

Guatemala

Country Partnership Framework FY17-20

Chair Summary*

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Executive Directors discussed the joint IBRD/IFC/MIGA Country Partnership Framework (CPF) for Guatemala for FY17 to FY20.

Directors noted the challenges the country faces as outlined in the Systematic Country Diagnostic and acknowledged the need for selectivity in the World Bank Group (WBG) program. Directors welcomed the focus of the CPF on fostering inclusion of vulnerable groups, and addressing bottlenecks to sustainable growth.

Directors expressed support for the Government's focus on malnutrition while underscoring the need to continue strengthening governance, fighting corruption and addressing other institutional weaknesses. They felt this was necessary to increase much needed tax revenues. They welcomed the measures in the CPF to improve basic health, nutrition, water and sanitation services with an emphasis on poor and indigenous groups, and a particular focus on women and youth. Directors welcomed the gender focus of the CPF, and highlighted the importance of activities under the first Pillar aimed at improving the health of women.

Directors urged strong collaboration between IBRD and IFC and welcomed the complementary package of instruments bringing together technical assistance and financial solutions to support the Government advance the agenda on malnutrition and governance. They underscored the need to expand infrastructure, agri-business, investments in energy, improve social monitoring and build institutional capacity for resilience to climate change including disaster risk management.

Directors recognized that there are substantial risks and achieving results would be difficult. In this regard, they encouraged the Bank to continue to explore actions to mitigate and offset the existing risks. They stressed the importance of deepening regional integration and South-South cooperation.

Finally, Directors encouraged scaling up IFC interventions and pursuing opportunities for MIGA's engagement, and enhancing the coordination with other development partners in Guatemala.

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