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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

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  Education
  Environment and Natural Resources Management
  Energy and Mining (including Renewable Energy)
  Finance (including noncompulsory pensions, insurance and contractual savings)
  Health, Nutrition and Population
  Information and Communication
  Law and Justice

Private Sector Development
  Public Sector Governance
  Rural Development
  Social Development, Gender and Inclusion
  Social Protection
  Transportation
  Urban Development
  Water and Sanitation

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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. On average, it takes about 18 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, its 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 (preferably by fax) only if they are unable to obtain a response to their queries from the implementing agency. General information about business opportunities under Bank loans and credits 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). (by e-mail at: rpost@worldbank.org).

**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:** Environmental analysis is normally unnecessary. Projects added to the summary after July 1994 include the environmental category A, B or C, except in the case of financial intermediary loans, which are designated “FI,” and structural adjustment loans and credits, which are not categorized. The absence of a category is shown by the letter “U”.

Business opportunities arising from World Bank projects after they have been approved, including invitations to bid and to submit proposals on Bank projects and notices of contract awards, appear twice a month in UN Development Business and are also available via the internet at UN Development Business Online at <www.devbusiness.com>. 
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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 Frame-work 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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Angola

Economic Management

(R) Emergency Multi Sector Recovery: The objective of the project is to build the foundation for long-term reconstruction, economic rehabilitation, and reestablishment of state administration. Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 17 February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83333. US$ 235.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning, Largo 17 de Setembro, Luanda, Angola, Tel: (244-2) 336-666, Fax: (244-2) 336-945, Contact: H.E. Ana Dias Lourenço, Minister

Health, Nutrition and Population

HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis: The objective of the project is to control the spread and mitigate the effects of AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Board presentation was scheduled for 21 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83180. US$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. National Commission Against AIDS and Enemic Diseases

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: 69512. US$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

Benin

Economic Management

(R) Second Poverty Reduction Support: The objectives of the project are to implement the Poverty Reduction Strategy through the budget process and strengthen the government's capacity to design and carry out its development and poverty reduction programs. PRSC2 would support continuation of implementation of the Environment and Urban Sanitation and the Forest Management programs so as to ensure that they are properly funded, executed and monitored. Appraisal was scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economy, BP 302, Cotonou, Benin, Tel: (229) 315-356, Fax: (229) 301-851, Contact: Mr. Emmanuel Assilamehoo, Head, Technical Secretariat, National Committee for Development and Poverty Reduction

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Coastal Zone Management: The objective of the project is to contribute to sustainable management of the coastal zone and biological diversity with the view to sustainable development of the country. Appraisal mission is scheduled for late January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 4.2 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries

Burkina Faso

Energy and Mining

(R) Power Sector Development and Reform (H133-BUR; formerly Energy Sector Development Reform) The project will enhance the efficiency of the energy sector, increase access of the population to modern sources of energy and improve the sustainability of energy resources. Approved by the Executive Directors on 30 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 69126, 73358. US$ 63.6 /2.8 (IDA Grant /GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mines, 01 BP 644, Ouagadougou 01 Burkina Faso, Tel: (226) 300-248, (226) 331-745, (226) 436-727, Fax: (226) 217-542, Contact: Mr. Godefroy Thionbiano, Project Coordinator

Public Sector Governance

Capacity Building Program: The project will provide technical assistance to core and line ministries to implement the first phase (capacity assessment) and the second phase (implementing reforms) of a long-range capacity building effort. Appraisal was scheduled for December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78956. US$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Prime Minister's Office, BP 7027, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Tel: (226) 324-898, Fax: (226) 330-551, Contact: Mrs. Véronique Tiémoté, General Secretary to the Prime Minister

Cameroon

Economic Management

(R) Infrastructure/Local Economic Development: The project will seek 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. It will address policy issues such as decentralization, local economic development, and access to basic services by the poor. Decision meeting is scheduled for September 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. PID (Projet d'Infrastrutture 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: 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. Negotiations were scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79564. US$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Projet d’appui au Secteur de l’Education, BP 8590, Yaoundé, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 222-4547, E-mail: charles_awono@yahoo.fr, Contact: Charles Awono, Project 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 was scheduled for January 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: Ngouembé Abandza, Project Coordinator

Cape Verde

Economic Management

(R) Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to provide program support on the basis of the Government’s key sector strategies (to be presented in the forthcoming PRSP), which include health, education, social protection, administrative reform (including decentralization), and public expenditure management. Appraisal completed. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for mid-January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78860. US$ 15.0 (IDA). A PPF advance of US$ 0.6 has been approved. Consulting services will be required for background analysis in sectors of interest (Human Development, Public Sector Reform, and Public Expenditure Management). Ministry of Finance, Planning and Regional Development, Praia, Santiago, Republic of Cape Verde, Tel: (238-2) 607-620, E-mail: manuelp@gov1.gov.cv, Contact: Mr. Manuel Pinheiro, Director General for Planning

Transportation

(R) Road Sector Support: The objective of the project is to meet critical road access infrastructure needs on five islands and provide institutional assistance on sector reforms and capacity building. Appraisal mission was tentatively rescheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87004. US$ 15.0 (IDA). A PPF advance
of US$ 1.5 has been approved. Draft consultant reports have been received on road design and management studies. Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport, Ponte 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 Inocêncio Sousa, Minister of Public Works, PO Box 841, Asmara, Eritrea, Tel: (231-1) 122-477, Fax: (231-1) 120-661, Contact: Mr. Kidane Berhane, Director General

Chad

Energy and Mining
(N) 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 is scheduled for February 2005. 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) 5209729; E-mail: hkabadi@cppntchad.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. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for February 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. Mahamat Bahadirine; Project Coordinator; Ministry of Promotion and Development, N'Djamena, Chad, Tel: (235) 515-888, Fax: (235) 515-185, Contact: Mr. Mahamat Bachir, Vice Director-General.

