

## Solomon Islands - Country Partnership Framework FY18-FY23

### Chair Summary\*

August 2, 2018

Executive Directors discussed the World Bank Group Country Partnership Framework (CPF) for Solomon Islands for FY18-FY23. Directors welcomed the Bank Group's proposed framework for engagement, and expressed support for the objectives of enhancing economic resilience through inclusive growth, while considering economic geography and state fragility.

Directors were encouraged by the significant increase in the IDA allocation under IDA18, in line with their continuing support for scaled-up work in small island states. They noted the fragile fiscal and political position, and urged coordinated approaches to strengthen stability and fiscal discipline. They supported continued efforts to scale up implementation support and capacity building to help absorb the scaled up allocation and address challenges faced by small states, including small size and geographic dispersion; limited institutional capacity and economic opportunities; and vulnerability to external shocks including the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events.

Directors stressed the importance of selectivity and ensuring a continued mix of instruments, especially in the case of promoting private sector growth through innovative financial instruments. They encouraged the WBG to scale up efforts to tackle gender inequality and gender based violence. Directors also encouraged the WBG to accelerate sustainable private-sector led growth to enhance resilience to economic shocks, enable knowledge and technology transfer, and mobilize domestic and foreign investment. They also encouraged further diversification away from logging towards more sustainable sectors such as energy, agriculture and tourism. They highlighted the need to support the government in creating a sustainable tariff structure, increasing connectivity, improving education programs and enhancing quality of public expenditure. They urged the WBG to monitor risks in the mining sector.

Directors underscored the importance of maximizing collaboration with other partners and for the WBG to take the lead where it has a comparative advantage to accelerate progress towards the twin goals.

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