is *financing preparation*. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ngoc Ha, Ba Dinh, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 843-7520, Fax: (84-4) 733-0752, Contact: Dr. Le Van Minh, Director General Management Unit

Poor Communes Infrastructure and Livelihoods: The objective of the project is to reduce poverty and foster secure and sustainable livelihoods for those living in the poorest and most marginal communes. Program preparation review is scheduled to begin on 30 September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84935. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Vietnam-Ministry of Planning and Investment, 2 Hoang Van Thu Street, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84) 804-3143, Fax: (84) 804-3143, E-mail: chrip_mpi@cpt.gov.vn, Contact: Mr. Pham Hai, Director

Second Agricultural Diversification: The objective of the project 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 scheduled to begin in October 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84957. US\$ 55.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for prepara-

tion. 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

(N) Northern Delta Transport Development: The objective of the project is to facilitate sustainable economic growth and inclusive development in the Northern Delta region. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IDA). A Public/Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility grant is *financing preparation*. A PHRD grant has been requested for further financing of preparation. Consultants are required for preparation and implementation. PMU-V, 23 Lang Ha, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 514-1556, Contact: Mr. Tran Van Tu

(R) Road Safety (Cr. 4073-VN): The objective of the project is to reduce the rate of serious injuries and deaths associated with road transportation. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 June 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85080. US\$ 31.7 (IDA). Consultants for preparation have been selected. Ministry of Transport/National Traffic Safety Committee, 80 Tran Hung Dao St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Fax: (84-4) 822-3592, E-mail: leminhchau@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Le Minh Chau, General Director, Traffic Safety Projects Management Unit

(R) Third Rural Transport: The objective of the project is to reduce rural poverty by: (a) improving rural access for communities to markets, off-farm economic opportunities and social services; (b) increasing the capacity at all administrative levels to plan, improve and sustain the existing rural transport network; and (c) supporting the development of small-scale private contractors and transport service operators. Decision meeting was tentatively scheduled for *20 June 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75407. US\$ 200.0 (IDA). Consulting services will be required for preparation and will be paid for through a DFID Trust Fund. Additional 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) 851-3659/4406, Fax: (84-4) 851-0857, E-mail: pmu5@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Luu Van Dung, General Director

Hanoi Urban Transport and Development: The objective of the project is to develop a sustainable urban transport system consistent with continued economic growth and accessibility for all users through the establishment of high capacity busways on the major corridors of the city, development of a comprehensive urban transport policy that provides priority to public transit, investments in road infrastructure that facilitate growth of public transport, and technical assistance. Project preparation is *under way*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 83581. US\$ 135.0/10.0 (IDA/GEF). Consultants are required for preparation and implementation. A PHRD grant application has been conditionally approved for project preparation, and a PPIAF grant is *under way*. GEF preparation funding has been approved. Hanoi Transport and Urban Public Works Service/Transport and Urban Public Works Project Management Unit, 75 To Hien Thanh Ave., 3rd, 4th Floor, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 974-0914, E-mail: tupmu.toan@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Hoang Ha, Director

Mekong Transport Infrastructure: The objective of the project is to improve supply chain efficiency for the production, domestic and international trade of the region. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 83588. US\$ 200.0 (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) 862-8983/4, E-mail: ru_pmul@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Viet Dung, General Director

Urban Development

Priority Infrastructure Development: The objective of the project is to facilitate sustainable economic growth, environmental improvements and poverty reduction in Danang City. Decision meeting is scheduled for April 2006. Environmental Assessment Category: A

US\$ 150.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Danang People's Committee, 42 Bach Dang St., Danang City, Vietnam, Tel: (84-5) 1156-2677, Fax: (84-5) 1156-2678, E-mail: dnurenco@dng.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Tan Lien, Director PMU, Drainage and Sanitation Project

Water and Sanitation

(R) Coastal Cities Environmental Sanitation: The objectives of the project are (a) sustained improvements to public health, particularly for poor residents, and (b) increased growth and economic development. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for *mid December 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82295. US\$ 120.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Cities of Quy Nhon City, Nha Trang and Dohn hoi, Quy Nhon City, People's Committee, Tel: (84-5) 682-5254, Fax: (84-5) 682-6076, Contact: Mr. Thai Ngoc Bich, Vice Chairman; Nha Trang City, People's Committee, Tel: (84-5) 882-1129, Fax (84-5) 882-9308, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Ngoc Minh, Chairman; Dong Hoi, People's Committee, Tel: (84-5) 282-2505, Contact: Mr. Dang DucDuc, Acting Director

(R) Red River Delta Rural Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective of the project is to provide essential water and sanitation infrastructure and hygiene improvement support in rural communes. Negotiations *were expected to be completed by 24 June 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77287. US\$ 44.9 (IDA). *Consultant services will be required during implementation for a variety of tasks including preparation of feasibility studies and designs, project management, capacity building, health promotion, and construction supervision.* Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Center for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation, Tel: (844) 835-5821, Fax: (844) 835-5964, E-mail: cerwass@fpt.vn, Contact: Le Van Can, Director

(R) Urban Water Supply Development (Cr. 4028-VN): The objective of the project is to expand water services to currently unserved households, irrespective of income levels, in both large urban centers and smaller district towns. A revolving fund will also be established to allow households to invest in sanitation facilities. Approved by the Executive Directors on 21 December 2004. *Loan signing was scheduled for late June 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73763. US\$ 112.6 (IDA). Contract with main consultant was signed on 5 June 2003. Additional consultants will be required for project management and construction supervision. Ministry of Construction, 37 LeDai Hanh St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 976 1852 or 974-0090, E-mail: dactn@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Dr. Pham Ngoc Thai, Director, Management Board for Urban Infrastructure Development

South Asia

Afghanistan

Education

(N) Strengthening Higher Education (H162-AF): The objective of the project is to restore basic operational performance at a group of core universities. Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 May 2005. The grant was signed on 16 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89040. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Planning Department, Ministry of Higher Education, Karte Char, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-20) 250-0321, Contact: Dr. Sayeed Masoud, Director

Public Sector Governance

(R) Public Administration Capacity Building (H144-AF): The project aims at developing capacity to manage public expenditures effectively to achieve satisfactory, sustainable development outcomes. It will focus on public sector procurement, financial management and accountability systems. *The grant was signed on 15 February 2005 and became effective on 2 May 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 27.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required for technical advice in procurement reform, financial management and external au-

ditig. Ministry of Finance, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-20) 210-2099, E-mail: seema@ghanis.org, mrashid2@sbeglobal.net, Contact: Ms. Seema Ghani, Director of Budget

Transportation

(N) Emergency Transport Rehabilitation Supplemental (H163-AF): The objective of the project is to facilitate economic and social recovery through improved access to goods, markets and administrative and social services. Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 May 2005. The grant was signed on 16 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 90390. US\$ 45.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Makroyan One, Kabul Afghanistan, Tel: (93-20) 230-1363, Fax: (93-20) 230-1362, Contact: H. E. Mr. Gul Agha Shirzai, Minister; Ministry of Civil Aviation and Tourism, Anssari Watt, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-07) 028-8662, E-mail: mocat02@yahoo.com, Contact: Eng. Raz. M. Alami, Deputy Minister

Bangladesh

Economic Management

Third Development Support: The objective of the project is to carry out a broad range of policy reforms in line with the interim poverty reduction strategy. Project Concept Review was scheduled for 1 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 200.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Fax: (880-2) 811-3088, Contact: Mr. Zakir Ahmed Khan, Secretary, Finance Division

Energy and Mining

(N) South Zone Power Distribution: The objective of the project is to deliver power more widely by establishing a power distribution company and improving and expanding the power distribution network. Project is being identified. 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

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health, Nutrition and Population Sector Program (Cr. 4052-BD): The objective of the project is to improve the health and family welfare of the most vulnerable women, children and poor. *The credit was signed on 17 May 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74841. US\$ 300.0 (IDA). Cofinancing is expected from CIDA, DFID, EU, Royal Netherlands Embassy, SIDA and UNFPA for a total of US\$ 460.0. Consultants will be required. Retroactive financing *may be requested*. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bldg. 3, Room 341, Dhaka 1000 Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 861-6979/6708/0469, Fax: (880-2) 861-9077, Contact: Mr. Md. Mozammel Hoque, Joint Chief, Planning

Private Sector Development

(R) Private Sector Development: The objectives of the project are to (a) reduce regulatory barriers to private sector development, (b) facilitate export diversification and product development, and (c) enhance skills development training capacity. Project concept note *completed*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Commerce, Bhaban 3, Room 135, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000 Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-9006, Fax: (880-2) 716-5741, E-mail: mincom@bdonline.com, Contact: Md. Aminur Rahman, Secretary

Rural Development

Water Management Improvement: The objective of the project is to improve water management and services in flood- and cyclone-prone areas. Board presentation is scheduled for December 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 40712. US\$ 101.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. WMIP/BWDB, Ansar Chamber (11th floor, 149), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 712-1540, Fax: (880-2) 712-1537, E-Mail: pd-wsip@accessstel.net, Contact: Mr. Md. Aminul Hoque, Project Director

Transportation

(R) Road Sector Reform: The objective of the project is the sustainable delivery of safe, efficient major road network service. *Appraisal is scheduled for February 2006.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75346. US\$ 224.0 (IDA). Consultants will be 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: islamsk@rhdbangladesh.org, Contact: Mr. H.M. Abdul Matin, Project Coordinator

Export Infrastructure: The objective of the project is to reduce the time taken to transport export and import goods between Dhaka and Chittagong. Project Concept Review completed. Appraisal is scheduled for October 2006. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 80.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required to conduct feasibility studies, detailed engineering and supervision of the planned civil works. Bangladesh Railway, Railway Bhaban, Abdul Gani Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 956-1200, Fax: (880-2) 956-3413, Contact: Mr. A.F. Mustafizur Rahman, Director-General; Chittagong Port Authority, CPA Bldg., Chittagong, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-031) 712-500/712-504, Fax: (880-031) 710593, Contact: Mr. A.M.M. Shahadat Hossain, Chairman

Water and Sanitation

(N) Dhaka Chittagong Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective of the project is to provide reliable, sustainable and affordable water and sanitation services in Dhaka. Appraisal is scheduled for March 2007. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 140.0 (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: mddwasa@bangla.net, Contact: Mr. A.N.H. Akhtar Hossain, Managing Director

Bhutan

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Multi-sectoral Mechanisms and Incentives for Land Management: The project will promote innovative technical and institutional mechanisms to enhance sustainable land management practices with local, regional and global environmental benefits. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.5 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Thimphu, Bhutan, Tel: (975-2) 322-604, Fax: (975-2) 326-779, Contact: Nima Wangdi, Director General, Department of Aid and Debt Management

Private Sector Development

Private Sector Development: The objective of the project is to enhance the productive performance of the private sector in undertaking a wide range of new activities, especially in non-traditional areas. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 14.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Trade and Industry, Planning and Policy Division, PO Box 141, Thimphu, Bhutan, Tel: (975-2) 323-579, 326-096, Fax: (975-2) 324-279, 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: ugven@mof.gov.bt, Contact: Yanki T Wangchuk, Director General

India

Education

Agricultural Higher Education Reforms: The objective of the project is to implement strategic reforms in the higher education system to produce the required professionals. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78536. US\$ 80.0/80.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Education Division, Indian Council of Agriculture Research, Krishi Anusandham Bhavan II, Pusa, New Delhi 110012 India, Tel: (91-11) 2574-7760, Fax: (91-11) 2561-0403, E-mail: jckatyal@icar1.nic.in, Contact: Dr. J. C. Katyal, Deputy Director General

Energy and Mining

Rural Electricity Access: The objective of the project is to develop scalable sustainable institutional models for increasing access to electricity services in rural areas. Preparation mission completed. 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

Third Power System Development: The objective of the project is to increase the facility for reliable power exchanges among regions and states by building a national transmission network and supporting the institutional development of POWERGRID for sustainable development of a large transmission system. Appraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 86414. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Power Grid Corporation, "Saudamini," Plot No. 2, Sector 29, Near IFFCO Chowk, Gurgaon (Haryana) 122001 India, Tel: (91-124) 257-1700 to 1719, Fax: (91-124) 257-1760/1, E-mail: arun@powergridindia.com

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) Biodiversity Conservation and Rural Livelihood Improvement: The objective of the project is to strengthen biodiversity conservation while improving rural livelihoods through testing and establishing decentralized participatory approaches of sustainable management and use of natural resources across globally and nationally important landscapes. Appraisal is scheduled for December 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88520. 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, Project Tiger

(R) Chhattisgarh Community Forest Management: The objective of the project is to strengthen participatory systems of natural resource management and marketing to improve and sustain the livelihoods of forest dependent people. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77572. US\$ 50.0 Consulting services to be determined. State Forest Department, Village Forestry Institutions, PRI, Raipur 492001, Chhattisgarh, India, Tel: (91-771) 221-157, Fax: (91-771) 331-120, E-mail: drscharma@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Ramprakash, Principal Secretary Forests

Madhya Pradesh Community Forest Management: The objective of the project is to facilitate a shift from joint forest management to community forest management. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 50644. US\$ 105.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Madhya Pradesh State Forest Departments, Village Forestry Institutions, Vallabh Brawan, Bhopal 462004 India, Tel: (91-755) 576-593, Fax: (91-755) 763-428, E-mail: manojkmr@vallarh.mp.nic.in, Contact: Mr. Manoj Kumar, Principal Secretary Forests

Health, Nutrition and Population

(N) Karnataka Health Systems: The objective of the project is to accelerate achievement of priority health outcomes, securing sustainable and affordable financing for health services. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71160. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Karnataka, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Rd., New Delhi 110011 India, Tel: (91-80) 2225-5324, E-mail: khsdp@giabg01.vsnl.net.in, Contact: Mr. Thangaraj, Principal Secretary

(N) Reproductive and Child Health Second Phase: The objective of the project is to improve reproductive and child health service delivery for the underserved populations and promote district level convergence of health programs. Appraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 350.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Department of Family Welfare, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Rd., New Delhi 110011 India, Tel: (91-11) 2301-8432, Contact: Mr. P. K. Hota, Secretary

Reproductive and Child Health Second Phase: The objective of the project is to improve reproductive and child health service delivery for underserved people and promote convergence of district health programs. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 21 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75060. US\$ 350.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Nirman Bhavan, Maulana Azad Rd., New Delhi 110011 India, Tel: (91-11) 2301-8126, Fax: (91-11) 2301-6648, E-mail: hfm@alpha.nic.in, Contact: Dr. Anbumanai Ramadoss, Minister

Second National Tuberculosis: The objective of the project is to decrease mortality and morbidity from Tuberculosis and cut transmission of infection until the disease ceases to be a major national public health problem. Preappraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Central TB Division, Directorate General of Health Services, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi 110001 India, Tel: (91-11) 2301-8126, E-mail: ddgtb@tbcindia.org, Contact: Dr. L.S. Chauhan, Deputy Director General, TB

Law and Justice

Statistical Strengthening: The objective of the project is to reform administration of the 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 recently published National Statistics Commission Report. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78337. US\$ amount to be determined (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation of India, Sardar Patel Bhavan, Parliament St., New Delhi 110001 India, Tel: (91-11) 336-0889/1080, Fax: (91-11) 334-2384, Contact: G. Raveendran, Deputy Director General

Public Sector Governance

(R) Third Karnataka Economic Restructuring: The objective of the project is to implement the Karnataka government's economic restructuring program through budgetary support. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 75192. US\$ 100.0/100.0 (IBRD/IDA). No consultants are required. Finance Department, Government of Karnataka, 2nd Floor, Vidhan Souda, Bangalore 560001 India, Tel: (91-80) 226-5434/235-3138, Fax: (91-80) 228-0520, E-mail: secbud@vsb.kar.nic.in, Contact: Dr. S. Subramanya, Secretary, Budget & Resources

Rural Development

(R) Karnataka Rural Poverty Reduction and Panchayats: The objective of the project is to improve the capacity of rural governments to manage public resources for the benefit of the rural poor. *Negotiations are scheduled for 25 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78832. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Government of Karnataka, Vidhan Soudha, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, Tel: (91-80) 2238-4574, Contact: Mr. Raghunandan, Secretary, Panchayati Raj

(R) Tamil Nadu Empowerment and Poverty Reduction: The objective of the project is to improve the livelihoods and quality of life of the rural poor in Tamil Nadu, particularly women and other disadvantaged groups, through social, economic and democratic empowerment. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 12 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79708. US\$ 112.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Government of Tamil Nadu, Social Welfare Department, Fort Street George, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, Tel: (91-44) 567-1545, Fax: (91-44) 567-5183, E-mail: gariyali@sec.tn.gov.in, Contact: Ms. C.K. Gariyali, Secretary; Rural Development Department, Fort Street George, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, Tel: (91-44) 2567-0769, Fax: (91-44) 2567-5849, Contact: Ms. S.S. Nair

Jharkhand Participatory Forest Management: The objective of the project is to reduce rural poverty through improved forest ecosystem management with community participation. Project preparation is under way. 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, 834 001, Jharkhand, 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

Transportation

(N) Punjab State Roads: The objective of the project is to upgrade, rehabilitate and maintain the 7,000 km of roads linking the rural network to national highways and constituting the main roads of Punjab. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 90585. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Punjab Roads and Buildings Development Board, Roads & Buildings Department, SCO 210-211, 4th Floor, 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

Lucknow-Muzaffarpur National Highway (Ln. 4764-IN): The project aims at (a) reducing transport constraints on national economic activity, and (b) improving institutional capabilities to manage road programs, assets and services on a more commercial basis. Approved by the Executive Directors on 21 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 77856. US\$ 620.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for civil works supervision and institutional capacity building technical assistance. National Highways Authority of India, Plots G5 and G6, Sector 10, Dwarka, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2509-3527, Fax: (91-11) 2509-3518, E-mail: bpkukrety@nhai.org, Contact: B.P. Kukrety, Chief General Manager, East-West Corridor

Urban Development

(N) National Risk Mitigation: The objective of the project 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. Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2309-2456, Fax: (91-11) 2309-3465, Contact: Ashim Khurana, Joint Secretary

(N) National Urban Infrastructure Fund: The objective of the project is to improve urban infrastructure. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. The IIF&S Financial Centre, 8th Floor, Plot No C-22, G Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (E), Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, Tel: (91-22) 2653-3333, Fax: (91-22) 2653-3093, E-mail: Hari.Sankaran@iflfsindia.com, Contact: Mr. Hari Sankaran, Managing Director

(R) Andhra Pradesh Urban Reform and Municipal Services: (formerly Andhra Pradesh Urban Poverty Reduction) The objective of the project 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. *Appraisal completed. Negotiations were scheduled for July.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 71250. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department, Secretariat Complex, Hyderabad 500 022 India, Tel/Fax: (91-40) 2345-0622, Contact: A.K. Goyal, Principal Secretary, Urban Development

(R) Third Tamil Nadu Urban Development: The objective of the project is to improve urban infrastructure services sustainably in Tamil Nadu. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 23 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 220.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Tamil Nadu Urban Development Fund, Ezhilagam Annex, Canteen Block, II Floor, Chepauk, Chennai 600005 India, Tel: (91-44) 851-6651, Fax: (91-44) 851-6718, E-mail: tnudp@satyam.net.in, Contact: Mr. L. Ravikumar, Vice President

Enhanced Urban Reform Incentive Fund: The objective of the project 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(ies) to be determined

Karnataka Urban Sector Reform: The objectives of the project are to: (a) foster the decentralization process among states through improved governance and oversight of local governments; (b) enhance the accountability and financial soundness of local urban bodies, and (c) improve service delivery to the urban population. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 79675. US\$ 160.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Urban Development Department, Government of Karnataka, 448, 4th Floor, MS Bldg., Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore 560001 India, Tel: (91-80) 225-3958, Fax: (91-80) 220-3503, E-mail: psecud@secretariat2.nic.in, Contact: Ms Shamim Banu

Water and Sanitation

(N) Punjab Rural Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective of the project is to increase rural Punjab communities' access to improved and sustainable water supply and sanitation services. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Department of Water Supply and Sanitation, Government of Punjab, Mini Secretariat, Chandigarh, India, Tel/Fax: (91-172) 274-3442

(R) Hydrology Phase 2 (Ln. 4749-IN): The objective of the project is to promote effective and efficient use of the Hydrologic Information System by all concerned water data users in water resources planning and management to increase productivity, efficacy, and cost-effectiveness of water related investments. *Loan signing was scheduled for July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 84632. US\$ 105.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Water Resources, Commissioner (GW and MI), Shram Shakthi Bhavan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110001 India, Tel: (91-11) 2461-7060, Fax: (91-11) 2469-4752, Contact: S. K. Chaudhary, Commissioner

(R) Maharashtra Water Sector Improvement: The objectives of the project are to: (a) strengthen the state's capacity for multi-sectoral planning, development, and sustainable management of water resources, and (b) improve irrigation service delivery on a sustainable basis. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 23 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 84790. US\$ 147.5/147.5 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required. Irrigation Department, Government of Maharashtra, Mantralaya, Mumbai 400032 Maharashtra, India, Tel: (91-22) 2202-3038, Fax: (91-22) 2283-4335, 2202-5446, Contact: Mr. S.V. Sodal, Secretary

(R) Tamil Nadu Rural Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective of the project is to expand rural communities' access to improved and sustainable water supply and sanitation services in Tamil Nadu. Appraisal has been delayed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78210. US\$ 150.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. TWAD House, 31, Kamraja Salai, Chepauk, Chennai 600005 India, Tel: (91-44) 2852-4907, E-mail: tnrwssp@vsnl.net, Contact: Mr Vibhu Nayar, Project Director

Second Uttaranchal Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation: The objectives of the project are to (a) introduce or improve water and sanitation services to the 30 per cent of uncovered and partially covered villages, demonstrating successful and lasting means of water delivery, and (b) reform the water and sanitation sector including restructuring institutions and building capacity. Project Concept Note completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83187. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Project Management Unit, Department of Drinking Water Supply, Mussoorie Diverison Rd., Makkawala Dehradun, Uttaranchal, India, Tel: (91-135) 273-3455, Fax: (91-135) 273-3381, E-mail: pmu_uttaranchal@rediffmail.com

Maldives

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Post Tsunami Emergency Relief and Reconstruction (Cr. 4042-MAL, H148-MAL): The objective of the project is to rehabilitate and reconstruct areas damaged by the tsunami of December 2004. *The credit and grant were signed on 17 March 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 94193. US\$ 8.4/5.6 (IDA Credit/IDA

Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Treasury, Disaster Relief Fund, Ameen Magu, Malé, Maldives, Tel: (960) 340-095/6, Fax: (960) 340-097, E-mail: tforce@tsunamimaldives.mv, Contact: Mr. Ahmed Ashraf, Director

Nepal

Economic Management

(R) Economic Reform Technical Assistance: The objective of the project is to improve the government's capacity to implement its reform program. *Board presentation was scheduled for 28 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 93294. US\$ 3.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 425-9880, Fax: (977-1) 425-9891, E-mail: bacharya@mof.gov.np, Contact: Mr. Bhanu Prasad Acharya, Secretary

Education

Second Higher Education: The objective of the project is to reform higher education with emphasis on decentralization, financial assistance to students and quality assurance. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Sports, Keshar Mahal, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 4411-599, Contact: Mr. Vidyadhar Mallik, Secretary

Rural Development

(R) Agricultural Commercialization and Trade: The objective of the project is to commercialize the agriculture sector to prepare for the country's entrance into global markets. *Project preparation is under way.* 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

Transportation

(R) Rural Access Improvement: The objective of the project is to improve transport infrastructure and services and enhance access to social services and economic opportunities. *Board presentation was scheduled for 21 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83923. US\$ 32.0 (IDA Grant). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Local Development, Department of Local Infrastructure Development and Agriculture Roads, Jawalakhel, Lalitpur, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 554-6524, Fax: (977-1) 531-850, E-mail: dg@dolidar.wlink.com.np, Contact: Mr.D.B. Tamang, Project Coordinator, Department of Local Infrastructure Development and Agriculture Roads

Pakistan

Economic Management

Second Poverty Reduction Support: The objectives of the project are to: (a) accelerate economic growth and maintain macroeconomic stability; (b) improve governance and enable devolution to the provincial and local levels; (c) invest in human capital and narrow gender gaps; and (d) strengthen social safety nets. Concept review completed. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 200.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Block C, Rm. 308, Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 921-0629, Fax: (92-51) 920-6029, Contact: Dr. Waqar Masood Khan, Secretary, Economic Affairs Division.

Education

Second Punjab Education Development Policy (Cr. 4046-PAK): The objective of the project is to implement the reform agenda to improve fiscal management, promote devolution and improve service delivery starting with education. Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 90346. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Department of Education, Government of Punjab, Civil Secretariat, Lahore, India, Tel: (92-42) 921-0039, Fax: (92-42) 921-0040, Contact: Mr. Javed Aslam, Secretary

Finance

(R) Second Improvement of Financial Reporting and Auditing: The objective of the project is to increase the accuracy, completeness, reliability and timeliness of public sector financial reports. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 15 September 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 76872. US\$ 84.0 (IDA). Consultants, who have been appointed, will continue providing services for rolling out the accounting system. The need for other consultants has not been identified. Auditor General/Controller General of Accounts, Audit House, Constitution Ave., G-5 Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 922-4080, Fax: (92-51) 922-5243, E-mail: psagp@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Yunis Khan, Auditor General

Law and Justice

Second Sindh Structural Adjustment: The objective of the project 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) Balochistan Small Scale Irrigation: The objective of the project is to improve management by Balochistan Province of scarce water resources for rural development and poverty reduction. Decision meeting is scheduled for 16 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. 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)

Land Records Management and Information System Program: The objective of the project is to establish an efficient, transparent, and accessible land rights recording system in order to reduce litigation, bring about long-lasting tenure security and promote an enabling investment climate. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 45.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Punjab, Board of Revenue, IT Department, Aiwane-Iqbal, Building No. 3, 3rd Floor, Egerton Rd., Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 920-3186, Fax: (92-42) 920-3154, E-mail: secitd@punjab.gov.pk, Contact: Tariq Bajwa, Secretary, IT Department.

Punjab On-Farm Water Management: The objective of the project is to increase agricultural productivity and farm incomes by improving irrigation water efficiency and management in tertiary level irrigation systems (water courses) and on member farm fields. Project preparation is suspended pending government decision on which mode of finance to request (IDA or IBRD). Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84551. US\$ 88.4 (IDA). Consultants will be required for monitoring and evaluation, quality assurance and project management support. Directorate of Water Management, Agriculture Department, Government of Punjab, 21 Agha Khan Rd., Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 930-0703, Fax: (92-42) 920-0702, Contact: Mr. Mushtaq A.Gill, Director General, Water Management

Urban Development

Punjab Municipal Services Improvement: The objective of the project is to improve the financial and institutional capacity of local governments to deliver urban infrastructure services by (a) capacity building grants and (b) performance-based matching grants for infrastructure repair, renewal and improved service delivery. Preappraisal mission is scheduled for 15 August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83929. US\$ 65.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Punjab Municipal Development Fund Company, 30-C -I, Ghalib Rd., Gulberg - III, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 587-

8071/72, Fax: (92-42) 587-8070, E-mail: pmdfc@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Khizar hayat Gondal, Managing Director

Water and Sanitation

(R) Sindh Water Sector Improvement: The objective of the project 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. *Decision meeting is scheduled for 15 September 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84302. US\$ 140.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. 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: pcc@ndpsindh.gov.pk, Contact: Ijaz Qureshi, Acting Managing Director, Irrigation and Power Department

Sri Lanka

Economic Management

Statistical Capacity Building: The objective of the project is to build durable capacity in the statistical system including public sector agencies, research institutes and universities as well as private sector users and data generators. Preparation mission completed. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 87383. US\$ 12.5 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Census and Statistics, Office of the President, 15/12 Maitland Crescent, Colombo 7 Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-11) 269-5291, Fax: (94-11) 269-7594, E-mail: dcensus@lank.ccom.lk, Contact: Dr. A.G.W. Nanayakkara, Director General

Education

Education Sector: The objective of the project is to strengthen the basic and secondary education system by: (a) promoting equitable access to basic education; (b) improving education quality and orienting the education system to the world of work; (c) enhancing the efficiency and equity of resource allocation and distribution; and (d) strengthening education governance. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Isurupaya, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-11) 278-7125, Fax: (94-11) 278-0385, Contact: Dr. Tara de Mel, Secretary

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) National Water Management Improvement: The objective of the project is to improve the development and management of water resources while reducing water induced public hazards and enhancing the effectiveness of water-related investments. Project Concept Review was scheduled for June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 70.0 (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

Social Protection

Second Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to implement reforms in the poverty reduction strategy with focus on rural development and welfare reforms. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 125.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Secretariat Bldg., Colombo 01, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-11) 248-4510, Fax: (94-11) 243-3339, Contact: Dr. P.B. Jayasundera, Secretary

Transportation

(R) Road Sector Assistance: The objective of the project is to deliver a productive and efficient national highway system contributing to lower transportation costs. Appraisal mission is tentatively scheduled for September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Road Development Authority, E-mail: dir-wbrsap@sltnet.lk, Contact: Mr. Gajaba Gunawardena, Project Director

Europe and Central Asia

Albania

Education

(N) Education Quality and Equity: The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve the quality and relevance of basic and secondary education for all students; and (b) enhance capacity of planning and client service delivery. Concept review was scheduled for 21 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 8.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Sciences, Rruga e Durrësi, No. 23, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 240-468, Contact: Mr. Agim Minxhozi, Secretary General

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Community in Southeast Europe APL 2: The objective of the project is to extend the lifetime and improve the quality, reliability, safety, and efficiency of the bulk power transmission system by replacing aging existing facilities with new ones. Board presentation was scheduled for 27 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90656. US\$ 50.9 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Albanian Power Corporation, Blloku "Vasil Shanto," Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355) 426-2055, Fax: (355) 4223-2024, E-mail: hoxhaf@kesh.com.al, Contact: Andis Harasani, Director

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Natural Resources Development (Cr. 4074-ALB): The objective of the project is to persuade participating communities and community members to adopt sustainable natural resource management practices, leading to enhanced productivity and incomes, reduced soil degradation, improved water quality and conservation of critical ecosystems in mountain and hilly areas. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 82375 and 89061. US\$ 7.0/5.0 (IDA/GEF). No consultants are required. Directorate of Agricultural Projects and Rural Development, Rruga "Sami Frasherri," No. 4, Tirana e Re, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 227-186, Fax: (355-4) 232-571, E-mail: hakipmu@albaniaonline.net, Contact: Haki Kola, Director, Project Preparation Unit

Butrint National Park Global Biodiversity and Heritage Conservation: The project aims at (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. The grant is scheduled to be in late July 2005. 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@albmail.com, Contact: Auron Tare, Director

Coastal Zone Management Development and Cleanup: The objective of the project is to protect coastal resources and promote sustainable development. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 21 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 86807. US\$ 17.5 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, 2, Zhana D'Ark Blvd., Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 228-442, Fax: (355-4) 222-655, Contact: Prof. Dr. Anastas Angjeli, Minister

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health System Modernization: The objectives of the project are to (a) establish a health finance system that streamlines financing and provides incentives for increased efficiency in service delivery while affording financial protection to low-income groups; (b) improve the quality of health care with particular focus on primary care to stem the continuous rise in cases unnecessarily treated at higher cost at the secondary care level; and (c) improve governance and management capacity. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82814. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required in these roles: health economist/finance, provider payment, pharmacologist, provider manager, legal adviser, health information systems

specialist, health planner and health facilities engineer. Ministry of Health, Project Management Unit, Bulv. Bajram Curri, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 227-614, E-mail: skadiu@icc-al.org, Contact: Mr. Saimir Kadiu, Project Management Coordinator

Transportation

Transport: The object of the project is to improve regional integration through construction and rehabilitation of critical sections of the national road network and improve the urban environment through rehabilitation of select urban roads in Tirana and other municipalities. Appraisal is scheduled for October 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 78949. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport and Telecommunications, General Roads Directorate, Pr. "Sami Frasherri," No. 33, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 227-390, Fax: (355-4) 235-268, E-mail: aduka@adanet.com.al, Contact: Mr. Adem Duka, Director, Roads PIU

Armenia

Economic Management

Second Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to strengthen governance, private sector competition, and social sector reforms, and to modernize the rural economy. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required in the areas of private sector competition, social sectors, and rural economy. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Government House, Republic Square, Yerevan 375010 Armenia, Tel: (374-2) 523-471, (374-2) 505-113, Fax: (374-2) 151-736, (374-2) 528-742, E-mail: info@ffpmc.am, Contact: Mr. Robert Harutyunyan, Executive Director, Foreign Financing Projects Management

Second Poverty Reduction Support: The objectives of the project are to (a) strengthen governance and private sector competition, (b) reform the social sector and (c) modernize the rural economy. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Government House, Republic Square, Yerevan 375010 Armenia, Tel: (374-2) 523-471, (374-2) 505-113, Fax: (374-1) 151-736, (374-1) 528-742, E-mail: info@ffpmc.am, Contact: Mr. Robert Harutyunyan, Executive Director, Foreign Financing Projects Management

Third Poverty Reduction Support: The objectives of the project are to (a) consolidate macroeconomic discipline and strengthen governance, (b) sharpen competition and entrench property rights, (c) mitigate social and environmental risks, and (d) modernize the rural economy. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Government House, Republic Square, Yerevan 375010 Armenia, Tel: (374-2) 523-471, (374-2) 505-113, Fax: (374-2) 151-736, (374-2) 528-742, E-mail: info@ffpmc.am, Contact: Mr. Robert Harutyunyan, Executive Director, Foreign Financing Projects Management

Energy and Mining

(R) Urban Heating: The objective of the project is to restructure and privatize the gas and heat sectors to enable successful adoption of clean, efficient, safe, and affordable heating technologies in urban multi-family apartment buildings and schools. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 7 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 57880. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Melik-Adamyany St. 1, Yerevan 375010 Armenia, Tel: (374-1) 545-148, (374-1) 545-149, Fax: (374-1) 545 147, E-mail: tspiu@netsys.am, Contact: Ms. Tamara Babayan, PIU Director

Rural Development

(R) Rural Enterprise and Small-Scale Commercial Agriculture Development: The objectives of the project are to facilitate access to markets by farmers and rural entrepreneurs and stimulate investments in rural areas. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 7 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87011. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Project Management Unit, 74 Teryan St., Yerevan 375009 Armenia, Tel:

(374-1) 548-090, Fax: (374-1) 544-528, E-mail: arsp@arminco.com, Contact: Mr. Levon Aghamyan, Director

Azerbaijan

Economic Management

Poverty Reduction Support (Cr. 4061-AZ): The objective of the project is to manage the natural resources boom efficiently and stimulate balanced economic growth and job creation. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 74938. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Economic Department, Cabinet of Ministers, 68, Lermontov S., Baku 370066 Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 492-5344, Fax: (994-12) 492-7753, Contact: Mr. Nail Fataliyev, Deputy Head

Second Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to continue the development and implementation, within the framework of the government's poverty reduction strategy, of fiscally sustainable policies that support a higher quality of life, especially for the poor, and that are consistent with the country's overall growth strategy. Concept review is scheduled for 1 August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Azerbaijan

Energy and Mining

(R) Power Transmission (Ln 7294-AZ): The objective of the project is to improve the efficiency of the power transmission system through technical and institutional strengthening of the generation/transmission utility. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83341. US\$ 48.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required Azerenerji JSC, 10, Academician Abdul Kerim Ali Zadeh St., Baku 1005 Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 984-184, Fax: (994-12) 985-523, E-mail: teyyar@azernerji.com, Contact: Mr. Teyyar Ibrahimov, Project Director

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Rural Environment (Cr. 4075-AZ): The objective of the project is to improve biodiversity conservation and introduce sustainable natural resource management and economic activities in two mountainous areas to restore their ecological health and productivity. Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 66199, 77031. US\$ 8.0/5.0 (IDA/GEF). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.5 has been provided for preparation. Bilateral funding is anticipated totaling US\$ 1.0. Consultants will be required. Project Implementation Unit, 31 Istiglaliyyat St., Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 496-6863, Fax: (994-12) 492-6863, E-mail: ruslan@ecology-piu.org, Contact: Mr. Ruslan Ajalov, Director

Finance

(R) Financial Services Development (Cr. 4030-AZ): The objective of the project is to improve access to financial services in rural areas through the postal system and further upgrade the national payments system infrastructure. The credit was signed on 24 May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81616. US\$ 12.3 (IDA). Consultants will be required. National Bank of Azerbaijan, Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 973-970, Fax: (994-12) 935-541, E-mail: tahirov.rustam@hba.az, Contact: Mr. Rustam Tahirov, Director, Project Coordination Unit

Health, Nutrition and Population

(N) Health Sector Reform: The objective of the project is to improve the health status of the population by ensuring equitable access to, quality and use of essential health service in a fiscally responsible and financially sustainable manner. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, 4 Kicik daniz St., Baku 370014 Azerbaijan, Fax: (994-12) 936 055, E-mail: medis@medis.baku.az, Contact: Elsever Agayev, Deputy Minister

Rural Development

(N) Agricultural Development and Credit-Phase Two: The objective of the project is to improve agricultural productivity and competitiveness by (a) strengthening the rural financial system, (b) providing ap-

propriate technologies, advisory and veterinarian services; and (c) assisting those involved in post-production processing and marketing with improved product quality and food safety. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. US\$ 30.0 (IDA/IBRD). Consultants will be required. State Agency for Agricultural Credits, 40 U. Hajibekov St., Government House, room 804, Az1016, Baku, Tel: (994-12) 934-693, Fax: (994-12) 981-395, E-mail: rveliyev@agroagency.gov.az, Contact: Mr. Razim A. Valiyev, General Director

Transportation

(R) Trade and Transport Facilitation: The objectives of the project 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. Appraisal has been re-scheduled for May 2006. Environmental Assessment Category B. 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

Second Highway: The objective of the project is to upgrade the Alat-Astara (Iranian border) motorway and rehabilitate the Baku Shamaxi road. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Road Transport Service Department, 72/4, U. Hachibeyov St., Baku 370010 Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 493-0045, Fax: (994-12) 493-4665, E-mail: nnysd@azeronline.com, Contact: Mr. Javid G. Gurbanov, Chief

Urban Development

(R) Internally Displaced Persons Economic Development Support (Cr. 4034-AZ): The objective of the project is to improve the living conditions of internally displaced persons and enhance their economic opportunities and prospects for social integration. The credit was signed on 3 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 89751. US\$ 11.5 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Azerbaijan Republic Social Fund for Development of IDPs, 65 Fizuli St., 5th Floor, Baku 370010 Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 495-3023, Fax: (994-12) 495-7047, E-mail: office@sfdi.net, Contact: Mr. Fikret Topchibashev, Managing Director

Belarus

Energy and Mining

Post-Chernobyl Recovery: The objective of the project is to improve the living conditions of the people most affected by the Chernobyl accident by (a) improving the heating conditions in houses and social institutions and (b) using cleaner fuel. Preappraisal mission was scheduled for July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95115. US\$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Economic Management

(R) Programmatic Development Policy: (formerly Program Development Policy) The objective of the project is to accelerate privatization of state-operated enterprises and introduce a corporate governance framework for mass-privatized enterprises. Appraisal is scheduled for September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 89043. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Education

(R) Education Restructuring (Cr. 4080-BOS): The objectives of the project are to (a) increase participation in secondary education and access to tertiary education; and (b) improve the efficiency of secondary and higher education delivery, which will allow public funding to be refocused on improving access and quality in the system. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79226. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Project Coordination Units, Vuka Karadzica 1, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-51) 218-417 (RS), (387-33) 665-261 (Fed.), Fax: (387-51) 218-416 (RS), (387-33) 471-767 (Fed.), E-mail: education@in-

ecco.net, pcu-ed@bih.net.ba, Contacts: Z. Marjanovic, PCU Director, K. Karabdic, PCU Director FBiH

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) Solid Waste Management Supplement: The objectives of the project are to rehabilitate land fills, build financial and institutional capacity, increase the quality, availability, and sustainability of solid-waste services, correct environmental problems, and reduce health hazards caused by an inadequate waste collection and disposal system. Board presentation was scheduled for 30 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 95382. US\$ 8.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Solid Waste Management Project Implementing Unit, J.P. DEP-OT, Bulevar Vojvode Zivojins Misica 23, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Fax: (387-33) 667-801, E-mail: fmobnova@bih.net.ba, Contact: Aid Kapetanovic

Biodiversity Conservation: The objective of the project 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87094. US\$ 4.0 (GEF). An Austrian trust fund for preparation has been requested. Consulting services to be determined. 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, PIU 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: piusume@inecco.net, Contact: Mr. Zeljko Stojanovic, PIU Director

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Sector Enhancement (Cr. 4047-BOS): The objective of the project is to build on positive results from earlier pilots and further expand the family medicine model of primary health care and gains made in health management training. Approved by the Executive Directors on 31 March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88663. US\$ 17.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation, with financing from a PHRD grant. Ministry of Health (Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina), Trg Heroja 14, Sarajevo 71000 Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 203-477, E-mail: bhp@bih.net.ba, Contact: Ms. Drazenka Rados, Project Coordinator; Ministry of Health and Social Welfare (Republika Srpska), Kralja Petra Karadjordjevic 133, Banja Luka 78000 Republica Srpska, Tel: (387-51) 319-161, E-mail: moh.pcu@blic.net, Contact: Mr. Gordan Jelic, Project Coordinator

Social Protection

(N) Social Insurance Technical Assistance Supplemental: The objective of the project is to implement reforms of the social insurance systems including short-run cost controls and longer-run changes in governance, capacity, design, policy and financing. Board presentation on a no-objection basis was scheduled for 30 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 95596. US\$ 2.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Federation Ministry of Health, Project Implementation Unit, Trg heroja 14, Sarajevo 71000 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 203 477, Fax: (387-33) 203 478, E-mail: bhp@bih.net.ba, Contact: Mr. Tomo Lucic, Minister; Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republika Srpska, Project Coordination Unit, Kralja Petra I Karadjordjevic, Republica Srpska, Tel: (387-51) 319-161, Fax: (387-51) 319 168, E-mail: moh.pcu@blic.net, Contact: Mr. Ivo Komljenovic, Minister

Water and Sanitation

(R) Water Quality Protection: The objective of the project is to provide international water way protection for the Bosnia and Neretva Rivers water quality program. Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85112. US\$ 1.5/8.5 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. JP Vodovod, Dr. Ile Budaka 106, Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Tel: (387-088) 318-329, Fax: (387-088) 315-016, E-mail: pitt@cob.net.ba, Contact: Enes Alagic, Project Coordinator, Vodoprivreda Sarajevo and Mostar

Bulgaria

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Efficiency: The objective of the project is to increase energy efficiency through establishment of a self-sustaining, market-based financing mechanism (Bulgarian Energy Efficiency Fund) to provide continuing and growing reductions in green house gas emissions through energy efficiency improvements. *The grant was signed on 11 April 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 84831. US\$ 10.0 (GEF). Additional financing of US\$ 5.5 is anticipated from bilateral donors. A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.9 has been used in preparation. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Energy Resources, 8 Triaditza St., Sofia 1040 Bulgaria, Tel/Fax: (359-2) 988-3216, E-mail: todorova@doe.bg, Contact: Ms. Kostadinka Todorova, Director, Energy Strategy Directorate and Head of Project Preparation Unit

Public Sector Governance

(R) Third Programmatic Adjustment (Ln. 4785-BUL): The objective of the project is to implement the poverty reduction program with special focus on private-sector led growth, poverty reduction, and progress toward EU accession. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 2 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 78675. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Council for Structural Policy, 1 Dondukov Blvd., Sofia 1594 Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 940-2143, Fax: (359-2) 980-7707, E-mail: z.veleva@government.bg, Contact: Zinaida Veleva, Director, European Integration and Relations with IFIs, Council of Ministers

Croatia

Education

Education Sector Development Program: The objective of the project is to develop the education system's capacity to improve education services. Negotiations were scheduled for June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86671. US\$ 85.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Trg hrvatskih velikana 6, Zagreb 10000 Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 4659-001, Fax: (385-1) 4610-501, E-mail: vini.rakic@mzos.hr, Contact: Mr. Vini Rakic, Project Coordinator

Energy and Mining

(N) District Heating: The objectives of the project are to develop the district heating sector, improve Hrvatska Elektroprivreda's heating services, and upgrade the infrastructure of the firm's district companies in Zagreb and Osijek, which will result in less heat loss and better service. Project concept review was scheduled for July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 24.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

(R) Renewable Energy Resources: The objective of the project is to develop a rational policy framework for renewable energy and develop an economically and environmentally sustainable market for renewable energy resources. *Board presentation was scheduled for 23 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 71464. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Hrvatska Elektroprivreda Ltd., Ulica Grada Vukovara 31, Zagreb 10000 Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 632-2302, Fax: (385-1) 617-0478, E-mail: gordana.lucic@hep.hr, Contact: Mr. Gordana Lucic, ESO Team Leader, Development Department

Health, Nutrition and Population

Sustainable Health System: The objective of the project is to improve the performance of the health system by making it more efficient, enhancing appropriate financial protection for the population, and adding incentives that will be catalysts for change in the delivery system. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 86669. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be needed in health finance, health service delivery, public health promotion and capacity building. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Ksaver 200, Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 460-7517, Fax: (385-1) 460-7520, E-mail: nbenic@miz.hr, Contact: Dr. Nikola Benic, Project Management Unit

Private Sector Development

(R) Science and Technology: The objectives of the project are to (a) strengthen and restructure research and development institutions to achieve higher levels of applied research and increase their self-sufficiency; and (b) increase the ability of beneficiary enterprises to develop, use and adapt technology. Board presentation was scheduled for 7 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 80258. US\$ 47.3 (IBRD). Consultants will be needed for institution building, development of management information systems, a promotion campaign, setting up venture capital funds, establishing technology centers and science parks, helping private firms be more competitive and technology transfer. Ministry of Science, Education and Sport, *Trg Hrvatskij Velikana 6, Zagreb 10000 Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 235-2662, Fax: (385-1) 459-4449/69, E-mail: Dragan.Soljan@bicro.hr, Contact: Mr. Dragan Soljan, Director, Project Management Unit*

Programmatic Adjustment: The objective of the project is to enhance economic growth by reducing the size and improving the efficiency of the public sector, and by encouraging greater private sector activity and productivity. Appraisal completed. Negotiations were scheduled for 14 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 82278. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Katanciceva 5, Zagreb 1000 Croatia, Tel/Fax: (385-1) 459-1248, E-mail: martina.dalic@mfn.hr, Contact: Ms. Martina Dalic, State Secretary

Rural Development

(N) Agriculture Acquis Cohesion: The objective of the project is to enable the agricultural sector to capture benefits accruing from accession to the European Union. Preappraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 91715. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Water Economy, Av. Vukovar 78, Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 610-6111, Fax: (385-1) 610-9201, E-mail: office@mps.hr, Contact: Mr. Miroslav Bozic, Assistant Minister

Social Protection

(R) Social Welfare Development (Ln. 7307-HR): (formerly Social Protection) The objective of the project is to have an efficient, affordable social welfare system that will provide improved services and address client needs. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 69937. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Ksaver 200, Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 460-7512, Fax: (385-1) 467-7090, E-mail: katja.matijevic@miz.hr, Contact: Ms. Katja Matijevic, Assistant Minister

Georgia

Economic Management

(R) Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to implement structural reforms necessary to promote growth, sustain macroeconomic stability and reduce poverty. Preparation mission was scheduled for 20 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 88820. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, 70, I Abasidze St., Tbilisi 0612 Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 252-904, Fax: (995-32) 5532-3122, E-mail: protocol@mof.ge, Contact: Mariam Dahkunderidze, Head of Protocol

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) Irrigation and Drainage Community Development Supplemental: The objective of the project is to reconstruct flood protection embankments, irrigation headworks and conveyance canals that have been destroyed or severely damaged by recent floods and if unattended, could lead to increased flooding occurrences and infrastructure damage. Board presentation on a no-objection basis was scheduled for 30 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Department of Amelioration Scheme, Management of the Ministry of Agriculture, 41 Kostava Street, Tbilisi 0123 Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 921-466, Fax: (995-32) 922-038, E-mail: idcdp@adpcc.org.ge, Contact: Mr. Constantine Mgeladze, Project Manager

Public Sector Governance

(R) Public Sector Management Reform Support: The objective of the project is to enhance governance by (a) strengthening the institutional capacity of key agencies more efficiently to use public resources to realize development priorities and (b) improving the accountability of public finance. Preparation mission was scheduled for late June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 63081. US\$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Public Service Bureau, 12 Chanturia St., Tbilisi, Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 997-186, E-mail: k_kipiani@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. K. Kipiani, Head

Rural Development

(R) Rural Development (Cr. 4062-GE): The objective of the project is to develop the private commercial agriculture sector by facilitating access of small farmers to supply chains and improving the competitiveness of the supplies system in response to demand from domestic and international markets. The credit was signed on 28 May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 78544. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Project Coordination Center, Ministry of Agriculture and Food, 41 Kostava St., Tbilisi 380062 Georgia, Fax: (995-32) 996-261, E-mail: revazasatiani@adpcc.org.ge, Contact: Mr. Revaz Asatiani, Director

Hungary

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Black Sea Nutrient Reduction: The objective of the project is to reduce nutrient discharge into the Danube and ultimately the Black Sea by improving purification of effluent from wastewater treatment plants at Budapest and Dunaujváros and increasing the nutrient retention capacity in the Danube-Dráva National Park's Gemenc and Béda-Karapanca Region. Appraisal was scheduled for 6 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74971. US\$ 7.5 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Municipality of Budapest, Office of the Mayor, Varoshaz u. 9-11, H-1840, PO Box 1, Budapest 50 Hungary, Tel: (36-1) 317-6310, Fax: (36-1) 327-1811, Contact: Attila Pocs, Head, PIU; Municipality of Dunajvaros, E-mail: nemesne@dunaujvaros.hu, Contact: Erika Nemes, Head, PMU; Gemenc National Park, Contact: Britta Hadinger, Leader of the Implementation Team

Kazakhstan

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Forest Protection and Reforestation: The objective of the project is to develop environmental and economic services through more sustainable use, increased productivity and enhanced conservation of forest and associated rangeland resources, with a focus on the northeastern pine forest and southern saxaul woodlands. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78301. US\$ 30.0/5.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Forestry and Hunting Committee, Ministry of Agriculture, Abay Ave., 49, Astana 473000, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3172) 328-248, Fax: (7-3172) 328-233, E-mail: komles@nature.kz, Contact: Mr. Igor A. Koval, Deputy Chairman

Ust-Kamenogorsk Environmental Remediation (Industrial Waste Treatment): The objective of the project 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 78342. US\$35.0 (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

Rural Development

Agricultural Competitiveness (Ln. 4774-KZ): The objective of the project is to increase agricultural competitiveness. Approved by the Executive Directors on 28 April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 49721. US\$ 24.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for laboratory equipment standard harmonization, extension and mar-

keting training, and agricultural development policy. Ministry of Agriculture, 49 Abai St., Astana 473000 Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3172) 324-537, Fax: (7-3172) 324-299, E-mail: invest@minagri.kz, Contact: Mr. Amangeldy Taskuzhin, Head of the Investment and External Cooperation Division.

Kosovo

Private Sector Development

(R) Business Environment Technical Assistance (H167-KOS): The objective of the project is to improve the business environment by reducing uncertainty of key regulatory and judicial processes, improving service delivery, and increasing transparency and accountability of enforcement institutions. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88045. US\$ 7.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. *UN Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo, One Mother Therese Saint Pristina, Kosovo, Fax: (212-963) 8442-5642, Contact: Joachim Rücker, Deputy Special Representative*

Public Sector Governance

(R) Public Expenditure Management Technical Assistance (H168-KOS): (formerly *Economic Policy and Public Expenditure Management*) The objective of the project is to strengthen public expenditure management through institution building. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 78674. US\$ 5.5 (IDA Grant). Consultants are required for implementation. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Corner of Mother Theresa and Bill Clinton, Prishtine, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 2003-4101, Fax: (3891-0) 3854-1640, E-mail: ssefaj@mfe-ks.org, Contact: Mr. Sefedin Sefaj, Permanent Secretary

Kyrgyz Republic

Economic Management

Poverty Reduction Support: The project aims at developing and implementing sound policies to carry out the national strategy of poverty reduction. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 79112. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants have been retained for preparation. Ministry of Finance, Department of Investment Policy, 720040, 58, Erkindik Blvd, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 661-350, Fax: (996-312) 661-645, E-mail: s.mukanbetov@mf.gov.kg, Contact: Mr. Sanjar Mukanbetov, Director

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health and Social Protection: The objective of the project is to implement the Manas II Health Reform Program through a sector-wide approach. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84977. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Kyrgyz Health Project Implementation Unit, 8 Logvinenko St., Bishkek 720040 Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 661-335, Fax: (996-312) 661-335, E-mail: tmeimanaliev@med.kg, Contact: Mr. Tilkek Meimanaliev, Director

Rural Development

Water Management Improvement: The objective of the project is to improve irrigation service delivery and water management for increased productivity of irrigated agriculture. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Water Resources, 4a Toktonaliev St., Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 541-174, Fax: (996-312) 541-174, E-mail: onfarmir@elcat.kg, Contact: Mr. A. Kichibaev, PIU Director

Latvia

Public Sector Governance

(R) Third Programmatic Structural Adjustment: The objectives of the project are to (a) sustain a growth-oriented macroeconomic framework; (b) strengthen the credibility of the public sector; (c) improve institutional capacity to deliver public services; and (d) build a transparent relationship with the private sector. *This project has been placed on reserve. Further reporting will be discontinued until active preparation resumes.*

Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, European Union, and International Affairs Department, 1, Smilšu St., LV 1919, Riga, Latvia, Tel: (371) 709-5674, Fax: (371) 709-5625, E-mail: sigita.puspure@fm.gov.lv, Contact: Ms. Sigita Puspure, Senior Expert, Supervision and Evaluation Division, EU Funds Department

Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Republic of

Economic Management

(R) First Programmatic Development Policy: The objectives of the project are to (a) promote economic growth and job creation by improving the investment climate and (c) strengthen the governance and efficiency of the public sector. *Appraisal was scheduled for 27 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired. Ministry of Finance, Dame Gruev 14, 1000 Skopje, Republic of Macedonia, Tel: (389-2) 311-7288, Fax: (389-2) 311-7280, E-mail: finance@finance.gov.mk, Contact: Mr. Nikola Popovski, Minister of Finance

Energy and Mining

(N) Electric Power Development: The objective of the project is to develop a combined heat and power plant to improve reliability of the electricity supply and facilitate the entry of private investors in the energy sector, support the provision of secure and affordable power, and support the commercialization of the power sector. Appraisal is scheduled for September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82337. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. MEPSO (the national power transmission company), Ministry of Economy, ul. Jurij Gagarin 15, Skopje, Tel: (389-2) 328-9950, Fax: (389-2) 308-4902, (389-2) 298-958, E-mail: nikola.cerepnalkovski@economy.gov.mk, Contact: Mr. Nikola Cerepnalkovski, State Counselor for Energy

(R) Sustainable Energy: The objective of the project is to establish a project development assistance facility and a sustainable energy financing facility with the intention of expanding considerably the market for energy efficiency and renewable energy by making readily available the requisite technical assistance and financial intermediation. GEF Council approval was *rescheduled for 15 August 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Energy Department, 15 Ul. Jurij Gagarin, Macedonia, 1000, Tel: (389-2) 393-531, Fax: (389-2) 394-902, E-mail: violeta.keckoarovska@economy.gov.mk, Contact: Ms. Violeta Keckoarovska, Head

Private Sector Development

(R) Business Environment Reform and Institutional Strengthening: The objective of the project is to improve selected areas of the business environment in an EU-oriented context. Negotiations *completed.* *Board presentation was tentatively scheduled for 21 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79552. US\$ 11.3 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Tel: (389-2) 309-3408, Fax: (389-2) 308-4472, E-mail: neriman.dzeladini@economy.gov.mk, Contact: Mrs. Neriman Zdeladini, Director, Project Coordination Unit

The Road to Europe: Program of Accounting Reform and Institutional Strengthening (REPARIS): The objective of the project is to enact, implement, and enforce the relevant portions of the Acquis Communautaire regarding commercial activity, in particular corporate accounting and auditing. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Dame Gruev 14, Skopje 1000 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tel: (389-2) 311-7288, Fax: (389-2) 311-7280, E-mail: finance@finance.gov.mk, Contact: Mr. Maksud Ali, Deputy Minister

Rural Development

(R) Real Estate Cadastre and Registration (Ln. 4768-MK): The objective of the project is to improve public confidence in tenure security and lowering transaction costs by building more effective land registration and cadastre systems, contributing to the development of efficient real property markets. *The loan was signed on 6 June 2005.*

Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83126. US\$ 14.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State Authority for Geodetic Works, U1. Trifun Hadzi Janev br.4, Skopje 1000 The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tel: (389-2) 317-0100, Fax: (389-2) 317-1668, E-mail: t.cenova@katastar.gov.mk, Contact: Ms. Tatjana Cenova Mitrevska, State Advisor for Legal Works

Transportation

(R) Railways Reform: The objective of the project is to improve the financial viability, productivity, and effectiveness of railway operations. Board presentation was scheduled for 14 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83499. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport and Communication, Skopje 1000 The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tel: (389-23) 123-292, Fax: (389-23) 126-228, Contact: Mr. Dejan Kosutic, Deputy Minister

Moldova, Republic of

Education

Rural Education: The objectives of the project are to (a) increase access to quality education for children from poor families, particularly in rural areas, (b) improve efficiency in the use of resources, and (c) strengthen the capacity of the system to plan and manage delivery of education services. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Science, 31 August St., Chisinau, Moldova, Tel: (373-2) 233-0344, Fax: (373-2) 233-034, E-mail: project@education.moldnet.md, Contact: Mrs. Ludmila Stepan, Project Management Unit Manager

Energy and Mining

Renewable Energy from Agricultural Wastes: The objective of the project is to overcome barriers for development of biomass technology by demonstrating best practices in the sustainable use of biomass-fueled energy systems as a viable alternative to gas, oil, and coal in rural communities. The grant was scheduled to be approved following GEF medium-sized project guidelines in June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84688 US\$ 1.0 (GEF). No consultants are required. Consolidated Agricultural Project Management Unit (CAPMU), 9 Cosmonautilor St., Office 544, Chisinau 2005 Moldova, Tel: (373-22) 223-106, E-mail: igorashov@capmu.md, Contact: Mr. Igor Gorashov, General Director

Finance

Rural Investment and Services APL 2: The objective of the project is to foster post-privatization growth in the agricultural and rural sectors. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. US\$ 14.5 (IDA). Consultants will be required for extension services, business development and microfinance. Consolidated Agricultural Project Management Unit, Cosmonautilor St. 9, Office 523, Chisinau 2005 Moldova, Tel: (373-2) 223-106, Fax: (373-2) 226-994, E-mail: igorashov@capmu.md, Contact: Mr. Igor Corashov, General Director

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Sustainable Persistent Organic Pollutants Stockpiles Management: The objectives of the project are to (a) establish and sustain a system of persistent organic pollutants (POP) stockpiles management and disposal for their eventual destruction and (b) prevent future contamination from POP. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 4.5 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Cosmonautilor St. 9, Chisinau 2005 Moldova, Tel: (373-2) 222-6254, Fax: (373-2) 221-0660, E-mail: vplesca@moldovapops.md, Contact: Mr. Valentin Plesca, PIU Manager

Private Sector Development

(N) Competitiveness Enhancement: The objective of the project is to enhance the competitiveness of enterprises through improvements in the business environment, reform of the national system of standards and metrology in accordance with WTO requirements, support for development of quality assurance and control mechanisms, the facilitation

of access to finance. Preappraisal is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89124. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Public Sector Governance

(R) Public Financial Management Technical Assistance (Cr. 4082-MD): The project aims at improving budget preparation, execution, reporting and control through capacity building and investment in the design and installation of an integrated financial management information system. Approved by the Executive Directors on 16 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82916. US\$ 8.5 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 7 Cosmonautilor St., Chisinau 2005 Moldova, Tel: (373-2) 221-307, Fax: (373-2) 243-775, E-mail: nlupan@minfin.moldova.md, Contact: Ms. Zinaida Grecianii, Minister

Urban Development

(R) Cadastre Supplemental (Cr. 30611-MD): The objective of the project is to develop and implement a national unified real estate registration program. Approved by the Executive Directors on 16 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 3.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. The State Agency for Land, Relations, and Cadastre of the Republic of Moldova, 47 Puskin St., Chisinau 3005 Moldova, Tel: (373-2) 212-244, Fax: (373-2) 236-373, E-mail: info@pio.cadastre.md, Contact: Mr. Valeriu Ginju, Acting Director, Project Implementation Office

Water and Sanitation

Chisinau Environmental: The objective of the project is to improve the quality of water in the Dnister River as well as the environmental quality in the Dnister River Basin. Appraisal is scheduled for September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74139. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, str Cosmonautilor 9, Moldova 2005 mun, Chisinau, Tel: (373-22) 22-1667, Contact: Mr. Constantin Mihailescu, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources; Department of Constructions and Territory Development, str Cosmonautilor 9, Moldova 2005 mun, Chisinau, Tel: (373-22) 20450, E-mail: olgacov@water.md, Contact: Ms. Olga Covaliova, Head of PIU

Poland

Energy and Mining

Hard Coal: The objective of the project is to complete reform of the hard coal sector by (a) offering publicly held entities for privatization and (b) resolving the legacy of subsidence liabilities from closed mines. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Odra River Basin Flood Protection: The objective of the project is to protect the population in the Odra River Basin against loss of life and damage to property caused by severe flooding. Appraisal is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 86768. US\$ 130.0 (IBRD). Consultants were used for project feasibility studies; and will be used for detailed design and construction supervision; and for 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

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Sector Modernization Technical Assistance: The objectives of the project are to build the capacity of the health system to become more efficient in the financing and delivery of health care services and to improve the quality of health care services. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Health, Office of Foreign Aid Programs in Health Care, Al. Jerozolimskie 175, Miodowa 15, Warsaw, Poland, Tel: (48-22) 658-2261, E-mail: bpz.gov.pl, Contact: Mr. Jadwiga Jaszczyk, PIU Coordinator

Rural Development

(R) Post-Accession Rural Support: The objectives of the project are to (a) increase employment in rural areas, (b) facilitate the ongoing decentralization, and (c) strengthen institutional capacity to absorb European Union structural funds. *Appraisal completed. Negotiations were scheduled for 11 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 65270. US\$ 83.6 (IBRD). *A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.6 is financing preparation. Consultants are required.* Ministry of Economy, Labor and Social Policy, 1/3 Nowogrodzka St., Warsaw 00-503 Poland, Tel: (48-22) 661-0191, Fax: (48-22) 661-0190, E-mail: marek_szczepanski@mpips.gov.pl, Contact: Marek Szczepanski, Under-Secretary of State

Regional

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Lake Skhoder Integrated Ecosystem Management: The objective of the project is to achieve more sustainable uses of the lake's natural resources and those of its watershed. *Project preparation is under way.* 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

Integrated Ecosystem Management of Neretva and Trebisnjica River Basins: The objective of the project 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. *Project preparation is under way.* 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: petricec@voda.hr, Contact: Mr. Mladen Petricec, Head, Institute for Water Management; Republika of Srbska 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

Romania

Education

(N) Social Inclusion Program: The objective of the project is to improve the living conditions and social inclusion of the most disadvantaged people, particularly the Roma. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Energy and Mining

(R) District Heating Restructuring: The objectives of the project are to (a) implement the strategy for the restructuring of the district heating sector, (b) improve heating services and (c) reduce the subsidy burden on the budget. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 17 Apolodor St., Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 319-9759; (40-21) 410-1189, Fax: (40-21) 312-1630; *Ministry of Administration and Interior, 1, Piata Victoriei, Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 222-5960; (40-21) 222-6979, Fax: (40-21) 231-6979, E-mail: radu.dorcioman@gov.ro, Contact: Mr. Radu Dorcioman, Deputy General Director, Department for Fiscal and Budgetary Policies and Local Investment*

(R) Energy Community of South East Europe (Ln. 7272-RO): The objective of the project is to develop a functioning regional electricity market in South East Europe and integrate it into the electricity market of the European Union. *The loan was scheduled to be signed in June/July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 86694.

US\$ 84.3 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Hidroelectrica, Saint Constantin Nacu, Nr. 3, Sector 2, Bucharest 70219 Romania, Tel: (40-21) 303-2529, Fax: (40-21) 303-2264, E-mail: carmen.marin@hidro-electrica.ro, Contact: Ms. Carmen Marin, Director

(R) Mine Closure, Rehabilitation, and Socio-Economic Regeneration (Second Mining) (Ln. 4759-RO): The objectives of the project are to (a) assist with mine closure and remediation of environmental damage to mining areas and (b) support socio-economic regeneration of the mining regions including providing social support for unemployed ex-miners and their families and for communities where mines have closed or are being closed. *The loan was signed on 28 January 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87807. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Trade, 152-154, Calea Victoriei, 1st Floor, Room 116, Sector 1, Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 210-4984/4130, Fax: (40-21) 315-1155, E-mail: tnicolae@minind.ro, Contact: Mr. Nicolae Turdan, Director, Project Management Unit, Mine Closure and Social Mitigation Project

Law and Justice

Judicial Reform: The objective of the project is to implement structural reforms in the justice sector through: (a) improvement in the efficiency of courts; (b) improvement in court infrastructure, and (c) enhancement of the professionalism of judges and other court personnel. *Appraisal is scheduled for September 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Justice, St. Apolodor nr. 17, Sector 5, Bucharest 70663 Romania, Tel: (40-21) 410-7174; Superior Council of Magistracy, St. Sandor nr. 47, Sector 1, Bucharest 011405 Romania, Tel: (40-21) 222-8454

Private Sector Development

Jiu Valley Development: The objective of the project is to achieve increased competitiveness of the core local determinants of economic growth, namely, factor markets, firms, and institutions, and thus reverse the negative trend of local economic growth in the region. *Project is being identified.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ amount to be determined (IBRD). Consultants will be required for a multi-dimensional assessment, a regional development strategy, city development strategies, and an assessment of tourist potential of the Jiu Valley. Ministry of Public Finance, 17 Apolodor St., 5th District, Bucharest 050741 Romania, Tel: (40-1) 410-3400, Fax: (40-1) 312-2509, E-mail: presa@mfinante.gov.ro, Contact: Ms. Mioara Ionescu, Counselor to the Minister of Public Finance

Knowledge Economy: The objective of the project is to increase participation of knowledge-disadvantaged communities in the knowledge-based society and economy, in line with the government's European Union accession strategy. *Appraisal completed.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88165. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for (a) social assessment to identify knowledge-disadvantaged communities; (b) a survey of the impact on the communities of public investment in local communication e-networks; (c) assistance to communities in participating in the Knowledge Economy Project and promoting its activities; (d) design of technical specifications for local communication e-networks and assisting communities in the establishment of local communication e-networks; (e) needs assessments; (f) innovation support for small-to-medium enterprises; and (g) education work. Project Management Unit, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Board Libertatii No. 14, Sector 5, Bucharest 70060 Romania, Tel: (40-21) 400-1190, Fax: (40-21) 336-5887, E-mail: office@mcti.ro, Contact: Ms. Diana Voicu, Director

Public Sector Governance

(N) Revenue Administration Reform: The objective of the project is to establish a sustainable public revenue collection system. *Project is being identified.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

(N) Second Programmatic Adjustment: The objectives of the project are to enact core public sector reforms, build a competitive market economy and deliver public services. *Appraisal is scheduled for October 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 200.0

(IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Office of the Prime Minister, Tel: (40-21) 212-5223, Contact: Ms. Armenia Androniceanu, PAL Director

Social Protection

Reforms for Inclusion of Disabled and Elderly: The objective of the project is to strengthen social protection of the disabled and elderly through institutional reform, social reintegration, and building of institutional capacity. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 110.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Labor, Social Solidarity, and Family, 2-4, Dem I. Dobrescu St., Sector 1, Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 312-5456, Fax: (40-21) 310-4320, Contact: Mr. Constantin Olteanu, Director, Project Management Unit; Ministry of Education and Research, 28-30, Gen. Berthelot St., Sector 1, Bucharest, Romania, Tel/Fax: (40-21) 312-5456

Russian Federation

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Fire Management in High Biodiversity Value Forests of Amur-Sikhote-Alin Ecoregion: The objective of the project 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 completed. Negotiations were scheduled for 6 July 2005. 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: (7-095) 951-8689, Fax: (7-095) 230-8530, E-mail: rosles@space.ru, Contact: Mr. Victor N. Sergeyenko, Deputy Head, Forest Protection Directorate

Finance

Land Launch: The objective of the project is to capitalize on the country's competitive international position in space technology by guaranteeing private financial backers of the construction of a new Zenit 3 rocket launch facility in Baikanur, Kazakhstan, against noncommercial risks. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD Partial Risk Guarantee). Consulting services to be determined. Rosaviakosmos (Federal Space Agency of the Russian Federation), 42, Schepkina, Moscow 107996 Russia, Tel: (7-095) 971-8802, Fax: (7-095) 975-4471, Contact: Mr. Anatoly N. Perminov, Head

Law and Justice

Judicial Support: (formerly Court Information Support) The objective of the project is to improve the quality and transparency of court decisions. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Public Sector Governance

(R) Cadastre: The objectives of the project are to improve the information flow and rationalize normative and operational procedures for the Unified State Cadastre of Immovable Property. *Board presentation was scheduled for 5 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78420. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Federal Land Cadastre Service, Prospect Vernadskogo 37, korpus 2, Moscow, Russia, Tel: (7-095) 930-7351, Fax: (7-095) 930-2794, E-mail: alo@icland.ru, Contact: Mr. Aleksei Overchuk, Deputy Chief

(R) Registration: The objectives of the project are to simplify and improve procedures for registering rights in immovable property and improve the information flow from the registry to users. Appraisal completed. *Negotiations are scheduled for 15 August 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Justice, Ulica Voroncova Polya, 4-A, Moscow, Russia, Tel: (7-095) 206-0253, Fax: (7-095) 916-2903, E-mail: tatiana.gorlatch@minjust.ru, Contact: Ms. Tatiana Gorlatch, Project Advisor

Second Development of State Statistical System: The objective of the project is to modernize the state statistical service based on international standards in methodology, data collection and dissemina-

tion. Identification mission is scheduled for mid- to late-2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Urban Development

(R) Kazan Municipal Development (Ln. 4766-RU): The objective of the project is to get the city government out of the housing and utility businesses so that it can be more effective in delivering economic development, community services and social protection. *The loan was signed on 3 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82018. US\$ 125.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Direction for Extrabudgetary Programs of Municipal Development, Bolshaia Krasnaia St. 28/8, Kazan 42011 Russia, Tel: (8432) 385-323, Fax: (8432) 383-307, E-mail: invest@u-net.ru, Contact: Vladimir Gritskikh, PIU Director

Water and Sanitation

(R) Rostov Nutrient Discharge & Methane Reduction: The objectives of the project are to: (a) reduce nitrogen and phosphorous discharges into the Don River and the Azov and Black Seas, (b) reduce greenhouse gases emissions, and (c) improve Rostov Vodokanal energy efficiency. Appraisal is scheduled for 25 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71473. US\$ 11.0 (GEF). No consultants are required. Rostov Oblast Administration, Bolshaya Sadovaya 51, Rostov 344000 Russia, Tel: (8632) 652-580, Fax: (8632) 518-318, E-mail: rrfsp@aaanet.ru, Contact: Mr. Artur Kazariants, Director, Project Implementation Unit; Rostov Vodokanal, Gorky St. 293, Rostov 344019 Russia, Tel: (8632) 652-580, Fax: (8632) 518-318, E-mail: akazariants@rrfsp.aaanet.ru, Contact: Mr. Artur Kazariants, Director, Project Implementation Unit

Hydromet Modernization (Ln. 4769-RU): The objective of the project is to improve RosHydromet's capacity to provide weather and hydrological services and to assure effective delivery of weather forecasts to the government and the public by modernizing key elements of its technical base and strengthening its institutional arrangements. In turn this objective supports the higher-level goal of reducing risk to life and damage to the economy from weather and climate-related events. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82239. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Russian Federal Service for Hydrometeorology and Environmental Monitoring (RosHydromet), 12 Novovagan'lovsky pereulok, Moscow 123995 Russia, Tel: (7-095) 205-4813, Fax: (7-095) 255-2025, E-mail: ovch@mcc.mecom.ru, Contact: Viktor V. Ovchinnikov, Deputy Head of the Division of Hydrometeorology and Active Impact

Serbia and Montenegro

Economic Management

(R) First Programmatic Development Policy: The objectives of the project are to: (a) strengthen fiscal discipline in the enterprise, energy and transport sectors, (b) attract foreign direct investment, and (c) build a more efficient and stable financial sector and improve access to finance. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 14.0/41.0 (IBRD/IDA). *No consultants are required.* Ministry of Finance, Nemanjina 11, Belgrade 11000 Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 361-7603, Fax: (381-11) 361-7613, Contact: H.E. Mladjan Dinkic, Minister

Second Programmatic Development Policy: The objectives of the project are to (a) create a high quality, fiscally affordable public sector; and (b) improve the allocative efficiency of public spending—both of which are crucial for growth, market stability and the formalization of economic activity. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 55.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Nemanjina 22-26, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 361-7603, Fax: (381-11) 363-3264, E-mail: ipetrovic@mfn.sr.gov.yu, Contact: Mr. Mladjan Dinkic, Minister of Finance

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Community of South East Europe APL-2: The objective of the project is to develop a functioning regional electricity market in South East Europe and integrate it into the electricity market of the

European Union. The project will enable the country to comply with its obligations to the market and finance its investments in transmission infrastructure and a feasibility study for rehabilitation of a hydro project that will supply ancillary services to the regional market. *Board presentation was scheduled for 24 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88867. US\$ 21.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Electric Power Industry of Serbia, Balkanska 12, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 361-0580, Fax: (381-11) 361-1908, E-mail: vladimir.djordjevic@eps.co.yu, Vladimir Djordjevic, Director; Ministry of Energy and Mining, Nemanjina 22-26, Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 334-6755; Ministry for International Economic Relations, Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 2, Belgrade 11070 Serbia and Montenegro, Contact: Contact: H.E. Predrag Ivanovic, Minister for International Economic Relations

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) Bor Regional Development: The objective of the project is to alleviate poverty in the Bor mining region by restructuring the mining industry and encouraging growth of the regional economy. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Privatization Agency, Terazije 23, 6th Floor, Belgrade 11000 Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 302-9968, Fax: (381-11) 302-0828, E-mail: zpetrovic@priv.yu, Contact: Ms. Zorica Petrovic, PMU Director

(R) Danube River Enterprise Pollution Reduction: The objective of the project is to reduce from selected enterprises nutrient flows into bodies of water connected to the Danube River. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 12 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84604. US\$ 9.0 (GEF). *Cofinancing has been provided by SIDA (US\$ 3.9) and EU (US\$ 0.1).* Consultants will be required. Ministry for Protection of Environment and Natural Resources, 91, Dr. Ivana Ribara St., Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 161-180, Fax: (381-11) 158-793, E-mail: brana.andric@ekoserb.sr.gov.yu, Contact: Branka Andric, Special Adviser

Private Sector Development

First Programmatic Development Policy: The objectives of the project are to (a) strengthen fiscal discipline in the enterprise, energy, and transport sectors; (b) build a more efficient and stable financial sector; and (c) improve the investment climate through a series of policy reforms. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 14.0/41.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Nemanjina 11, Belgrade 11000 Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 361-7603, Fax: (381-11) 361-7613, Contact: H.E. Mladjan Dinkic, Minister of Finance

Rural Development

(R) Irrigation and Drainage Rehabilitation: The project aims at: (a) reducing the risk of damage to land, crops, property, and infrastructure from flooding; (b) increasing agricultural productivity through support to high priority rehabilitation of drainage and irrigation infrastructure; and (c) improving water resource management and strengthening the associated water resource management institutions and policies. *Board presentation was scheduled for 5 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87964. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, 2A Bulevar Umetnosti, 11070 New Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 201-3338, (381-11) 201-3366, E-mail: rdvode@eunet.yu, Contact: Mr. Nikola Marjanovic, Director, Water Directorate

Social Protection

(R) Consolidated Collection and Pension Administration Reform (Cr. 4071-YF): The project aims at (a) improving the delivery of pensions; (b) establishing a modern and efficient pension administration; (c) increasing the effectiveness, efficiency, and transparency of the pension system; (d) establishing a prudently-operated voluntary pension pillar; and (e) creating conditions to improve the viability of the voluntary pillar. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 31 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 90418. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants are required. Ministry of Labor, 2nd Floor, Room 20, Ne-

manjina 22-26, Belgrade 11000 Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 363-1160, (381-11) 361-6294, E-mail: ljiljar@msoc.sr.gov.yu, Contact: Ms. Ljiljana Radifkovic, Assistant Minister

Urban Development

(N) Montenegro Tourism Development: The objective of the project is to provide sustainable bulk water supplies to the coastal tourism area in an environmentally sound way. Identification mission was scheduled for 27 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0/12.9 (IDA/GEF). Consultants are required and are being financed by an Italian trust fund. Crnogorsko Primorje (PEW), TRG Sunca 4, 85310 Budva, Republic of Montenegro, Tel: (381-86) 452-034, (381-86) 451-921, Fax: (381-86) 451-460/937, E-mail: p.bjelobrkvic@cg.yu, Contact: Pedrac Bjelobrkvic, Director

Slovak Republic

Law and Justice

Legal and Judicial Reform: The objective of the project is to strengthen the country's institutional capacity for producing and enforcing laws and regulations. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74930. US\$ 7.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been identified for project preparation in information technology (hired under the German Trust Fund), and regulatory impact assessment. Ministry of Justice, Župné Square 13, Bratislava 813 11 Slovak Republic, Tel: (42-12) 5935-3111, Fax: (42-12) 5441-5952, E-mail: luciazitnanska@justice.sk, Contact: Mrs. Lucia Žitnanská, State Secretary

Private Sector Development

(N) Innovation Technical Assistance APL 3: The objective of the project is to establish framework capacity and infrastructure to implement best practice instruments for funding innovative activities. Appraisal was scheduled for July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.6 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance; Slovak Guarantee and Development Bank; Lisbon Strategy Implementation Foundation

Public Sector Governance

(N) e-Government: The objective of the project is to facilitate access to government information by citizens and businesses and to enhance the efficiency of government services. Preappraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 94410. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department for Informatization of Society, Ministry of Transport, Post and Telecommunications, Namestie slobody 6, PO Box 100, Bratislava 81005 Slovak Republic, Tel: (421-2) 5949-4215, Fax: (421-2) 5949-4217, E-mail: tiber.papp@telecom.gov.sk, Contact: Mr. Tibor Papp, Director

Rural Development

(N) Leader Preparation Technical Assistance: The objective of the project is to develop capacity in the Ministry of Agriculture, local governments, communities, and civil society organizations to prepare for and implement the EU Leader axis in 2007-2013. Decision meeting was scheduled for 30 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 1.2 (IBRD) Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Dobrovicova 12, 81266 Bratislava, Tel: (421-2) 5926 6507, Fax: (421-2) 5926-6499, E-mail: mora.gyureova@land.gov.sk, Contact: Ms. Nora Gyureova, Project Director

Tajikistan

Economic Management

Third Structural Adjustment: The objective of the project is to implement the structural reform agenda, including: (a) budget management and civil service reform; (b) private sector development; and (c) trade and transport facilitation. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 74889. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Individual consultants are being hired under a Japanese PHRD grant. Ministry of Finance, 3 Kuibyshev St., Dushanbe 734025 Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 215-639, (992-372) 214-205, Fax: (992-372) 213-329, E-mail: imftaj@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Shavkat Sohibov, Deputy Minister

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Loss Reduction: The objectives of the project are to reduce commercial losses in electricity and gas production and distribution and improve the financial viability of the electricity and gas utilities in a socially responsible manner. *Board presentation was scheduled for 30 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89244. US\$ 18.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Barki Tajik, 64 I. Somoni St., Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 295-387, Fax: (992-373) 358-692, E-mail: barki_tojik@tajnet.com, Contact: Mr. Rustan C. Rahimov, Director

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Community and Basic Health: The objective of the project is to improve the quality of care and access to basic health services for poor and vulnerable populations in Sughd and Khatlon oblasts by upgrading selected primary health care facilities and reforming the health sector to strengthen and give added prominence to primary and preventive health care. *Appraisal is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78978. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Ibn Sino 30, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 244-413, Fax: (992-372) 248-824, E-mail: mahbuba@health.tojikiston.com, Contact: Ms. Mahbuba Sheralieva, PIU Executive Director

Rural Development

(R) Ferghana Valley Water Resources Management: The objectives of the project are to (a) increase productivity of irrigated agriculture and income of about 250,000 people by improving land and water management and (b) improve regulation and dam safety of the Kayrakum reservoir. *Board presentation was scheduled for 5 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84035. US\$ 10.0/3.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources Management, 5/1 Shami St., Dushanbe 734001 Republic of Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 359-740, (992-372) 353-566, Fax: (992-372) 357-640, E-mail: ahad_jwrmf@tjinter.com, Contact: Ahrorov Ahadjon Aubovich, Head of Investments and Foreign Relations

Land Registration and Cadastre System for Sustainable Agriculture: (formerly Second Farm Privatization Support) The objective of the project is to expand farm privatization to enable more rural people to become independent farmers and take management decisions in response to market forces, by providing them secure land use rights certificates distributed in a transparent and fair manner, and providing essential complementary support services. Approved by the Executive Directors on 21 April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 30416. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Project Management Unit, No. 44, Rudaki Av., Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 210-021, (992-372) 211-367, Fax: (992-372) 218-566, E-mail: r_center@tajnet.com, fsp@tajnet.com, Contact: Mr. Tohir Ostonaev, Director

Water and Sanitation

(R) Municipal Infrastructure Development: The objectives of the project are to (a) improve coverage of municipal infrastructure (water supply, sanitation, solid waste management, heating, etc.) in Dushanbe and other selected municipalities; (b) strengthen the institutional and financial capacity of municipal authorities and public utilities to plan, manage, and deliver municipal infrastructure services in an efficient and sustainable manner; and (c) support the government's decentralization efforts through improved local resource mobilization. *Appraisal is scheduled for September 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79027. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. State Unitary Enterprise (Tajik Commune Service), 56 N. Karabaev St., Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 217-789, Fax: (992-372) 217-789, E-mail: khmk@tojikiston.com, Contact: Jamshed Tabarov, Project Director

Turkey

Economic Management

Second Programmatic Public Sector Development Policy: The objective of the project is to broaden and reform social protection and improve public service delivery. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services

to be determined. 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

Education

(R) Secondary Education (Ln. 4767-TU): The objective of the project is to improve the quality, economic relevance, and equity of secondary education to support life-long learning. Approved by the Executive Directors on 15 March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 66149. US\$ 104.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of National Education, Guniz Sok No. 50-52 Kavakhdere, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 428-8573; (90-312) 212-2123, Fax: (90-312) 428-8635, Contact: Mr. Ergodan Serdengecti, PIU Director

Energy and Mining

(N) Gas Sector Development: The objectives of the project are to (a) increase the reliability and stability of the natural gas supply and its delivery to consumers by implementing critically needed storage and network infrastructure, and (b) strengthen BOTAS as a commercial, financially independent corporation capable of accessing capital markets on its own account. Appraisal is scheduled for September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93765. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. BOTAS, Bilkent Plaza, 4, Caddle, A-1 Blok, Bilkent 06530 Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 297-2295, Fax: (90-312) 266-0733; (90-312) 266-0734; (90-312) 266-0619, Contact: Mr. Saltuk Duzyol, Deputy General Manager

(R) Energy Community of South East Europe (Ln. 4772-TU): The objective of the project is to develop a functioning regional electricity market in South East Europe and integrate it into the electricity market of the European Union. Approved by the Executive Directors on 1 April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category FI. US\$ 66.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Turkish Electricity Transmission Corporation, Inönü Bulvari, No. 27, Floor G, Bahçelievler, Ankara 06490 Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 222-9283, Fax: (90-312) 222-8160, E-mail: ayse.cansiz@teias.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Mehmet Töremis, Deputy General Manager

Energy Liberalization: The objective of the project is to deepen the electricity sector reform and liberalization process. Appraisal is scheduled for August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 85661. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Elektrik Uretim AS, Inonu Bulvari, No. 27, Bahçelievler, Ankara 06490 Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 212-6900, Fax: (90-312) 213-0103, E-mail: muzaffer.basaran@euas.gov.tr, Contacts: Mr. Onder Piyade, Acting General Manager, and Mr. Muzaffer Basaran, Deputy General Manager

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Istanbul Seismic Risk Mitigation and Preparedness (Ln. 4784-TU): (formerly *Seismic Risk Mitigation*) The objective of the project is to improve Istanbul's preparedness for a potential earthquake by (a) enhancing the institutional and technical capacity for disaster management and emergency response, (b) strengthening critical public facilities for earthquake resistance, and (c) better enforcing building codes. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78359. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). *A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.9 financed preparation.* Consultants will be required in communications and emergency management and earthquake engineering. Prime Ministry/Project Implementation Unit, Bilkent Plaza BI Blok Kat: 1, Bilkent 06530, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 266-7764/7774/4703, Fax: (90-312) 266-7733, E-mail: hdapcu@superonline.com, Contact: Mr. Murat Sungur Bursa, Director

Finance

Third Export Finance Intermediation (Ln. 7295-TU): The objective of the project is to provide long-term finance to private sector exporters through private intermediaries, thereby strengthening export generation and deepening financial sector intermediation. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 93568. US\$ 305.0 (IBRD). Approximately one-third of the proceeds (EUR 80.41) are denominated in Euros. No consultants are required. Türkiye Sinai Kalkinma Bankasi, Meclisi Mebusan Cad.

161, Findikli 43327, Istanbul, Turkey, Tel: (90-212) 334-5050, Fax: (90-212) 243-2975, Contact: Mr. Halil Eroglu, President

Private Sector Development

Access to Finance for Small and Medium Enterprises: The objective of the project is to increase capital access to enterprises with a line of credit and improved financial information infrastructure. Preappraisal was scheduled for June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 82822. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired. 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, Contact: Mr. Ozgur Pelivan, Department Head

Public Sector Governance

Programmatic Public Sector Adjustment: The objective of the project is to implement the public sector reform program. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 71052. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Undersecretariat of Treasury, Inonu Bulvari, Eskisehir Yolu, Emek, 06530, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 213-6873, Fax: (09-312) 212-8737, E-mail: hazine@hazine.gov.tr, Contact: Memduh Akcay, General Director of External Relations

Social Protection

(R) Second Privatization Social Support (Ln. 4791-TU): The objective of the project is to improve competitiveness by advancing the privatization program and increasing the efficiency of labor market services. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 94167. US\$ 465.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Privatization Administration, Ziya Gokalp Caddesi, No. 80, Kurtulus, Ankara 06600 Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 432-4339, Fax: (90-312) 433-2341, E-mail: pcu@oib.gov.tr, Contact: Ms. Ozge Alpay, PCU Coordinator

Transportation

(R) Railways Restructuring (Ln. 4787-TU): (*formerly Railway Restructuring*) The objective of the project is to reduce the fiscal burden of railways and increase the competitiveness of the economy by reducing the logistical costs associated with inefficiencies of the railway and port sub-sectors. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 77328. US\$ 184.7 (IBRD). Consultants are needed for short-term assignments and to administer a social plan under a US\$ 0.7 PHRD grant. Turkish Railways, Tesisler ve Trafik Dairesi - 06330 GAR, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 309-0515, E-mail: hzeybek43@hotmail.com, Contact: Mrs. Hulyaim H. Zeybek, Deputy Director, Research and Planning Department

Water and Sanitation

(R) Municipal Services: The objective of the project is to develop a sustainable municipal finance system. Iler Bank, a municipal bank, is expected to be restructured so that it can make long term loans to finance municipal investments. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 23 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 81880. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants are being hired. Iler Bank, Bank of Provinces, Yeni Ziraat Mah. 14 sokak, No. 14 Diskapi Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 384-6126, Fax: (90-312) 341-2071, E-mail: h.atasoy@ilbank.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Hidayet Atasoy, General Manager

Ukraine

Economic Management

(R) Third Programmatic Adjustment: The objective of the project is to enhance the effectiveness of public governance, emphasizing improvements in: (a) the investment climate, (b) public administration and public finance management, and (c) social inclusion. *Board presentation was scheduled for 5 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79316. US\$ 251.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Economy and on Issues of European Integration of Ukraine, 12/2 M. Hrushevskoho St., Kyiv 01008 Ukraine, Tel: (8-044) 253-9394,

Fax: (8-044) 226-3181, Contact: Myroslav Illinsky, Head of department for cooperation with IFIs

Second Treasury Systems: The objective of the project is to improve the scope and functionality of the system of Public Finance Management and the associated legal framework and procedures developed under the first treasury project to enable the system to become a better instrument for budget allocation and technical efficiency, budget execution, audit, and control and improved cash management. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for analysis of the budget management process, internal audit and control function, information needs of the ministry and spending units, enhanced treasury system, development of software and hardware, development of bidding documents and strategy for the budget sector; and hiring of consultants. State Treasury, 6 Bastionna St., Kiev, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 294-4922, E-mail: piu@treasury.gov.ua, Contact: Mrs. O. O. Chechulina, Deputy Head

Education

(R) Equal Access to Quality Education (Ln. 4780-UK): The objective of the project is to prepare secondary school graduates for the knowledge society by offering equal access to quality education and a more efficient educational system. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77738. US\$ 86.6 (IBRD). *A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.8 financed preparation.* Consultants are required for implementation, particularly optimization of school infrastructure and rehabilitation of schools. Ministry of Education and Science, 10 Peremohy Ave., Kiev 01135 Ukraine, Tel: (38-044) 216-2442, Fax: (38-044) 274-1049, E-mail: rshyjan@hotmail.com, rshiyjan@ukr.net, r.shyyan@eaqe.org, Contact: Mr. Roman Shyyan, Grant Coordination Unit Manager

Energy and Mining

Hydropower Rehabilitation: The objective of the project is to improve the operational stability and reliability of the power supply by increasing the regulation capacity, efficiency and safety of hydroelectric plants. Appraisal completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 21 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83702. US\$ 106.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. UkrHydroEnergo, Vyshgorod 07300 Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 962-2006, (380-44) 226-2839, Fax: (380-44) 962-2007, E-mail: kanc@ges.kv.energy.gov.ua, Contact: S.I.Potashnik, Head

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Crimea Coastal Zone Management: The objective of the project is to improve management of the Crimean coast line and Black Sea coastal waters. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 91029. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. State Committee on Housing and Communal Service, 24 Dymytrova St., Kyiv 03150 Ukraine, Tel: (38-044) 244-3982, Fax: (38-044) 227-2335, E-mail: iass@ndiasb.kiev.ua, Contact: Mr. Hryhory M. Semchuk, Chairman

Methyl Bromide Phase-Out: The objective of the project is to protect the ozone layer from depletion 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85138 US\$ 3.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environmental Protection, 5 Kreshchatyk St., Kyiv 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

Rural Development

(R) Access to Financial Services: The project aims at (a) offering long-term credit and leasing for rural small and medium private enterprises, (b) developing financial services market regulation and infrastructure; and (c) strengthening financial intermediaries that can serve rural areas. Appraisal is scheduled for 10 October 2005. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 76553. US\$ 125.0 (IBRD).

An IBRD advance of US\$ 1.8 has been approved under the Project Preparation Facility. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 12/2 Hrushevsky St., Kyiv 01008 Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 293-7466, Fax: (380-44) 293-8243, E-mail: infop@minfin.gov.ua, Contact: Ms. Natalya Konovalenoro, Head, MU-RFP

Social Protection

(R) Social Assistance Reform: The objective of the project is to improve the effectiveness of the social assistance system by better targeting benefits and reducing the burden on beneficiaries. *Appraisal* is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75231. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, 8/10 Esplanadna St., Kyiv 01034 Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 2262-4452, Fax: (380-44) 2000-0098, E-mail: mtsp@ukr-pack.net, Contact: Ms. Larysa Iskra, PIU Director

Water and Sanitation

(N) Urban Infrastructure: The objective of the project is to plan for and implement urgent water supply, sanitation, and solid waste capacity-building improvements. *Appraisal* is tentatively scheduled for December 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Uzbekistan

Education

(N) Basic Education: The objectives of the project are to improve resource utilization, financing and student learning. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 94042. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Education, 80, Uzbekistan St. Tashkent 700027 Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 139-4214, Fax: (998-71) 139-1630

Public Sector Governance

(R) Public Finance Management Reform: The project will provide technical assistance, equipment and software to improve fiscal discipline, strategic resource allocation, and efficiency of budget resource use. *Board presentation is scheduled for 26 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70084. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.5 has been used to contract consultants for preparation of IT systems for the State Treasury. Ministry of Finance, 5 Mustakillik Square, Tashkent 700008 Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 139-4646, Fax: (998-71) 139-1625, E-mail: jkucharov@mf.uz, Contact: Jamshid A. Kuchkarov, Deputy Minister

way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75664. US\$ 13.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Post and Information and Communication Technologies, 4 Blvd. Krim Belkacem, Alger, Algérie, Tel: (213-21) 731-769, Fax: (213-21) 724-228, E-mail: ucsp@post-elecom.dz, younsioui@postelecom.dz, Contacts: Mme. Salihah Sayah, Project Coordinator, M. Ali Younsioui, Secrétaire Général

Djibouti

Education

(R) Second School Assessment and Improvement: The objective of the project is to improve basic education. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86994. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants have been identified and *most of the studies completed under a PPF advance that was increased to US\$ 0.5.* The studies are in the areas of: (a) school mapping; (b) education costs and financing; (c) sectoral training; (d) maintenance strategy; (e) inclusion of children with special needs; and (f) small equipment supplies. Ministry of National and Higher Education, Djibouti-ville, Republic of Djibouti, Tel: (253) 356-334, Fax: (253) 356-819, E-mail: bepe@intnet.dj, Contact: Mr. Fathi Ahmed Chamsan, Directeur Général

Energy and Mining

(R) Power Access and Diversification: (*Formerly Power and Water*) The objectives of the project are to develop the sectors through (a) sustainable development of the power sector, (b) *more reliable electric services*, and (c) institutional restructuring aimed at facilitating investment to the sectors. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 23 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 86379. US\$ 7.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Office of the Prime Minister, BP 2086, Djibouti Ville, Djibouti, Tel/Fax: (253) 351-812, E-mail: idrissmalow@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Idriss Malow, Coordonnateur du Programme Energie et Directeur de l'Unité de Gestion du Projet

(R) Power Sector: The objective of the project is to explore and validate wind power potential, including preparation of pre-feasibility studies and implementation mechanisms as well as identification of means to increase energy efficiency. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93385 US\$ 3.0 (GEF). Consulting services will be required. Djibouti Center for Studies and Research, BP 486, Djibouti-ville, Djibouti, Tel: (253) 352-795, Fax: (253) 354-812, Contact: Mr. Mohamed Jalludin, Director

Egypt

Energy and Mining

(R) Solar Thermal Hybrid: The objective of the project is to develop a solar/fossil fuel hybrid power plant to contribute to global cost reduction of this technology, which is still unproven commercially. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 50567. US\$ 5.0/50.0 (IBRD/GEF). Cofinancing is being sought by the government for the non-solar portion. *IBRD multiple-donor grants totaling US\$ 1.0 are 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

Eg-El Tebbin Power: The objectives of the project are to (a) build a steam-power plant with two 325-MW units, (b) develop sector policy, (c) implement reforms and (d) build capacity. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 91945. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Engineering consultants are being hired, financed by the implementing agency. Egyptian Electricity Holding Company, Ramsis St., Ext. Abbassia, Cairo 11517 Egypt, Tel: (202) 401-2368, Fax: (202) 401-1630, E-mail: kyassin@moe.gov.eg, necc@link.net, Contact: Dr. Eng. Kamel Yassin, Executive Director

Middle East and North Africa

Algeria

Energy and Mining

Development of an Energy Efficiency Market in the Industrial Sector: The objective of the project is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by overcoming barriers to the development of a sustainable energy efficiency market in the industrial sector. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Agence Nationale pour la Promotion et la Rationalisation de l'Utilisation de l'Energie, 02, rue Chenoua, BP 265, Hydra, Alger, Algeria, Tel: (213- 21) 603-132/2160-2446, Fax: (213) 2148-2568, Contact: Mr. Mohamed Salah Bouzeriba, Directeur General

Information and Communication

Information and Communication Technologies Development Support: The objective of the project is to increase information and communications technology access and the use of electronic services by government, businesses and individuals. Project preparation is under

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Second Pollution Abatement: The project will develop sustainable financial, technical, and institutional mechanisms for pollution abatement and decrease the pollution loads in selected hot spot areas in order to improve local environmental conditions. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 90073. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD) Consultants will be required. Environmental Affairs Agency, E-mail: h_elhadary@linl.net, Contact: Hanan El Hadary, Director

Finance

(R) Financial Sector Reform: (*formerly Financial Sector Restructuring*) The objective of the project is to reform the financial sector including institutions regulating and supervising banks and insurance companies and restructuring public sector banks and insurance companies, including privatizing one bank. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88877. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Investment, 2, Latin America St., Garden City, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 795-5740, Fax: (20-2) 795-5882, E-mail: eelgammal@investment.gov.eg, Contact: Ms. Eman El-Gammal, Economist; Central Bank, 31 Kasr El Nil St., Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 391-4589, Fax: (20-2) 391-7682, E-mail: lhelal@cbe.org.eg, Contact: Mrs. Lobna Helal, General Manager, Banking Reform Unit

(R) Mortgage Finance: The objective of the project is to create an efficient enabling environment for a competitive and sustainable mortgage market in which market-based, residential mortgage lenders can compete effectively and fairly to offer households longer-term mortgage loans that will improve the affordability of housing. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 93470. US\$ 37.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Investment, 2 Latin America St., Garden City, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 405-5631, Fax: (20-2) 405-5635, Contact: Coordinator, Liquidity Facility Task Force

Transportation

(R) Ports Sector Development: The objective of the project is to enhance ports' contribution to economic development through institutional reforms, capacity and efficiency improvements, and trade facilitation measures. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 91694. US\$ 135.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Maritime Transport Sector, Alexandria, Egypt, Tel: (20-3) 484-3090, Fax: (20-3) 484-2041, Contact: Admiral Shireen Hassan Mahmoud, Director

Urban Development

(N) Alexandria Growth Pole: The objectives of the project are to attract private investment and meet high-priority investment needs in infrastructure, urban upgrading and creation of economic opportunities. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required in the areas of urban infrastructure, local economic development, business-enabling environment, pollution abatement and environmental management, and social development. 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.Mohamed Bassiouny, Secretary General

Water and Sanitation

West Delta Irrigation Infrastructure: The objective of the project 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

Rural Development

(R) Albortz Integrated Land and Water Management (Ln. 4682-IRN): The objective of the project is to enhance integrated land and

water management at the river basin level. *Approved by the executive Directors on 26 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 71170. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Jihad and Agriculture, 28, 5th Floor, Shagayegh St., Dehkadeh Ave., Keshavar Blvd., Tehran, Iran, Tel: (98-21) 612-3027, Fax: (98-21) 896-8945, Contact: Mr. Abbas Sadreddini, Central Liaison Office; Ministry of Energy

Productivity Enhancement and Export Promotion: The objective of the project is to speed up movement of agricultural products to domestic and foreign markets. *Project preparation is delayed pending improvement in overall portfolio performance.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86635. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Agricultural Planning and Economic Research Institute, 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 of the project 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. Negotiations are scheduled for *September 2005.* 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: borujerdi44@hotmail.com, Contact: Mrs. Ashraf Borujerdi, Deputy Minister for Social Affairs Council

Transportation

Road Safety: The objective of the project 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. *Project preparation is under way.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 86465. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required during preparation. Road Maintenance and Transport Organization, Tel: (98-21) 880-4438, Fax: (98-21) 880-4437, E-mail: behrooz_gharavi@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Behrooz Gharavi, Project Manager

Urban Development

Tehran Solid Waste Management: The objective of the project is to rehabilitate and improve facilities, equipment and handling procedures for managing hazardous and toxic wastes in the Tehran area. Appraisal is scheduled for December 2005. 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 Av., Tehran 19678 Iran, Fax: (98-21) 843-6735, E-mail: ovrwb@bazyaft.com, Contact: Mr. Abolfazl Ebrahimi, Managing Director

Water and Sanitation

(R) Northern Water Supply and Sanitation (Ln. 4783-IRN): The objective of the project is to improve water and sanitation services in Rasht, Anzali, Babol and Sari. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 76884. US\$ 224.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation and supervision. Mazandaran and Guilan Water and Wastewater Companies, Tel: (98-21) 8953-3301, Fax: (98-21) 897-8133, E-mail: elahi_panah@ nww.co.ir, Contact: Mr. Elahi Panah, Director, Ministry of Energy

Iraq

Energy and Mining

(R) Emergency Electricity: The objective of the project is to build capacity at the Ministry of Electricity, *bolstering its (a) ability to manage and prepare rehabilitation and new investment projects, (b) operation and maintenance capacities and (c) service delivery capability.* Preappraisal was scheduled for June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87734. US\$ 35.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Electricity, Tel: (964) 79019-22012, E-mail:

bargaoffice_deputy@yahoo.com or mayof@yahoo.com, Contact: Eng. Barga Mahdi Salih Al-Juburie, Deputy Minister.

Jordan

Public Sector Governance

(R) Public Sector Reform Capacity Building Support (Ln. 7279-JO): The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve mechanisms for policy coordination and decision making; (b) refocus the public sector towards results by strengthening performance monitoring and evaluation; (c) streamline and rationalize institutions to eliminate unnecessary or redundant tasks and strengthen focus on core functions; and (d) improve efficient management of financial and human resources. *The loan was scheduled to be signed in June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 91787. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, PO Box 555, Amman 11118 Jordan, Fax: (962-6) 464-5861, Contact: H.E. Suhair Al Ali, Minister

Urban Development

Regional and Municipal Development: The objectives of the project are to: (a) strengthen the intergovernmental finance system, (b) upgrade local financial management and technical and administrative capacity, and (c) increase the coverage and quality of municipal services, with particular emphasis on under-served areas. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70958. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Municipal Affairs, PO Box 1799, Amman, Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 467-2135, 460-1228, Fax: (962-6) 569-5627, Contact: Eng. Nart N. B. Naguer, Director, Development Projects Unit; Ministry of Planning, PO Box 555, Amman 11118 Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 463-4511, (962-2) 464-5861, Fax: (962-6) 461-5683, Contact: Eng. Khaled Tarawneh, Director, Local Development Department

Lebanon

Finance

(R) Revenue Enhancement and Fiscal Management Technical Assistance (Ln. 7197-LB): The objective of the supplemental project is to finance completion of work associated with the Land and Cadastre System in the Ministry of Finance. *The loan was signed on 10 October 2003.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83514. US\$ 5.3 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Beirut, Lebanon, Fax: (961-1) 981-059, Contact: H.E. Demianos Qatar, Minister

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Sector Development: The objective of the project is to provide technical assistance for (a) health financing reforms, (b) strengthening primary health care, (c) improving health management information systems, (d) raising the quality of primary care and hospital-based health services, and (e) pharmaceutical reform. Project preparation is under way. 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

(R) Bekaa Regional Water Supply and Waste Water: The objectives of the project are to: (a) operate and maintain water and waste water facilities in the Bekaa Region, (b) undertake rehabilitation works using the operations and the investment fund to be made available by the government, and (c) bill and collect on behalf of the Regional Water Utility for all its customers. Project identification *completed.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 77334. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Council for Development and Reconstruction, Tel: (961-3) 205-663, Fax: (961-1) 981-252, Contact: Mr. Al-Fadi Chalakh, President

Morocco

Energy and Mining

Solar Thermal Power: The objective of the project is to develop a solar/fossil fuel hybrid power plant to contribute to global cost reduction of the yet unproven commercially technology. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 41396. US\$ 50.0 (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: Mr. Ahmed Nakkouch, Directeur Général

Finance

(R) Financial Sector Development Policy: The objective of the project is to reform the financial sector, including institutions regulating banks, insurance companies and the capital markets. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for late July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88243. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Finance and Privatization, Ave. Mohamed V, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 677-354, Fax: (212-37) 677-532, E-mail: z.chorfi@dtfe.finances.gov.ma, Contact: Mr. Zouhair Chorfi, Director of Treasury and External Finances; Central Bank, 277, Ave. Mohamed V, BP 445, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 702-626, Fax: (212-37) 703-838, E-mail: a.bouazza@bkam.gov.ma, Contact: Mr. Abderrahim Bouazza, Director of Banking Supervision Department

Public Sector Governance

Second Public Administration Reform Adjustment: The objective of the second phase of the project is to implement reform of public expenditure management, civil service management, and administrative decentralization. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of General Affairs, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 687-316, Fax: (212-37) 774-287, Contact: Madame Sabah Bencheckroun, Chargee de Mission aupres du Premier Ministre

Rural Development

Integrated Forestry: The objective of the project is to improve the management of biodiversity and natural resources. Appraisal has been delayed; a prerequisite is institutionalization of the Rural Development Fund. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75561. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministère chargés des Eaux et Forêts, Quartier Administratif, BP 607, Rabat, Morocco, Fax: (212-37) 768-496, Mr. M. Anechoum, Secretary General

Urban Development

(R) Housing Sector Development Policy: The objective of the project is to establish a market-based institutional and regulatory environment for the housing sector, including better access to and greater affordability of housing finance and services for the urban poor. Negotiations *completed.* Board presentation was scheduled for 30 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83746. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministère des Finances et de la Privatisation, Ave. Mohamed V, Quartier Administratif, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212) 763-171/847, Fax: (212) 3776-1575, E-mail: l.elidrissi@dtfe.finances.gov.ma, Contact: M. El Idrissi, Directeur Adjoint, Département du Trésor

Water and Sanitation

Rural Water Supply and Sanitation: The objectives of the project are to: (a) increase significantly access of rural communities to potable water and safe sanitation and (b) improve hygiene practices in a sustainable manner. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86877. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Station de Traitement, Ave. Oued Akreuch, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 759-600, Fax: (212-37) 632-052, Contact: Ms. Samira Badri, Chief, Finance Division

Tunisia

Education

Second Higher Education Reform Support: The objective of the project is to reform higher education, focusing on building up traditional and alternative models to increase enrollment opportunity, improving the quality and relevance of higher education teaching and research, and broadening sources of higher education finance. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75809. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère de l'enseignement supérieur, Ave. Ouled Haffouz, 1030 Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 849-971, Fax: (216-71) 801-701, E-mail: rachid.boussema@mes.rnu.tn, Contact: Mr. Rachid Boussema, Président de la commission chargée de la préparation du projet d'appui à la réforme de l'enseignement supérieur II

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Second Natural Resource Management: The objective of the project 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. PID: 86660. 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, DGF

Private Sector Development

(R) Fourth Economic Competitiveness Development Policy (Ln. 7304-TUN): (formerly *Economic Competitiveness Development Policy*) The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve the climate for private investment and (b) enhance the capacity of the financial sector to finance growth while maintaining a sound and reactive medium-term macroeconomic framework. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75893. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Development and International Cooperation, Place Ali Zouaoui, 1069 Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 240-133, Fax: (216-71) 351-666, E-mail: boc@mndci.gov.tn, Contact: M. Nejib Bousselemi, Director General of Projections

Water and Sanitation

Urban Water Supply: The objectives of the project are to (a) sustain the reliability and quality of water service in Greater Tunis and other urban centers, through added production capacity, transmission and distribution network upgrades; and (b) enhance SONEDE's performance through operating and financial management capacity building. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 64836. US\$ 32.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Société Nationale d'Exploitation et de Distribution des Eaux (SONEDE), Ave. Slimane Ben Slimane, Manar II, Tunis, Tunisie, Tel/Fax: (216-71) 887-000, E-mail: sonede@sonede.com.tn, Contact: M. Mohamed Ali Khoudja, Président Directeur Général

West Bank and Gaza

Education

(R) Tertiary Education: The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve the regulatory environment for tertiary education management, governance and quality assurance; (b) move the system toward sustainability; and (c) create incentives for improvement in efficiency, quality and relevance. *The trust fund was signed on 16 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83767. US\$ 10.0 (Trust Fund). *A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.3 and an IBRD grant of US\$ 0.3 have financed preparation.* Consultants have been selected for preparation. Ministry of Education, Ramallah, West Bank, Tel: (972-2) 298-3203, Fax: (972-2) 298-3204, E-mail: moe-eap@alqudsnet.com, Contact: Engineer Lina Tutunji, Director, Project Coordination Unit

Finance

(R) Municipal Management & Service Delivery: The objective of the project is to provide essential municipal infrastructure and services sustainably, while developing the financial sector framework by enhancing regulatory systems and procedures affecting local government

budgeting, financial controls and management. Project preparation is under way. *Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74594.* US\$ 15.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required for technical assistance and training. Ministry of Local Government, Tel: (972-2) 240-1455, Fax: (972-2) 240-1455, E-mail: samah31@yahoo.com, Contact: H.E. Khalid Al-Qawasmeh, Minister of Local Government

Health, Nutrition and Population

Second Health System Development: The objectives of the project are to (a) strengthen management capacity, (b) enhance the health management information system, and (c) improve the quality of care. The timetable for further preparation is under review. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64988. US\$ 10.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants have been selected for preparation. Ministry of Health, International Cooperation Department, Gaza City, Gaza, Tel/Fax: (972-8) 282-6325, E-mail: mohic@moh3.com, Contact: Dr. Maged Abu Ramadan, Director General of International Cooperation and Chairman, Steering Committee

Social Protection

(R) Civil Service Pension Reform: The objective of the project 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. *Appraisal mission has been delayed to late September 2005 pending passage of legislation establishing a pension agency.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82230. US\$ 10.0 (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

Water and Sanitation

(R) Gaza Emergency Water: The objectives of the project are to (a) provide a private operator to operate and manage water and wastewater services in Gaza; (b) continue improving water and sanitation services; and (c) establish the Coastal Water utility under the ownership of local governments. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 65920. US\$ 20.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. *Coastal Municipalities Water Utility*, PWA Bldg., Shifa St., Gaza City, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (972-8) 282-2696, Fax: (972-8) 283-4686, 282-2697, Contact: Eng. Monther Shoblaq, Director, Project Management Unit

Yemen

Education

(R) Second Vocational Training: The objectives of the project are to: (a) enhance employment and income-generating opportunities gained by those receiving technical and vocational training and (b) improve the effectiveness of policy formulation and planning at the Ministry of Technical Education and Vocational Training. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 86308. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required in marketing, finance, management information systems, training for the informal sector, and programming and management. PHRD resources have been obtained for consulting services. An expression of interest for consultants was issued. 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

Energy and Mining

Power Sector: The objectives of the project are to improve further the operating efficiency and finances of the Public Electricity Corp., strengthen its governance and start implementing a new industry structure and regulatory framework. Appraisal is scheduled for August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86865. US\$ 60.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for implementation. Public Electricity Corporation, PO Box 178, Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (968-1) 328-164/5, Fax: (968-1) 328-150/1, E-mail: ypecnt@y.net.ye, Contact: Eng. Abdul Moati Al-Jonaid, Managing Director

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Fisheries Resources Management and Conservation: The objective of the project is to enhance the productive value of coastal fisheries resources by improving marketing, processing and quality assurance practices and providing for their sustainable conservation. Appraisal was scheduled for 3 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86886. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Fish Wealth, PO Box 19179, Sana'a, Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 268-584/5, Fax: (967-1) 263-165, Contact: Mr. Musali, Director General, Foreign Relations

Rural Development

(R) Rainfed Agriculture and Livestock: The objective of the project is to promote farmers' incomes from sustainable agriculture and livestock activities and related off-farm income generating activities in predominantly rainfed areas. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 89259. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, PO Box 2805, Sana, Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 282-445, Fax: (967-1) 289-509, Contact: Mr. Abdul Malik Al-Arashi, Deputy Minister

Transportation

Rural Access Program, Phase II: The objective of the project is to reduce isolation by ensuring that rural people have reliable access to market and public services through better rural roads. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 14 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 85231. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). No consultants are required for preparation. Ministry of Public Works and Highways, Rural Access Program Central Management Office, Tel: (967-1) 409-626, Fax: (967-1) 262-609, E-mail: rapcmu@y.net.ye, Contact: Eng. Hakim Aghbari, Director

Latin America and the Caribbean

Argentina

Energy and Mining

Energy Efficiency: The project aims at 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90119. US\$ 14.9 (GEF). Consultants will be 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

Mining Decontamination: The objectives of the project are to clean up uranium mines and tailing sites and strengthen the environmental management capacity of the responsible agency, Comisión Nacional Energía Atómica. Decision meeting was scheduled for late June 2005. 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: gregui@cnea.gov.ar, Contact: José Gregui, Project Coordinator

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) National Solid Waste Management: The objective of the project is to improve public health and quality of life by developing environmentally and financially sustainable systems for final disposal of solid waste. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 89926. US\$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sustentable, San Martín 451, 44to Piso, Oficina 405, 1004 Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11)

4348-8305, Fax: (54-11) 4348-8624/8355, E-mail: mcraviotto@medioambiente.gov.ar, Contact: Dr. Miguel Angel Craviotto, Director Nacional del Proyecto

(R) Sustainable Forestry Development: (formerly Sustainable Forestry Management) The project will contribute to and encourage the environmentally sustainable development of the forestry sector and rural development. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88258. US\$ 17.0/7.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Agricultura, Ganadería, Pesca y Alimentación, Paseo Colon 982, Piso 1 (1063), Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-2059, Contact: Jorge Trevin, Project Coordinator

Finance

Economic Recovery Support Structural Adjustment (Ln. 7241-AR): The project aims at supporting the country's efforts to consolidate economic recovery by addressing pending structural reforms in the financial and public utilities sectors and by improving the investment climate, and enhancing competitiveness and export potential of existing and new enterprises, particularly those of small and medium size. The loan is tentatively scheduled to be signed in late August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 83982. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Production, Hipólito Yrigoyen 250, 5to Piso, 1310 Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-6352, Contact: Gerardo Hita, Director Nacional de Proyectos con Organismos Internacionales de Crédito

Public Sector Governance

(N) Subnational Government Public Sector Modernization Program: The project will aim at improving governance by strengthening the capacity of provincial and municipal governments to effectively manage their resources and implement sound fiscal policies. Concept review was scheduled for 14 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Interior, Leandro Alem 168, Tercer Piso, Buenos Aires C1002ABC Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4331-4695, E-mail: hpolverini@psf.gov.ar, Contact: Hugo Polverini, Executive Project Coordinator

(R) Institutional Strengthening - ANSES II Technical Assistance: The project aims at improving the efficiency and effectiveness of ANSES through institutional strengthening, transparency, participation and change management with a view to improve service delivery. Appraisal and negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 5 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 92836. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. National Social Security Administration (ANSES), Dirección Ejecutiva, Av. Córdoba 720, Piso 5, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4339-1436, Fax: (54-11) 4339-1075, Contact: Sergio Massa, Director Ejecutivo

Social Protection

(R) Heads of Household Transition: The objective of the project is to further systemic reforms in social protection. Negotiations completed. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for 4 August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 55483. US\$ 350.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Fondo Participativo de Inversión Social, Ministerio de Desarrollo Social y Medio Ambiente, Av. 9 de Julio 1925, Piso 17, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4382-2956, Fax: (54-11) 4383-8741, E-mail: darroyo@desarrollosocial.gov.ar, Contact: Lic. Daniel Arroyo, Viceministro

Transportation

(R) Provincial Road Infrastructure (Ln. 7301-AR): The objective of the project is to improve the reliability of provincial roads and the efficiency of their management as a means to support the country's competitiveness and economic growth. Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70628. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Provincial Road Coordinating Unit, Coordinating Unit for Programs and Projects with External Financing, Ministry of Federal Planning, Public Investment and Services, Hipólito Yrigoyen 250, Piso No. 12-Oficina No. 1201, Buenos Aires C1109ADA Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-8337, Fax:

(54-11) 4349-7593, E-mail: vhalon@mecon.gov.ar, Contact: Victor Hugo Alonso, Coordinador Ejecutivo

Urban Development

(R) Buenos Aires City Infrastructure: The objective of the project is to develop a risk management strategy for Buenos Aires to reduce vulnerability to floods, with contingency plans and non-structural measures to increase risk information, and mitigate flood effects in the Maldonado basin with infrastructure works. *This project is no longer in the current lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 88624. US\$ 140.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Unidad de Coordinación para Emergencias, Secretaria de Hacienda, Av. Corrientes 1621, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4816-8074, Contact: Ricardo Rebagliati, Coordinador

Water and Sanitation

(N) Urban Flood Prevention and Drainage APL 2: The objective of the project is to reduce vulnerability to flooding, through a mix of physical, institution-strengthening and technical assistance measures for six provinces of the North East. The first phase of this APL developed a risk management program for Buenos Aires. Decision meeting is scheduled for 16 August 2005. 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

Integrated Water Resource Management: The project will introduce water resources management in an integrated, decentralized, efficient and sustainable manner at the provincial level. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Consejo Hidrico Federal, E-mail: apa.presidente@ecomchaco.com.ar, Contact: Jorge Pilar, Presidente

Urban Flood Prevention and Drainage (Ln. 7289-AR): The objective of this first-phase APL is to create a flood risk management system to reduce vulnerability associated with urban floods and drainage in Buenos Aires. The other phases will benefit provincial urban areas. Loan signing was scheduled for July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 88220. US\$ 130.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during implementation for preparation of a risk management strategy. Secretaria de Hacienda, Unidad Ejecutora de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires (UECBA), Sub Unidad de Protección Contra la Emergencia (SUPCE), 1261 Córdoba, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4816-8074, E-mail: rr@supceba.com.ar, Contacts: Nestor Lietti, Jefe de la UECBA, Ricardo Rebagliati, Jefe de la SUPCE

Bolivia

Education

Secondary Education for the Poor: The objective of the project is to improve access with quality at the secondary school level benefiting primarily those students in rural and disadvantaged urban communities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. 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

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Second Social Sector Programmatic Development Policy (Cr. 4067-BO): The objective of the project is to implement social sector policies to: (a) protect the positive results of the last decade in increasing access to and quality of health, nutrition, education, water and sanitation, and social protection; (b) implement the sectoral policy frameworks designed under the first phase of this programmatic series; and (c) strengthen the capacity of the government and civil society to monitor and evaluate policies, increasing accountability and effectiveness. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 91365. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministerio de Hacienda, Palacio de Comu-

nicaciones Piso 11, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 231-4769, Fax: (591-2) 231-7408, Contact: Sr. Rodrigo Castro, Viceministro de Inversión Pública y Financiamiento Externo

Rural Development

(R) Land for Agricultural Development: The project will facilitate access to land and complementary productive investments by targeted organized groups in selected regions. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 26 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87925. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants are required for implementation. Ministry of Sustainable Development, Av. Mariscal Santa Cruz esq. Oruro, Piso 5, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 231-0748, Fax: (591-2) 231-2641, E-mail: gpedraza@mids.gov.bo, Contact: Gustavo Pedraza, Minister

(R) Rural Alliances (Cr. 4068-BO): The objective of the project is to improve the income of poor rural producers, particularly those with indigenous backgrounds, in two or three sub-regions. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83051. US\$ 28.4 (IDA). No consultants will be required. Vice-Ministry of Rural Development of the Ministry of Agriculture and Peasant Affairs, Av. Camacho No. 1471, 2do Piso, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 220-3980, 237-4274, Contact: Johnny Delgadillo, Vice-Minister

Brazil

Education

(R) Human Development Technical Assistance: The objective of the project is to develop institutional capacity to monitor the progress and impact of social policies. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 28 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82523. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants are being used for preparation. Ministry of Education, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco L, 8o Andar, Gabinete, CEP 70047-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 410-8762, Fax: (55-61) 410-9168, Contact: Rinaldo Macin, Project Coordinator; Ministry of Health, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco G, Ed. Sede, Sala 317, CEP 70058-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 315-2359, Fax: (55-61) 226-0286, Contact: André Guerreiro, Assessor, Diretoria de Investimentos e Projetos Estratégicos

(R) Pernambuco Integrated Development: Education Quality Improvement (Ln. 4754-BR): The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve the quality, efficiency and inclusiveness of the public education system; (b) modernize and strengthen the managerial, financial and administrative capacity of the Secretariat of Education to set policies and guidelines for the sector and deliver public education efficiently; and (c) support the overall state modernization effort. *The loan was scheduled to be signed on 27 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 69934. US\$ 31.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project implementation. State Basic Education Secretariat, Rua Siqueira Campos, 304 CEP 50010-010 Recife, PE, Brazil, Tel: (55-81) 3224-3333, Fax: (55-81) 3423-7285, E-mail: mozartnr@educacao.pe, Contact: Mozart Neves, Secretary

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Brasília Environmentally Sustainable Development: The objective of the project is to ensure quality water resources to meet the growing needs of the Federal District and the Brasília Metropolitan Region. *Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for late June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 89440. US\$ 57.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Government of the Federal District, Agência de Infra-estrutura e Desenvolvimento Urbano do Distrito Federal, Anexo do Palácio do Buriti - 12o Andar, CEP 70075-900, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 325-3500, Contact: David José de Matos, Project Coordinator

(R) Ecosystem Restoration of Riparian Forests in São Paulo: The objective of the project is to foster development of adequate tools and mechanisms to facilitate future large-scale restoration of riparian forests throughout the State of Sao Paulo, in both the Atlantic Forest and Cerrado Biomes, while providing opportunities for improved livelihoods and economic well-being of rural communities. *Board presentation was scheduled for 21 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B.

PID: 88009. US\$ 7.0 (GEF). Cofinancing will come from the existing Land Management III Project, from Government own resources, and from project beneficiaries. *Consultants will be required.* Secretaria de Meio Ambiente, Av. Frederico Hermann Junior 345, Alto de Pinheiros, 05489-900 São Paulo, SP, Brazil, Tel: (55-11) 3030-6039, E-mail: sma.hcarrascosa@cetesb.sp.gov.br, Contact: Helena Carrascosa von Glehn, Project Coordinator

(R) Rio de Janeiro Sustainable Integrated Ecosystem Management in Productive Landscapes: The project will promote an integrated ecosystem approach to guide the development and implementation of sustainable land management practices while providing environmentally and socially sustainable economic opportunities for rural communities in the North and Northeast Fluminense administrative regions of the Rio de Janeiro state. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 31 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75379. US\$ 6.7 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Estado de Agricultura, Abastecimento, Pesca e Desenvolvimento Interior, Projeto de Microbacias Hidrográficas do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, Alameda São Boaventura, No. 770, 24120-191, Fonseca - Niteroi, RJ, Brasil, Tel/Fax: (55-21) 265-8184, Contact: Nelson Teixeira, Project Unit Coordinator

(R) Technical Assistance for Environmental Sustainability: The objective of the project is to advance the pace of environmental sustainability reforms through technical assistance and financial resources. *Appraisal completed. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for late June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 90041. US\$ 8.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired for project preparation and will be required for implementation. Ministry of Environment, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco B, Brasília-DF, CEP 70068-900, Brazil, Tel: (55-67) 4009-1205, E-mail: fabricio.barreto@mma.gov.br, Contact: Fabricio Barreto, Task Team Leader

Integrated Management of Aquatic Biodiversity and Water Resources in the Amazon: The objectives of the project are to: (a) support the conservation of freshwater biodiversity of global importance in the Amazon River Basin, concentrating on two to three sub-basins; and (b) generate and disseminate lessons that could be adapted towards the conservation of freshwater biodiversity in other parts of the basin. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 66535. US\$ 7.0 (GEF). Local consultants will be required for project preparation. Ministério do Meio Ambiente, Diretoria do Programa Nacional de Conservação da Diversidade Biológica, Bloco H, 70818-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 325-7966, Fax: (55-61) 325-7967, E-mail: joao-paulo.viana@mma.gov.br, Contact: João Paulo Viana, Project Coordinator

Para Integrated Development: The objective of the project is to reduce poverty and inequality in Para by facilitating opportunities for employment and income. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Government of Para, Secretaria Especial de Producao, Avenida Nazare 871, CEP 66.035-170, Belem, PA, Brazil, Tel: (55-91) 3084-3771, Fax: (55-91) 3084-3702, E-mail: seprod@prodepa.gov.br, Contact: Lucy Araujo de Souza Leao, Project Coordinator

Rio Grande do Norte Integrated Water Resources Management: The objective of the project is to reduce the vulnerability of the rural poor to cyclical droughts. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 89929. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaria de Estado de Recursos Hídricos (SERHID-RN), Rua D. Maria Câmara, 1884, Capim Macio, CEP 59082-430, Natal, RN, Brasil, Tel: (55-84) 232-2410, Fax: (55-84) 232-2411, Contact: Josema de Azevedo, Secretary of State

Health, Nutrition and Population

Amazonas Regional Development: The objective of the project is to reduce the poverty rates in the priority regions of the state of Amazonas by improving economic conditions and quality of life while protecting the environment. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83997. US\$ 200.0 (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: omon-

teiro@seplan.am.gov.br, Contact: Ozias Monteiro Rodriguez, Secretary of Planning

Private Sector Development

Sustainable and Equitable Growth Technical Assistance (Ln. 7253-BR): The project will strengthen the government's institutional capacity to implement the Growth Reform Program. In addition, project studies will help fine-tune the measures to be supported under second and third programmatic loans being considered. The loan was tentatively scheduled to be signed in July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83533. US\$ 12.1 (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, Contact: Mr. Marcos de Barros Lisboa, Secretary of Economic Policy

Public Sector Governance

(R) Ceará Multi-Sector Development APL: The objective of the project is to support critical programs in key sectors during a period when the state's finances require significant resource infusions to keep from shutting down investment and seriously curtailing public programs across the board. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 12 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82142. US\$ 149.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for studies and systems work. Instituto de Pesquisa e Estratégia Econômica do Ceará, Ceará State Government, Centro Administrativo, SEPLAN, CEP 839-900, Fortaleza, CE, Brazil, Tel: (55-85) 488-7564, Fax: (55-85) 488-7564, Contact: Dr. Marcos Holanda, Director General

(R) Minas Gerais Partnership for Development: The objectives of the project are to (a) achieve fiscal balance, (b) facilitate public sector reform; and (c) promote private sector development, with particular emphasis on public-private participation in key infrastructure projects and the Estrada Real initiative. Decision meeting is scheduled for August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 88543. US\$ 170.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Planning Secretariat, Finance Secretariat, and Economic Development Secretariat (jointly), MG, Brazil, Tel: (55-31) 3275-1722, Fax: (55-31) 3292-1009, E-mail: athayde.sede@mg.gov.br, Contact: Luiz Antonio Athayde, Subsecretary of International Affairs, Economic Development Secretariat

(R) Programmatic Fiscal Reform - Social Security (Ln. 7299-BR): The objective of the project is to reform the pension system for civil servants. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 2 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 86525. US\$ 658.3 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Social Security (Ministério da Previdência Social), Esplanada dos Ministérios Bloco F, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 317-5014/5260, Contacts: Helmut Schwarzer, Secretário da Previdência Social and Adacir Reis, Secretário da Previdência Complementar

Rural Development

(R) Bahia State Integrated Rural Poverty: The objective of the project is to reduce the high levels of rural poverty in Bahia. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for late June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93787. US\$ 54.3 (IBRD). Consultants will be contracted for information campaigns, technical assistance, studies and capacity building for the beneficiary communities and the state project implementation unit. SEPLAN/CAR, Av. Luiz Viana Filho, Conj. SEPLAN, Centro Administrativo - Paralela, 41.745-000, Salvador, BA, Brazil, Tel: (55-71) 3115-3940, Fax: (55-71) 371-0015, Contact: Dr. Humberto Raimundo Costa, Director

(R) Maranhão Integrated Program: Rural Poverty Reduction (Ln. 4735-BR): The objective of the project is to reduce the high levels of rural poverty in Maranhão. The loan was tentatively scheduled to be signed in late June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 80830. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be contracted for information campaigns, technical assistance, studies and capacity building for the beneficiary communities and the state project implementation unit. GEPLAN/NEPE, Rua do Giz, 249 — Centro, CEP 65010-680 - São Luis, MA, Brazil, Tel: (55-98) 232-3699, Fax: (55-98) 232-1567, Contact: Dr. Antonio Gualhardo Alvarez Prazeres, Director

(R) Rural Poverty Reduction-Minas Gerais: The objective of the project is to alleviate rural poverty and its consequences in Minas Gerais. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 52256. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be contracted for information campaigns, technical assistance, studies and capacity building for the beneficiary communities and the State Project Implementation Unit. State Secretariat of Planning and Coordination, R. Bernardo Guimarães, 2731, 4o Andar, CEP 30.140-082 Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil, Tel: (55-31) 3290-4859, Fax: (55-31) 3290-4759, Contact: Dr. Mauro Santos Ferreira, Secretário

(R) Sergipe State Integrated Rural Poverty: The objective of the project is to reduce the high levels of rural poverty in Sergipe. *Appraisal completed.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94255. US\$ 20.8 (IBRD). Consultants will be contracted for information campaigns, technical assistance, studies and capacity building for the beneficiary communities and the state project implementation unit. State Secretariat of Planning, Science and Technology (SEPLANTEC)/The Company for Sustainable Development of the State of Sergipe (PRONESE), Rua Vila Cristina, 1051, 49020-150 - Aracaju, Sergipe, Brazil, Tel: (55-79) 3179-5090, Fax: (55-79) 211-8878, Contact: Dr. Etelvino de Oliveira Freitas, Director, PRONESE

Rio Grande do Sul Integrated Regional Development: The objective of the project is to adopt and to promote sustainable development and poverty alleviation in the least developed areas of the state. Project preparation is under way. 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, 90.119-900 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

Rural Poverty Reduction-Alagoas: The objective of the project is to alleviate rural poverty and its consequences in Alagoas. Negotiations are not yet scheduled, pending 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 for the beneficiary communities and the State Project Implementation Unit. State Secretariat of Agriculture, Supply and Fisheries, Rua Cincinato Pinto, 348, 200 Andar Centro, CEP 57020-050 Maceió, AL, Brazil, Tel: (55-82) 315-1377, Fax: (55-82) 315-1373, Contact: Dr. José Klingler, Director Presidente

Rural Poverty Reduction - Tocantins: The objective of the project is to alleviate rural poverty and its consequences in Tocantins. Negotiations are not yet scheduled. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74737. US\$ 36.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be contracted for information campaigns, technical assistance, studies and capacity building for the beneficiary communities and the State Project Implementation Unit. State Secretariat of Planning and the Environment, AANO-Esplanada das Secretarias, Centro, CEP 77085-050 Palmas, TO, Brazil, Tel: (55-63) 218-1151, Fax: (55-63) 218-1158, Contact: Livio William Reis de Carvalho, Secretário

Social Protection

(R) Bolsa Família (Ln. 7234-BR): The objectives of the program are to reduce poverty and inequality and promote human capital investments among poor families through payments to poor families and incentives for investing in human capital. *The loan was signed on 24 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 87713. US\$ 572.2 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Ministry of the Presidency (Casa Civil), Palácio do Planalto, Anexo 1, Sala C2, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 411-2504, Fax: (55-61) 411-3333, E-mail: ana.fonseca@planalto.gov.br, Contact: Ana Fonseca, Executive Secretary

Transportation

(R) Road Transport: The objective of the project is to reduce logistics costs through support to the Federal Program for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for late June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 92990. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Departamento Nacional de Infraestrutura de Transporte, SAIN Quadra 3, Ed. Núcleo dos Transportes, Bloco A, 4o andar, Brasília, DF, Brazil, CEP 70040-902, Tel: (55-61) 315-

4319, Fax: (55-61) 315-4050, E-mail: francisco.thormann@dnit.gov.br, Contact: Dr. Francisco Thormann, Director

Third State Highway Management: The project will (a) rehabilitate and maintain the Minas Gerais state road network; (b) upgrade and pave gravel roads; and (c) strengthen the state's road sector management. Project processing is on hold. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 6523. US\$ 165.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Departamento de Estradas de Rodagem do Estado de Minas Gerais, Ave. dos Andradas, 1.120, Sala 215, Prédio A, CEP 30120-010 Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil, Tel: (55-31) 224-8497, 235-1278/1025, E-mail: der@mg.gov.br, Contact: Julio César Diniz Oliveira, Project Coordinator

Urban Development

(R) Bahia Integrated Urban Development: The objective of the project is to increase access to basic services and improved housing and social support services for the poorest and most vulnerable sections of Salvador and strategic cities in Bahia. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for late June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81436. US\$ 96.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Companhia de Desenvolvimento Urbano do Estado da Bahia, Av. Edgar Santos, 936, Naranhíba, 41192-005 Salvador, BA, Brazil, Tel: (55-71) 372-6980, Fax: (55-71) 372-6986, Contact: Luiz Augusto Serrano, General Coordinator of the Program Technical Unit

(R) Curitiba Urban Transport: The objective of the project is to enhance the quality of life in the Curitiba Metropolitan Region by improving substantially accessibility of the population to employment, education, health and recreation facilities and by continuing to provide easy access to government services. Project preparation is on hold. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82117. US\$ 174.8 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Prefeitura de Curitiba, Instituto de Pesquisa e Planejamento Urbano de Curitiba, Rua do Bom Jesus, 669, CEP 80035-010 Curitiba, PR, Brazil, Tel: (55-41) 352-1414, Fax: (55-41) 252-6679, E-mail: luiz@ippuc.curitiba.pr.gov.br, Contact: Luiz Hayakawa, Project Coordinator

(R) Low-Income Housing Technical Assistance: The objective of the project is to provide technical assistance to the Ministry of Cities, local governments, the Ministry of Finance and the central bank to prepare and carry out the Second Programmatic Loan for Sustainable and Equitable Growth Supporting Housing Sector Development Policy. *Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 50761. US\$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministério de Cidades, Espl. dos Ministerios, B1.A, S1.305, Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 2108-1929, Fax: (55-61) 321-1709, E-mail: ines.magalhaes@cidadaes.gov.br, Contact: Ines da Silva Magalhaes, Secretaria Nacional de Habitação

(R) Municipal Lending Program 1 - Belo Horizonte: The objective of the project, one of four city loans in the first phase of a horizontal APL, 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 are on hold pending government approval.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 89012. US\$ 31.0 (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 - Uberaba: The objective of the project, one of four city loans in the first phase of a horizontal APL, 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. *Negotiations are on hold pending government approval.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 89011. US\$ 17.7 (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@codoau.com.br, Contact: Jose Elias Miziara Neto, Vice Mayor

(R) Second Programmatic Sustainable and Equitable Growth Supporting Housing Sector Reform (Ln. 7306-BR): (formerly Second Programmatic Sustainable and Equitable Growth Supporting Housing

Sector Policy) The objective of the project is to improve access of poor people to shelter while promoting greater efficiency in the housing finance and land markets and putting in place an efficient and well-targeted housing subsidies system. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 78716. US\$ 502.5 (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: Dr. Bruno Saraiva, Coordenador Secretaria de Assuntos Internacionais

(R) Sustainable Communities — Amapá (Ln. 7265-BR): The objective of the project is to alleviate rural and urban poverty while protecting the environment through urban community development, strengthening of micro-credit and other state institutions, rural productive and community sub-projects, and capacity building. The loan was tentatively scheduled to be signed in *July 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76924. US\$ 4.9 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Agência de Desenvolvimento do Amapá (Amapa Development Agency), Rua Cândido Mendes 111, CEP 68900-050 Macapá, AP, Brazil, Tel: (55-96) 212-1195, Fax: (55-96) 212-1196, E-mail: pontes@adap.ap.gov.br, Contact: Ruziely Pontes, Project Coordinator

Municipal Lending Program 1 — Recife: The objective of the project, one of four city loans in the first phase of a horizontal APL, is to develop and revitalize the Capibaribe River Basin. Project preparation is under way. 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

Municipal Lending Program 1 — Teresina: The objectives of the project, one of four city loans in the first phase of a horizontal APL, 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 88966. US\$ 28.3 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Teresina, Praça Marechal Deodoro, 860, Palácio da Cidade, 40 Andar, Centro, Teresina, PI, Brazil, Tel: (55-86) 215-7520, E-mail: rosanaabreu@e-mail.com, Contact: Rosana Abreu, Project Coordinator

Social Housing: The objective of the project is to improve poor low-income households' access to shelter and home ownership. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 87585. US\$ 156.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. 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 has not yet been identified

Water and Sanitation

Integrated Water Management and Basic Services: The project will identify the main sources of water pollution for the key raw water bodies in metropolitan São Paulo and undertake interventions to reverse the pollution and improve the quality of life locally, through multi-sectoral and multi-institutional responses. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 6553. US\$ 147.5 (IBRD). A PHRD grant of US\$ 0.9 is being used for preparation. Consultants will be required 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, São Paulo, SP, Brazil, Tel: (55-11) 3257-3348, Contact: Dirceu Rijo Yamazaki, PMU Coordinator

Small Municipalities Integrated Water Supply and Sanitation: The project will promote the sustainable rehabilitation and construction of integrated sanitation infrastructure (water supply, sanitation, micro-drainage and solid waste management) in municipalities with populations of less than 20,000 in the semi-arid northeastern region. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for November 2005. 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 Ambien-

tal, 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

Education

(R) Tertiary Education Finance for Results - First Phase APL: The project will enhance the effectiveness of the higher education system and facilitate coherence, responsiveness, equity, quality, and strong accountability for performance. Board presentation was scheduled for 5 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88498. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Education, Programa MECE Educación Superior, Av. Bulnes 80, Depto. 46, Santiago, Chile, Tel: (56-2) 390-9674/5, Fax: (56-2) 688-9774, E-mail: rreich@mineduc.cl, Contact: Dr. Ricardo Reich, General Coordinator

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Sustainable Land Management: The objective of the project is to prevent, control and reverse land degradation processes in globally significant areas. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 8.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. National Forestry Commission, Ave. Bulnes 285, Santiago, Chile, Tel: (562) 390-0125, E-mail: walfaro@conaf.cl, Contact: Wilfredo Amparo, Project Coordinator

Transportation

Santiago Urban Transport: The project aims at implementing proposed reforms in the urban bus sector, using quick disbursing instruments to allow the reforms to be pursued at the pace desired despite some short term budgetary difficulties, but also permitting the government to defer draw down if necessary to accommodate improvements or fluctuations of the fiscal position. Board presentation was scheduled for 5 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82412. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Coordinación General de Transporte de Santiago, Calle Nueva York 9, 10mo Piso, Santiago, Chile, Tel: (56-2) 428-7900, Contact: Aldo Signorelli Bonomo, Coordinador General

Santiago Urban Transport Technical Assistance: The project aims at designing bus reform arrangements, facilitating compliance with the matrix triggers associated with the sectoral adjustment loan and facilitating implementation of the urban transport plan for Santiago, as well as analyzing mitigating its potential adverse impacts and risks. Board presentation was scheduled for 5 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85589. US\$ 4.8 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Coordinación General de Transporte de Santiago, Calle Nueva York 9, 10mo Piso, Santiago, Chile, Tel: (56-2) 428-7900, Contact: Rodrigo Urzúa, Coordinador General

Water and Sanitation

(R) Infrastructure for Territorial Development (Ln. 7269-CH): The objective of the project is to increase the effective and productive use of sustainable infrastructure services by poor rural communities in territories of the eligible regions. *The loan was signed on 17 March 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76807. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Subsecretaría de Desarrollo Regional, División de Desarrollo Regional, Zenteno 234, Santiago, Chile, Tel: (56-2) 636-3600, Fax: (56-2) 673-0310, E-mail: julio.ruiz@subdere.gov.cl, Contact: Julio Ruiz, Director

Colombia

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) National Protected Areas Conservation: The objective of the project is to guarantee the sustainability of the National Protected Areas System, strengthening the institutional and financial capabilities of the protected areas and employing other conservation strategies for their effective management. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for 15 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 91932. US\$ 15.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Fondo Nacional de Areas Protegidas, Carrera 10 No 20-30 Piso 2, Bogota, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 243

5715, Fax: (57-1) 243 4174, E-mail: proambiental@sky.net.co, Contact: Marysabel Rincon, Directora Ejecutiva CORPACOT

(R) Conservation of Biodiversity in Sierra Nevada: The project will support the conservation of globally significant biodiversity within the framework of the sustainable development plan for the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. *This project is no longer in the current lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 57093. US\$ 9.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Fundación Pro-Sierra Nevada de Sta Marta, Calle 74, No 2-86, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (571) 310-0571, Contact: Gonzalo Uribe, Executive Director

(R) Programmatic Development Policy for Sustainable Development: (formerly Sustainable Development Structural Adjustment) The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the National Environmental System; and (b) integrate principles of sustainable development into key sectors, with a particular emphasis on protecting the most vulnerable groups. Board presentation was scheduled for 23 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 81397. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). *No consultants are required.* Ministry of Environment, Housing and Regional Development, Calle 37 No 8-40, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (571) 332-3400, Contact: Carmen Arevalo, Vice Minister

(R) Sustainable Development Investment: (formerly Sustainable Development Technical Assistance) The objectives of the project are to (a) incorporate environmental and social considerations in the policies and programs of sectors with a high cost of environmental degradation, namely water, health, energy and transport; and (b) strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Environment, Housing and Regional Development to improve effectiveness and efficiency of its National Environmental Management System. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for late June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82520. US\$ 7.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Environment, Housing and Regional Development, Calle 37 No 8-40, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (571) 332-3400, Contact: Carmen Arevalo, Vice Minister

Integrated National Adaptation: The objective of the project is to meet and cope with the anticipated impacts from climate changes by defining appropriate adaptation measures and policy options. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). *Consultants will be required.* Instituto de Hidrología, Meteorología y Estudios Ambientales de Colombia, Diagonal 97 No. 17-60, Piso 7, Carrera 5, No. 15-80, Bogotá, Colombia, Contact: Mr. Carlos Costa, Director

Finance

(N) First Business Productivity and Efficiency Development Policy: The objective of the project is to promote greater business efficiency and productivity through the enhancement of the business environment and consolidation of the financial sector and capital markets. Decision meeting is scheduled for 8 September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 94301. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). *No consultants are required.* Ministerio de Hacienda y Crédito Público (Ministry of Finance), Carrera 7 No 6-45, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 381-2340, Fax: (57-1) 381-1000, Contact: Andres Florez, Director of Financial Regulation

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Sector Improvement: The objective of the project is to design and implement instruments for the transformation of the public health care facilities network into efficient and financially sustainable entities. The project is also intended to improve public financial management at the territorial level and assist in the quest for universal health insurance among the poorest. 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) Agricultural Transition: The objective of the project is to enhance the competitiveness of the country's agriculture and improve accessibility of export-potential products to international markets. Board presentation

was scheduled for 28 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82167. US\$30.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Av. Jimenez No. 7-65, 3er, 4to y 5to Pisos, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 341-9042, Fax: (57-1) 283-3982, E-mail: minagric@minagricultura.gov.co, Contact: Andrés Felipe Arias, Minister

Social Protection

(R) Social Safety Net: The objective of the project is to design and develop a social protection system by (a) cofinancing the Familias Conditional Cash Transfers Program, expanding it to new areas, and developing it further towards a crisis-response instrument, (b) strengthening the Ministry of Social Protection to improve the basic architecture of the social protection system, and (c) improving the monitoring and evaluation capacity of the ministry, as part of a broader government effort. *Appraisal and negotiations were scheduled for late June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89443. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Fondo de Inversión para la Paz, Presidencia, Calle 7 No. 6-54, Piso 4, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (571) 352-6600, E-mail: dmlano@presidencia.gov.co, Contact: Diego Andres Molano, Asesor del Alto Consejero Presidencial para la Acción Social

Urban Development

(R) National Disaster Vulnerability Reduction (Ln. 7293-CO): The project aims at reducing vulnerability to natural disasters, measured in terms of fiscal exposure of the state. *The loan is scheduled to be signed in September 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82429. US\$ 260.0 (IBRD). *Consultants are no longer required.* Ministerio de Ambiente, Vivienda y Desarrollo Territorial, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 332-3400 ext. 156, 476, Fax: (57-1) 332-3400 ext. 266, E-mail: lpinzon@minambiente.gov.co, Contact: Leonardo Pinzón Enciso, Coordinador General, Grupo de Planeación Financiera y Programas Banca Multilateral

Second Disaster Vulnerability Reduction: The project aims at reducing Bogotá's exposure to human and economic losses in case of natural disaster through implementation of risk mitigation activities and of a risk financing strategy. The project will improve the country's physical and fiscal resilience following disasters. Decision meeting was tentatively scheduled for late June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Municipality of Bogotá, Secretaria de Hacienda de Bogotá, Carrera 30 No. 24-90, Of. 601, DC, Colombia, Tel: (571) 338-5306, (571) 338-5300, E-mail: gmarulanda@shd.gov.co, rmoncada@shd.gov.co, Contact: Gustavo Marulanda, Sub-Director of Public Credit, and Ricardo Moncada, Coordinator of the Project Coordination Unit

Water and Sanitation

(R) Water and Sanitation Sector Support (Ln. 7281-CO): The project aims at improving water and sanitation services efficiently and sustainably through capital investment subsidies for poverty-focused coverage expansion and service quality improvement. *The loan was signed on 2 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82973. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required during implementation.* Ministry of Environment, Territorial Development, and Housing, Calle 37, No 840, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (571) 332-3434, Fax: (571) 340-5524, Contact: Gloria Ines Acevedo, Director, DAPSBA (Dirección de Agua Potable y Saneamiento Básico)

Costa Rica

Education

(R) Equity and Efficiency of Education (Ln. 7284-CR): The objective of the project is to put in place a medium-term education development framework with clear benchmarks to increase the level and quality of education, especially for rural, indigenous and transition rural-urban marginal communities. *The loan was signed on 9 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 57857. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required for implementation.* Ministry of Public Education, Edif. Antigua Embajada Americana, Ministerio de Educación Pública, 3er Piso - PROMECE, Calle 1era, Av. 1 y 3, Apartado 10433-1000, San José, Costa Rica, Tel: (506) 222-0029, Fax: (506) 222-

6501, E-mail: cbarrantes@mep.go.cr, Contact: Carlos Barrantes, Project Coordinator

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Scaling up and Mainstreaming for Environmental Services: The objectives of the project are to (a) increase the proportion from users of funding for environmental services; (b) extend environmental activities into new areas and improve the efficiency of current activities; and (c) improve the impact of environmental activities on poverty reduction. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. 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

Transportation

Port City of Limon Integrated Infrastructure: The objective of the project 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. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for December 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 85539. US\$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consultants may be required for project preparation. Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Costado Oeste de Plaza Gonzalez Dique, San José, Costa Rica, Tel: (506) 257-7789/258-9489 Ext. 2616, 2808, Fax: (506) 255-1487, Contact: Lorena Lopez, Viceministra de Transporte

Water and Sanitation

Water and Sanitation Sector Modernization: The objectives of the project are to improve the management and performance of the water and sanitation sector in Costa Rica, including improvement of the quality of services in areas served by Instituto Costarricense de Acueductos y Alcantarillados and expansion of the coverage and improvement of the quality of services in several secondary urban centers served by municipal authorities, through the implementation of some modifications to the sector's legal framework and by introducing and applying in the country new institutional models for the provision of services. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82974. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Instituto Costarricense de Acueductos y Alcantarillados, Ed. Sede de Aya Pavas, Modulo A, 1er Piso, San José, Costa Rica, Tel/Fax: (506) 242-5042, E-mail: jphillips@aya.go.cr, Contact: James Phillips, Director Financiero

Ecuador

Education

(R) Inclusion and Quality Education: The objective of the project is to improve the quality of education services provided by the Ministry of Education. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 87831. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Educación, Tel: (593) 250-0193/1935, E-mail: planeteq@hotmail.com, Contact: Diego Martínez, Director de la Unidad de Asesoría Técnica Económica

Law and Justice

(R) Justice Services for Economic and Social Development: The project will 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

Private Sector Development

(R) Trade Adjustment Assistance: The objectives of the project are to (a) facilitate trade, (b) increase labor and capital mobility to facilitate productive adjustment and (c) improve the investment climate. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83872. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of

Competitiveness, Industry, International Trade and Fishery, Avenidas. Eloy Alfaro y Amazonas MAG-MICIP, 1er Piso, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 505-072, Fax: (593-22) 507-549, Contact: Ivonne Baki, Minister

Public Sector Governance

(R) Institutional Reform (Ln. 7237-EC): The objective of the project is to enhance public sector efficiency and transparency. The loan is tentatively scheduled to be signed in *late August 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85302. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required in the areas of custom and civil services reform and procurement. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Av. Amazonas 4330, Villa Lengua, Ed. Banco Amazonas, Piso 3, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 269-549, E-mail: dmancheno@mef.gov.ec, Contact: Diego Mancheno, Subsecretario de Política Económica

Second Programmatic Fiscal Adjustment (Ln. 7276-EC): The objectives of the project are to (a) improve tax policy and administration; (b) reverse expansionary spending and improve budget transparency; (c) regain control of the public payroll; (d) improve public debt management; (e) support trade reform; (f) promote competitive pricing and regulatory policies; and (g) increase labor flexibility. Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83856. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required in the areas of customs, tax policy, and trade reform. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Av. Amazonas 4330, Villa Lengua, Ed. Banco Amazonas, 3er Piso, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 269-549, Contact: Roberto Iturralde, Subsecretario de Política Económica

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Second Indigenous and Afro-Ecuadorian Peoples Development (Ln. 7235-EC): The project aims at (a) mainstreaming attention to indigenous and Afro-Ecuadorian issues in selected national sectors and local governments and (b) tackling key issues of ethno development (community tourism, cultural assets, ethno biological production and handicrafts) in new ways. The loan was scheduled to be signed on *15 July 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77257. US\$ 34.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Consejo de Desarrollo de las Nacionalidades y Pueblos del Ecuador, Bosmediano El 150 y Carlos Guerrero, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 464-900, Fax: (593-22) 922-453, E-mail: proyecto@prodepine.org, Contact: Marcelino Chumpi, Executive Secretary

Transportation

(R) Rural Roads and Development: The objectives of the project 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. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for *7 September 2005*. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 7077. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). IDB cofinancing of US\$ 20.0 has been approved. Consultants will be required. The project will include US\$ 2.5 for consulting services. Ministerio de Obras Públicas (MOP)/Subsecretaria de Vialidad, Juan Leon Mera y Orellana esquina, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-22) 223-876, Fax: (593-22) 221-451, E-mail: hacosta@mop.gov.ec, Contact: Eduardo Acosta, Director, Captación de Recursos

Urban Development

(R) Low-Income Neighborhood Upgrading: The objective of the project is to improve the quality of life of the urban poor by enhancing their access to (a) affordable land, (b) basic urban services, (c) participation in urban development, and (d) local economic opportunities, and by strengthening the territorial planning system. *Project preparation is on hold.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83010. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). *Consultants have been identified and will be hired by late August 2005, once the borrower opens the special account and establishes the authorized signature.* Ministerio de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano, Unidad Coordinadora del Proyecto PROMIB, 10 de Agosto 2270 y Cordero, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (532) 250-8710/8716, Contact: Mónica Quintana, Coordinador Técnico

El Salvador

Education

(N) Excellence & Innovation in Secondary Education: The objective of the project is to increase opportunities for young people and adults to complete their secondary education with specialized competencies to contribute to improving the productivity, international competitiveness, and social development of the country. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78993. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Educacion, Plan Maestro, Centro de Gobierno, Alameda Juan Pablo II y Calle Guadalupe, Edificio A1-3er. piso, San Salvador, El Salvador, Tel: (503) 2271-1618, Fax: (503) 2281-0303, E-mail: edna.sol@mined.gob.sv, Contact: Lic. Edna Sol, Coordinadora Técnica del Proyecto

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Environmental Services (Ln. 7300-ES): The objective of the project is to establish on a pilot scale market mechanisms to pay for environmental services with global and national objectives. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 2 June 2005. The loan is tentatively scheduled to be signed on 2 September 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64910. US\$ 5.0/5.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, Carretera a Santa Tecla, Km. 51/2 y Calle Las Mercedes, Edif. MARN, Anexo Edificio ISTA, San Salvador, El Salvador, Tel: (503) 245-035, E-mail: arcee@marn.gov.sv, Contact: Cecilia Balchón, Project Coordinator

Rural Development

(R) Second Land Administration (Ln. 7278-ES): The project will improve land tenure security and land transactions by enabling efficient, equitable and accessible land administration services, which will facilitate better land-related investments and more productive and environmentally sustainable land use. The loan was tentatively scheduled to be signed on 15 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86953. US\$ 40.2 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Centro Nacional de Registros (National Property Registry), 1 a calle Poniente y 43 Av. Norte No 2310, San Salvador, El Salvador, Centro America, Tel: (503) 260-7740, E-mail: gsafie@cnr.gov.sv, Contact: Garrid Safie, Head of CNR

Land Administration and Protected Areas: The objective of the project is to consolidate two priority protected areas, contributing to the nationalization and long-term sustainability of the protected areas system. Decision meeting was scheduled for 30 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 92202. US\$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required for implementation. Centro Nacional de Registros (National Property Registry), 1 a calle Poniente y 43 Av. Norte No. 2310, San Salvador, El Salvador, Tel: (503) 260-7740, E-mail: gsafie@cnr.gov.sv, Contact: Garrid Safie, Head

Social Protection

(N) Social Protection & Local Development: The objective of the project is to initiate conditional cash transfer programs in the country's poorest municipalities, in line with the Red Solidaria program. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Fondo de Inversión Social y Desarrollo Local - FISDL (in partnership with the Technical Secretariat of the Office of the President), 10a. Avenida Sur y Calle Mexico, Barrio San Jacinto, frente a casa Presidencial, San Salvador, El Salvador, Tel: (503) 2244-1243, Fax: (503) 2280-0897, E-mail: ctrigueros@fisdl.gob.sv, Contact: Carolina de Trigueros, Coordinadora de la Red Solidaria

Grenada

Public Sector Governance

(R) Public Sector Modernization: The objectives of the project are to (a) strengthen the efforts to commercialize government services by improving both the incentives and capacity for senior and mid-level government officials, including the technical capacity of the Public Sector Reform Unit; (b) analyze and finance possible restructuring of the public sector, including payment for civil servants to receive train-

ing and access to micro-credit to encourage entrepreneurship and private sector development; and (c) institutionally strengthen e-governance, including fostering more information technology and deregulating the IT sector to improving the inter-connectivity within government. Project preparation is continuing, financed by a PHRD grant. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 3.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Human Resources, Office of the Prime Minister, Botanical Gardens, Tanteen, St. George's, Grenada W.I., Tel: (473) 440-3767, Fax: (473) 440-6609, E-mail: dpms@caribsurf.com, Contact: Mrs. Beryl Isaac, Director

Guatemala

Economic Management

(N) Growth Development Policy: The objectives of the project are to: (a) increase economic growth; (b) realize macro stability and fiscal consolidation; and (c) modernize the public sector. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 7 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 94365. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, 8 Ave. y 21 Calle, Zona 1, Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 2248-5001/2/3, Fax: (502) 2248-5005, E-mail: madelcid@minfin.gob.gt, Contact: Lic. Maria Antonieta del Cid de Bonilla, Minister of Public Finance

Education

Education Quality and Secondary Education: The objective of the project is to consolidate primary education quality strategies, with emphasis on completion of 6th grade and transition to 7th grade and lower secondary education. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for technical assistance. Implementing agency (ies) to be determined

Rural Development

Second Land Administration: The objective of the second-phase APL project is to consolidate an integrated and financially sustainable cadastre and registry system to provide users with accurate information on land parcels. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87106. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Ministerio de Agricultura Ganadería y Alimentación through Unidad Tecnico Juridica (UTJ), Tel: (502) 2360-7667/8/9, Fax: (502) 2332-0929, Contact: Ing. Carlos E. Castro, Sub-Director Tecnico

Guyana

Economic Management

(R) Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to implement the country's poverty strategy by improving (a) access to basic health services, (b) the quality of education; (c) public financial sector management and governance; and (d) land titling and administration along with other private sector development. Decision meeting is scheduled for late August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78703. US\$ 9.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Office of the President, New Garden St. and South Rd., Georgetown, Guyana, Tel: (592) 223-0917, Fax: (592) 223-5231, Contact: Dr. Coby Frimpong, coordinator of the PCPMU

Environment and Natural Resources Management

National Protected Area Systems: The project will analyze and apply biological, socio-economic and land-use data to provide a sound basis for designing and implementing a national protected areas system. Negotiations substantially completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.0 (GEF). Most consultants have been contracted. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), University Campus, Turkeyen, Guyana, Tel: (592) 222-6703, Fax: (592) 222-2442, E-mail: pryia_19@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Balgobin Parsaud, Acting Executive Director

Water and Sanitation

(R) Water Sector Consolidation: The objectives of the project are to (a) achieve sustainable universal access to safe and affordable water, especially for the poor; and (b) consolidate the water modernization program of recent years. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation*

is tentatively scheduled for 21 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Guyana Water Company, Lot 10, Fort St., Kingston, Georgetown, Guyana, Tel: (592-2) 225-0471, Fax: (592-2) 225-0476, E-mail: gwi@networksgy.com, Contact: Mr. Michael Clark, Managing Director

Haiti

Public Sector Governance

(R) Governance Technical Assistance (H166-HA): The objective of the project is to develop the structures and practices essential to program public resources transparently and effectively for good financial management. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 93936. US\$ 2.0 (IDA Grant). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Finance, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tel: (509) 299-1744, Fax: (509) 299-1732, Contact: Jean Erick Belinette, Member of Cabinet

Rural Development

(N) Community Driven Development: The objective of the project is to scale-up the direct transfer of public resources to local community organizations in poor rural and peri-urban communities. Negotiations are under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 93640. US\$ 38.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. PL-480 Management Office, Boulevard Harry Truman, Anci n Local du Casino International, PO Box 2488, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tel: (509) 223-8625, Fax: (509) 221-2149, E-mail: lecorpasmichael@hotmail.com, Contact: Michael Lecorps, Directeur General

Honduras

Economic Management

(R) Debt Relief (Cr. 4051-HO): The objective of the project is to bring the country into conformance with the requirements of the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries debt alleviation initiative by freeing up for poverty reduction purposes budgetary resources that would otherwise have to be earmarked to service IBRD debt. *The credit was signed on 18 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 94450. US\$ 67.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, min, 5a. Ave., 3ra. Ave., 3ra. Calle, Apartado Postal No. 3510, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 222-8701, Fax: (504) 238-2309, Contact: William Chong Wong, Minister

Finance

(R) First Programmatic Financial Sector Development Policy (Cr. 4036-HO): The objective of the project is to accelerate financial sector institutional development through reforms in laws and regulations covering: (a) strategy for management of systemic risks; (b) legal and regulatory framework; (c) anti-money laundering and prevention of terrorism financing; (d) strengthening of supervision and control of systemic risks; and (e) payments systems. *The credit was signed on 18 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83311. US\$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Comisi n Nacional de Bancos y Seguros, Edificio Anexo Banco Central de Honduras entre 5ta y 6ta Av. Comayagua, MDC, AP 20074, Francisco Moraz n, Honduras, Tel: (504) 238-0580, Fax: (504) 237-6232, Contact: Ana Cristina Pereira, President

Public Sector Governance

(R) Judicial Branch Modernization: The objective of the project is to improve Judicial Branch performance, especially with respect to efficiency, transparency, and access. *Appraisal and negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 7 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81516. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). *Consultants will be required.* Supreme Court, Blvd. Fuerzas Armadas, Contiguo a Oficina de Relaciones Exteriores, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 234-2530, Fax: (504) 233-8089, Contact: Kenneth Rolando Madrid Chinchilla, Director Ejecutivo, Unidad T cnica de Reforma

Social Protection

(R) Nutrition and Social Protection: The objective of the project is to strengthen the country's social safety net to effectively and efficiently improve the nutritional status of children from infancy to age

five and to provide alternative interventions for early childhood development, as well as to provide opportunities for disadvantaged youth to become productive citizens. *Board presentation was scheduled for 7 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82242. US\$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. *Secretariat of Health, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 238-0984, E-mail: fanny@cybertel.hn, Contact: Ms. Fanny Mejia, Vice-Secretary of Health*

Transportation

(R) Rural Infrastructure: The project aims at (a) improving access, quality and sustainability of infrastructure services (roads, water and sanitation, electricity) for the rural poor, and (b) developing capacities and enabling environment for locally-driven service provision and planning. *Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 7 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86775. US\$ 47.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for implementation. Oficina Presidencial de Seguimiento de Proyectos, Casa Presidencial, Blvd. Juan Pablo II, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 221-4545 Ext. 246, Fax: (504) 290-0685, E-mail: mmt@Presidencia.gob.hn, Contact: Ing. Mauro Membreno Tosta, Coordinador General Cartera de Proyectos

Urban Development

(R) Barrio Ciudad: The objectives of the project are to (a) increase access to good quality urban services by poor urban households; (b) increase community participation in the planning, delivery and maintenance of works and services, incorporating an employment generation approach; and (c) improve the capacity of municipal governments to plan and deliver urban services including prevention of crime and violence. *Appraisal and negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 7 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88319. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for implementation. Fondo Hondureno de Inversion Social, Antiguo Edificio del IPM, Colonia Godoy, Comayagua, MDC, Honduras, Tel: (504) 234-5173, Email: pbahr@fhis.hn, Contact: Pablo Bahr, Gerente General

Jamaica

Urban Development

Inner City Basic Services: The project aims at improving (a) access in targeted poor inner city communities to basic services including reliable potable water, sanitation and solid waste management; and (b) public safety in target inner city communities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 91299. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Jamaica Social Investment Fund, 1C-1F Pawsey Rd., Kingston, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 926-6238/7154, Fax: (876) 926-3414, Contact: Scarlett Gillings, Managing Director

Mexico

Education

(R) Lifelong Learning: The objective of the project is to improve the country's productivity by promoting a quantum leap in skill and knowledge building efforts, especially among adults who finished primary school but not early secondary school (9th grade). The project will target those in the 15-34 age group. *Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for September 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 86058. US\$ 240.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Consejo Nacional de Educaci n para la Vida y el Trabajo (CONEVYT)/Instituto Nacional de Educaci n para los Adultos (INEA), Francisco Marquez, 160, 5to Piso, Colonia Coindesa, M xico DF 06140 Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5241-2728, Fax: (52-55) 5241-2965, E-mail: rdelapena@inea.gov.mx, Contact: Ing. Ram n de la Pe a, Presidente (CONEVYT) and Director General (INEA)

(R) Tertiary Education Student Assistance: The objective of the project is to increase tertiary education enrollment and quality in an equitable, efficient, and sustainable manner. *Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for late June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85593. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Secretariat of Education, Brasil 31-312, Centro Historico, 06029 M xico, DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5723-6713, E-mail: iarvizu@sep.gov.mx, Contact: Ignacio Arvizu, Coordinator

Quality of Education: The objective of the project is to expand the number of schools with improvement plans generated and implemented by the school community and parents, in an effort to increase accountability and results-based assessment of learning-outcome gains. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaría de Educación Pública, Subsecretaría de Educación Básica y Normal, República de Argentina No. 28, 1er piso, oficina 2005, Col. Centro, México DF 06029 Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5329-8806, Fax: (52-55) 5512-0697, E-mail: sebn@sep.gob.mx, Contact: Lic. Lorenzo Gómez-Morin Fuentes, Subsecretario

Energy and Mining

(R) Large-Scale Renewable Energy: The objective of the project is to stimulate and accelerate the commercialization of renewable energy applications and markets, particularly at the grid-connected level, in order to reduce greenhouse gases and other emissions while responding to increasing energy demand and energy diversification imperatives necessary for sustainable economic growth. Preappraisal completed. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for 25 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 77717. US\$ 25.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaría de Energía, 890 Insurgentes Sur, Col. Del Valle 03100, México DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5448-6000, Fax: (52-55) 5448-6223, E-mail: jmata@energia.gob.mx, Contact: Juan Mata Sandoval, Director General

Hybrid Solar Thermal Power Plant: The objectives of the project are to (a) increase the contribution of renewable energy sources in the future energy mix, particularly in power generation, and (b) contribute to global technology demonstration and replication of hybrid thermal solar systems that have the potential to displace carbon emissions. Further project processing is dependent on Congressional approval. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 66426. US\$ 51.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Comisión Federal de Electricidad, Melchor Ocampo No 469, 2do Piso, Col. Nueva Azures, 11590 México, DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 254-6981/6977, Contacts: Lic. Gerardo Hiraíat, Gerente de Proyectos Geotérmicos

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) Second Programmatic Environmental Development Policy: The follow-on project will develop legal and regulatory frameworks and continue to consolidate and deepen the impact of reforms through implementation to (a) mainstream environmental protection efforts in the development agenda of key sectors, and (b) improve the efficiency and effectiveness of local environmental management. Appraisal and negotiations completed. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for late July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 79748. US\$ 201.1 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Environment and Natural Resources Secretariat (SEMARNAT), Blvd. Adolfo Ruiz Cortines No 4209, Sexto Piso, Col. Jardines en la Montaña, Delegación Tlalpan, C.P. 14210, México D.F., Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5628-0615, Fax: (52-55) 5628-0617, E-mail: ftudela@semarnat.gob.mx, Contact: Fernando Tudela, Subsecretario de Planeación y Política Ambiental

(R) Air Quality Management and Sustainable Transport: The objective is to contribute to reductions in the pollution and greenhouse gas load into the air shed of the Mexico City area generated by the transport sector while improving the safety and efficiency of urban transport management. *This project is no longer in the current lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 43165. US\$ 288.6 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaría de Comunicaciones, Medio ambiente, Paseo Vicente Guerrero No 486, Col. Morelos, Toluca, Mexico, Tel: (52-722) 215-9752, Fax: (52-722) 213-3980, Contact: Guillermo Cano, Secretario; Secretaría de Medio Ambiente DF, Plaza de la Constitución, No 1, 3er Piso, Col. Centro, México DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5510-3663/5542-0983, Fax: (52-55) 5521-2688, Contact: Claudia Sheinbaum, Secretaria

Private Sector Development

(R) Innovation for Competitiveness APL 1 (Ln. 7296-ME): The objective of the program is to improve the competitiveness of the economy by strengthening the innovative capacity of the private sector, ac-

celerating advanced human capital formation, and increasing the international integration of the innovation system. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89865. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired. Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (National Council for Science and Technology), Avenida Constituyentes No. 1046, Piso 3, DF México, CP 11950 Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5327-7574/5, Fax: (52-55) 5327-7609, Contact: Jaime Parada, Director General

Public Sector Governance

(N) Institutional Transformation Technical Assistance: The project aims at strengthening and enhancing the effectiveness, efficiency, accountability and transparency of federal financial management by introducing an optimized management model based on government resource planning technology that will permit the integration of Hacienda's business cycle processes and others related to Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público's regulatory functions and internal management. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89797. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaría de Hacienda y Crédito Público, Constituyentes 1001, Col. Belen de las Flores, Deleg. Alvaro Obregón, CP 01110, México DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 9158-5178, Fax: (52-55) 9158-4833, Contact: Sergio Montano Fernandez, Secretario Técnico de la Comisión Intersecretarial de Gasto, Financiamiento y Desincorporación

(N) Strengthening Urban Real Property Rights Institutions: The objectives of the project 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. Secretaría de desarrollo social: Subsecretaría de Desarrollo Urbano y Ordenación del Territorio, Paseo de la Reforma 116-15, Col. Juárez, Mexico, DF 06600 Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5328-5000, Ext. 50629, Contact: Rodolfo Tuiran, Subsecretario de Desarrollo Urbano y Ordenación del Territorio

(R) State Judicial Modernization (Ln. 7250-ME): The project aims at improving the institutional performance of the state courts by learning while doing. The loan is scheduled to be signed on 29 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74755. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required in the areas of training, technical assistance and knowledge sharing. BANOBRAS, Jaime Barros Sierra No. 515, Col. La Fe, Lomas de Santa Fe, México DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5270-1552/1565/1617, Contact: Raul Escalante, Gerente de Productos

Rural Development

(N) Access to Land for Young Farmers: The objective of the project is to facilitate access to (a) land and other productive assets for young farmers with entrepreneurial potential (by establishing a beneficiary-driven, efficient land transaction model) and (b) social welfare schemes for senior landholders. Appraisal completed. Negotiations were scheduled for late June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88732. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaría de la Reforma Agraria Subsecretaría de Política Sectorial, Ave. H. Escuela Militar 701, Piso 2, Colonia Presidentes Ejidales, Delegación Coyoacan, CP 04801 México, DF, Mexico

Water and Sanitation

(R) Water and Sanitation Technical Assistance: The objectives of the project are to (a) implement reforms mandated by the new National Water Law and (b) develop replicable, sustainable models for provision of services by targeted water utilities. Appraisal completed. Negotiations were scheduled for late June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 91695. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Comisión Nacional de Agua, Av. Insurgentes Sur 2416, Colonia Copilco Bajo, Delegación Coyoacan 04340, Mexico DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 9159-2465, Contact: Raul Deschamps, Gerente de Financiamiento

Nicaragua

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Services Extension and Modernization APL 2 (Cr. 4050-NI): The Health Sector Modernization Program, of which this project is the second phase, seeks to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and equity of the health system by: (a) strengthening first level care and nutrition; (b) modernizing the hospital network; (c) developing the institutional capacity of the Ministry of Health; and (d) supporting social security reform. *The credit was scheduled to be signed on 15 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78991. US\$ 11.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Dra. Concepción Palacio, Modulo 1, Oficina 415, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 289-7152/0369, Fax: (505) 289-4701/4473, Contact: Lic. Rodolfo Correa Oquel, Coordinador General

Information and Communication

Rural Telecom: The objectives of the project are to (a) improve access to and use of telecommunications services in rural areas; (b) strengthen Instituto Nicaraguense de Telecomunicaciones y Correos (TELCOR) to ensure a successful transition from monopoly status; and (c) reform the postal sector. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 89989. US\$ 7.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Instituto Nicaraguense de Telecomunicaciones y Correos, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 222-7350, E-mail: hjalmar@telcor.gob.ni, Contact: Ing. Hjalmar Ruiz, Director de Desarrollo

Rural Development

(R) Agricultural Technology: (formerly *Second Agricultural Technology*). The objectives of the project are to: (a) increase agricultural productivity through environmentally sustainable technical innovation; and (b) modernize and strengthen the National Institute for Agriculture Technology and the National Forestry Institute. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for late July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87046. US\$ 12.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Km. 81/2 Carretera a Masaya, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 276-0200/4, E-mail: lsaez@magfor.gob.ni, Contact: Livio Saenz, Policy Director

Transportation

Fourth Roads Rehabilitation and Maintenance: The objective of the project is to relieve transportation bottlenecks that hinder economic growth and private sector investment. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Frente al Estadio Nacional, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 222-5913/228-1246, Contact: Ing. Amadeo Santana Rodríguez, Coordinator

Panama

Rural Development

Second Rural Poverty and Natural Resources: The objective of the project is to improve (a) the management and conservation of natural resources and biodiversity in strategic areas; and (b) the livelihoods and well being of the rural poor. The IBRD portion will finance the productive and competitive components related to agriculture and livestock. The GEF component will finance the incremental costs required to restore or improve the capacity of the productive rural landscape to maintain ecological processes and conserve biodiversity. Decision meeting was scheduled for 27 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 65918. US\$ 36.4/6.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Area Revertida, Altos de Curundú, Calle Manuel E. Melo, Edificio 576 Apdo. Postal 5390, Panama, Republic of Panama, Tel: (507) 232-5648, Fax: (507) 232-5044, E-mail: lcortizo@mida.gob.pa, Contact: Laurentino Cortizo, Minister; Ministry of Economy and Finance, Via Espana, Edif. Ogawa, 3er Piso, AP 7304, Zona 5, Panama, Republic of Panama, Tel: (507) 227-3650, Fax: (507) 227-6148, E-mail: rvasquez@mef.gob.pa, Contact: Recaurte Vasquez, Minister

Paraguay

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Biodiversity Conservation: The objective of the project 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\$ 6.2/12.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Environment Services (SEAM), Ave. Madame Lynch 3500, Asunción, Paraguay, Tel: (595) 2161-5806/7, E-mail: gabinete@seam.gov.py, Contact: Alfredo Silvio Molinas, Project Coordinator

Finance

(R) Financial Sector Adjustment (Ln. 7288-PA): The project aims at strengthening the banking regulatory framework including (a) use of modern exit mechanisms, market mergers and asset/deposit transfers facilitated by a deposit insurance fund, and (b) consolidation of state-owned financial institutions into a small rural-oriented first tier bank and a second-tier development fund. Approved by the Executive Directors on 5 April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 39994. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consultants financed by a PHRD grant are being used for final stages of project preparation. Ministry of Finance, Vice Minister's Office, Edificio Ybaga, Piso 12, Av. Presidente Franco con Nuestra Sra. de la Asunción, Asunción, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 490-391, Fax: (595-21) 441-474, Contact: Jorge von Horosch, Vice Ministro de Economía e Integración

Financial Sector Technical Assistance (Ln. 7287-PA): The project aims at strengthening capacity to manage weaknesses and stresses in the financial system and to prevent crisis contagion effects, by overhauling the framework for prudential supervision and bank resolution as well as by strengthening the financial infrastructure. Approved by the Executive Directors on 5 April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 80961. US\$ 5.7 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Ed. Ybaga, Piso 12, Av. Presidente Franco con Nuestra Sra. de la Asunción, Asunción, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 490-391, Fax: (595-21) 441-474

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Mother and Child Basic Health Insurance: (formerly *Second Health*) The project aims at increasing access to and use of basic health services and public health interventions by the poor. *Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for 20 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82056. US\$ 9.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Health, Pettirossi y Brasil, Asunción, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 206-885, E-mail: munifm@telesurf.com.py, Contact: Dr. Julio Cesar Velazquez, Minister

Public Sector Governance

Modernization of the Ministry of Finance (Ln. 7286-PA): The objective of the project is to design and implement modernization of the Ministry of Finance's organization, business engineering, access of information and delivery of services. Approved by the Executive Directors on 5 April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 87036. US\$ 7.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required in the areas of organizational, budget and human resources reform and information technology. Ministry of Finance, Chile 252, Asunción, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 451-186, Contact: Mr. Fernando Masi, Adviser to the Minister

Rural Development

(R) Community Natural Resources Management: The objectives of the project are to: (a) strengthen community organization for governance, (b) improve the preservation and management of natural resources, (c) increase the asset base of beneficiaries and their organizations, anchored in the participatory assessment of needs, and (d) strengthen planning and management of the natural resources base at the microcatchment level. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 36.0/5.0 (IBRD/GEF). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Pte. Franco 475 c/ 14 de Mayo, Asunción, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 441-036, Contact: Dr. Antonio Ibáñez Aquino, Minister

Social Protection

(R) Social Security Reform Technical Assistance: The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve the institutional functioning and structure of social insurance, private pensions and health insurance; (b) increase the sustainability of public expenditures on pensions and health insurance; (c) design a comprehensive integrated strategy for public and private pensions and health insurance; and (d) *develop alternatives* for extending basic protection against losses from old age, disability and death. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89661. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Finance, Ed. Ybaga, Piso 12 Pkte. Franco con Nuestra Sra. de la Asunción, Asunción, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 490-391, Fax: (595-21) 441-474, Contact: Dr. Jorge von Horoch, Vice Minister

Peru

Energy and Mining

(R) Rural Electrification: The objective of the project is to attract investment in rural electrification by developing and demonstrating a framework for public-private electricity service in rural areas. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90116. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Energy and Mines, Lima, Perú, Tel: (511) 475-0065, Contact: Sr. Carlos Centeno, Acting Project Manager

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) Strengthening Biodiversity Conservation Through the National Protected Areas Program: The objective of the project is to protect and provide for best possible use of biodiversity. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (GEF). *Consultants will be required.* Peruvian Trust Fund for National Parks and Protected Areas, Ave. Prolongación 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

Public Sector Governance

Second Urban Property Rights: The objective of the project is to consolidate a comprehensive and sustainable system of property rights recognition and protection so that the negative impacts of informality will be reduced and further informality prevented. Appraisal mission was scheduled for July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required for technical assistance and training.* Commission for the Formalization of Informal Property (Comisión de Formalización de la Propiedad Informal), Av. Paseo de la República No. 3135-3137, Lima, Peru, Tel: (511) 421-4744, Fax: (511) 421-9814, E-mail: cnf@cofopri.gob.pe, Contact: Dr. Carolina Rouillon Gallese, National Formalization Coordinator

Rural Development

(N) Irrigation Sub-Sector Supplement (Ln. 7308-PE): The objective of the project is to increase the production and productivity of irrigated agriculture. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94152. US\$ 10.3 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministerio de Agricultura, Proyecto Subsectorial de Irrigación, Emilio Fernandez 130, Santa Beatriz (cdra. 8 Arenales), Lima, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 424-4488, Fax: (51-1) 433-2055, E-mail: jzuniga@psi.gob.pe, Contact: Mr. Jorge Zuniga, Executive Director

(R) Agricultural Research and Extension APL 2 (Ln. 7285-PE): The objective of the project is to expand and strengthen the demand-driven rural agricultural innovation system in a pluralistic and decentralized manner led by the private sector, expanding its scope to all regions, targeting disadvantaged groups, including indigenous people and women. *Loan signing has been postponed.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82588. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Agriculture/Oficina de Innovación y Competitividad del Agro Peruano, Av. Pablo Carriquiry 660 San Isidro, Lima 27 Peru, Tel: (51-1) 221-2614, Fax: (51-1) 221-1725, E-mail: incagro@incagro.gob.pe, Contact: Victor Palma, Executive Director

(R) Sierra Rural Development: The objective of the project 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79165. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Presidencia de Consejo de Ministros, Av. Miraflores 878, Miraflores, Lima, Perú, Tel: (511) 446-9800 Ext. 114/149, Contact: Mr. Rudecindo Vega Carreazo, Secretario Técnico de la comisión Interministerial de Asuntos Sociales

Transportation

(R) Regional Transport Decentralization: The objective of the project is to improve the prioritization, efficiency and effectiveness of regional transport interventions by designing and implementing a decentralized regional transport framework. *Appraisal and negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 12 July 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78813. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Transport and Communications/PROVIAS Departamental, Av. 28 de Julio No 800, Lima, Perú, Tel: (511) 332-5112, Fax: (511) 331-5112, Contact: Ing. Walter Zecenarro Mateus, Coordinador

Regional

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Caribbean Implementation of Pilot Adaptation Investments: The objective of the project is to implement in Dominica, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines pilot adaptation measures affecting the impacts of climate change on biodiversity and land degradation along coastal areas, thus achieving a high level of integration among these various conventions at a practical field level. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 1.9 (GEF). *Consultants will be required.* Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre, University of Belize Central Campus, RLC Bldg., PO Box 563, Belmopan, Belize, Tel: (501) 822-1094/1104, Fax: (501) 822-1365, E-mail: admin@caribbeanclimate.org, k.leslie@sbcglobal.net, Contact: Ken Leslie, Director

Information and Communication

(R) Organization of Eastern Caribbean States Information and Communications Technology Development (Ln. 4775-GRD, Ln. 4776-SC, Ln. 4777-SLU, Ln. 4778-SV, Cr. 4059-DOM, Cr. 4056-GRD, Cr. 4057-SLU, Cr. 4058-SV): The objective of the project is to improve the access, quality and use of telecommunications services within the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) to achieve sustainable territorial and regional development. *The loans and credits were scheduled to be signed on 21 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88448. US\$ 1.4/1.4 (IBRD/IDA). *Consultants will be required.* OECS Secretariat, Morne Fortune, PO Box 1383, Castries, Saint Lucia, Tel: (758) 453-6208, Fax: (758) 452-2194, E-mail: bbest@oecs.org, Contact: Beverly Best, Project Officer

Rural Development

Conservation and Sustainable Use of Neotropical Crops and Wild Relatives of Crops: The project aims at mainstreaming biodiversity conservation in the agriculture sector in countries representing the unique and critical features of biodiversity in Central America. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (GEF). *Consultants will be required.* Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical, AA 6713, Cali, Colombia, Tel: (57-2) 445-0000, Fax: (57-2) 445-0073, E-mail: j.tohme@cgiar.org, Contact: Dr. Joe Tohme, Head of Agrobiodiversity and Biotechnology Projects; Instituto Interamericano de Cooperación para la Agricultura, PO Box 55-220, Coronado, San José, Costa Rica, Tel: (506) 216-0222, Fax: (506) 229-4741, E-mail: Nelson.Espinoza@iica.ac.cr, Contact: Dr. Nelson Espinoza

Saint Lucia

Water and Sanitation

(R) Water Supply Infrastructure Improvement (Ln. 7297-SLU, Cr. 4065-SLU): The objectives of the project are to (a) alleviate the water shortage in the north, (b) reduce the likelihood that commercial users would abandon the system and (c) improve the potential of a successful public-private partnership. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 19 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 94416. US\$ 3.9/3.9 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 2nd Floor, Financial Center, Bridge St., Castries, Saint Lucia, Tel: (758) 468-5530, Fax: (758) 452-6700, E-mail: brathwaitet@candw.lc, Contact: Trevor Brathwaite, Permanent Secretary of Finance for Financial Services and Economic Affairs

Uruguay

Health, Nutrition and Population

(N) Social Program Development Policy (Ln. 7303-UR): The objective of the project is to implement social programs especially in the health and education areas. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 95028. US\$ 75.38 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Colonia No. 1089, 3rd Floor, Montevideo, Uruguay, Tel: (598-2) 1712-2710, Fax: (598-2) 908-4079, E-mail: bergara@mef.gub.uy, Contact: Economist Mario Bergera, Undersecretary

Second Health Sector Development: The objectives of the project 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, 18 de Julio 1892, Montevideo, Uruguay, Tel: (598-2) 409-1015/2534, E-mail: ministro@msp.gub.uy, Contact: Dr. Conrado Bonilla, Minister

Rural Development

(R) Integrated Natural Resources and Biodiversity Management (Ln. 7305-UR): The objective of the project is to increase agricultural and livestock productivity within a context of holistic ecosystems and natural resources management while conserving soil, water, grasslands, and biodiversity. The IBRD portion will finance the productive and competitive components related to agriculture and livestock. The GEF component will finance the incremental costs required to restore or improve the capacity of the productive rural landscape to maintain ecological processes and conserve biodiversity. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 70653, 77676. US\$ 30.0/7.0 (IBRD/GEF). No consultants are required. Ministerio de Ganaderia, Agricultura y Pesca, Cerrito 316, Piso 1, Montevideo, Uruguay, Tel: (598-2) 915-0049, Contact: Diego Paysee, Project Coordinator

Transportation

(R) Transport Infrastructure Maintenance and Rural Access (Ln. 7303-UR): The objective of the project is to maintain the basic road network in a condition that will facilitate the movement of freight and passengers cost-efficiently. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 June 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 57481. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport and Civil Works, Rincón 561 - 6to Piso - Of. 611, CP 11000, Montevideo, Uruguay, Tel/Fax: (598-2) 915-92-64/916-13-42, E-mail: mtopdf@adinet.com.uy, Contact: Cra. Isabel Martinez Destouet, Directora

Venezuela

Water and Sanitation

(N) Urban and Rural Water and Sanitation: The objective of the program is to implement a medium-term reform and investment program in the water and sanitation sector in eight of the 23 states in order to reach the target of universal water and sanitation coverage by 2015. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 92953. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

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.

Africa Region

Senegal

Energy and Mining

(R) Electricity Efficiency Enhancement (Public Sector) The objective of the project is to improve efficiency in the power sector and meet increasing demand for electricity. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 May 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73477. US\$ 15.0 (IDA). An IBRD partial risk guarantee up to US\$ 10.0 will be offered as an inducement for third-party cofinancing. Consultants will be required during implementation for environmental, financial and legal services. Cellule de Préparation et de Suivi des Réformes du Secteur de l'Energie, BP 4037, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 821-1611, Fax: (221) 821-1608, E-mail: cprse@telecomplus.sn, Contact: M. Amadou Diagne, Directeur de Cabinet, Ministère de l'Energie et des Mines

Sierra Leone

Energy and Mining

(R) Bumbuna Hydroelectric Completion (Private Sector): (*formerly Power Sector Rehabilitation*) 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. *Approved by the Executive Directors on 16 June 2005.* Estimated total cost: US\$ 91.8. An IDA partial risk guarantee of US\$ 38.0 is proposed, as well as an IDA grant (see Africa section)

East Asia and Pacific Region

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Energy and Mining

(R) Nam Theum Power: (Private Sector) The objective of the project is to construct and operate a 1,070 MW hydropower facility primarily to export power to Thailand. Support from the World Bank Group includes an IDA partial risk guarantee for US\$ 50.0, along with a MIGA guarantee for US\$ 200.0. Estimated total project cost: US\$ 1,450.0, including contingencies. The project became effective on 10 June 2005 (not 29 April 2005 as reported previously).

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\$ 5.0), partial risk guarantee (US\$ 12.0) and direct investment (US\$ 8.0). The PRG facility will provide a guarantee for the geology-related risks associated with the exploration and operation of geothermal energy projects. Board presentation was expected within FY05.

Latin America and the Caribbean Region

Peru

Transportation

Guarantee Facility: (Private Sector - B122-PE) The objective of the project is to establish a US\$ 200.0 guarantee facility to provide IBRD partial risk guarantees to second-generation infrastructure projects. Guarantees will be issued to cover private lenders and bond holders against defaults caused by the failure of the government to comply with its required investment and operating cost contributions to eligible projects as well as political and breach-of-contract risks. A large number of infrastructure projects are in the country's development pipeline, including in the road, airport, port, gas, water, sanitation and telecommunication sectors. The projects are local and regional, outside of the capital city, Lima. ProInversión, the private investment promotion agency, will operate the facility. Approved by the Executive Directors on 28 April 2005.

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		