Public Sector Governance
(N) 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 is scheduled for February 2005. US$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Cellule Technique GEEP, Tel: (235) 520-651, E-mail: mahamaxx@hotmail.com, gEEP.finances@internet.net.td, Contact: Mahamat Moussa Ahamat; Cellule Economique du GEEP, Tel: (235) 523-888, Fax: (235) 523-950, Contact: Mahamat Bahadrine Oumar.

Rural Development
(R) Institutional Reform Support (Cr. 4005-CD): The objective of the project is to implement two of the country's poverty reduction strategic objectives: (a) improving governance and transparency; and (b) ensuring strong and sustained growth, especially in the rural sector. Approved by the Executive Directors on 30 November 2004. The credit was signed on 1 December 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 83711. US$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning, Development and Cooperation, Tel: (235) 523-888, Fax: (235) 523-950; Contact: Mahamat Bahadrine Oumar, Coordinator, Economic Unit.

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 was scheduled for January 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@intnettchd, Contact: Col Dingamadji Major, 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 January/February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. 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 438, N'Djamena, Chad, Tel: (235) 544-435, Fax: (235) 523-722, Contact: Dr. Doginbar Allassembaye

Congo, Republic of

Economic Management
(R) Economic Recovery (Cr. 4008-COB) The objective of the project is to assist the country with its economic recovery. Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83627. US$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance.

Côte d'Ivoire

Health, Nutrition and Population
HIV/AIDS Multi-sector Response: The objectives 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 scheduled for 17 January 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, 2075-2376, 0505-6399, 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: 55705. 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 1333 Abidjan 01, Rue des jardins, 2 Plateau, République de Côte d'Ivoire, Tel: (225) 2241-0164, Fax: (225) 2052-1353, E-mail: mak@gloabeaccess.net, Contacts: Mme. Ginette Yoman, M. Marc-Antoine Koffi.

Social Protection
Demobilization, Reintegration and Rehabilitation: The objective is to provide immediate support for (a) demobilizing and reintegrating ex-combatants; (b) returning internally displaced people and refugees to their communities; and (c) strengthening social and economic infrastructures in communities most affected by the war. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for 17 January 2005 Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82817. US$ 65.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Government of Cote d'Ivoire, 27 BP 933 Abidjan 27 Cote d'Ivoire, Tel: (225) 2257-7350/1/2/4, E-mail: brahima.sangare@cnddr-ci.org, Contact: Ibrahim Sangare, Secrétaire Exécutif du CNDDR.

Eritrea

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**

**Education**

(R) Post-Secondary Education (Cr. 4752-ET): The objective of the project is to expand/strengthen the country's post-secondary education system as key component of its national capacity building effort. Approved by the Executive Directors on 16 September 2004. Signing was tentatively scheduled for early January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78682. US$ 40.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, PO Box 1367, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 560-063, Fax: (251-1) 553-133, Contact: Dr. Teshome Yizengaw, Vice-Minister for Higher Education for university activities, and Ato Wondwossen Kiflu for TVET programs.

**Information and Communication**

(R) Information and Communication Technologies Assisted Development (Cr. 3985-ET): The objective of the project is to enable communities to have increased access to ICT-assisted public and private services, and to use these services more effectively to increase their income, give them better access to markets and enable them to participate in local decision making. Approved by the Executive Directors on 15 September 2004. Signing was tentatively scheduled for early January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78458. US$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ethiopian ICT Development Authority, PO Box 1028, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 503 973, Fax: (251-1) 534 246, Contact: Ato Dhaba Oria, Director General.

**Private Sector Development**

(R) Private Sector Development Capacity Building: The objective of the project is to improve private sector participation in the economy by increasing its productivity and competitiveness. Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 21 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 19.0/5.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Trade and Industry, PO Box 704, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 518425, Fax: (251-1) 514-288, Contact: Ato Tadesse Halle.

**Public Sector Governance**

(N) Third Poverty Reduction Support: The objectives of the project are to: (i) improve the investment climate; (ii) improve governance and service delivery; and (iii) reduce vulnerability. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US$ 190.0 million (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. 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.

(R) Second Poverty Reduction Support (H135-ET): The objective of the project is to implement reforms outlined in the Sustainable Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy Program to: (a) improve the investment climate; (b) improve governance and service delivery; and (c) reduce vulnerability. Approved by the Executive Directors on 30 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77749. US$ 130.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, PO Box 1905, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 226-637, Fax: (251-1) 551-355, Contact: Getachew Adem.

**Rural Development**

Capacity Building for Agricultural Services: The objective of the project is to (a) increase the productivity and profitability of the agricultural sector through investments designed to raise the human capital of farmers and others involved in agricultural and agribusiness enterprises, (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 February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79275. US$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. 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; Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

**Social Development, Gender and Inclusion**

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 ensure that the voices of traditionally excluded groups such as women and youth are considered. While the scope will be national, activities will mainly be implemented at the local (woreda and kebele) levels. Preappraisal completed. Appraisal is scheduled for March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81614. US$ 20.0 (IDA). Background studies are currently underway. Ministry of Capacity Building, Civil Society Capacity Building Program Office, Tel: (251-1) 837-204, Fax: (251-1) 837-203, E-mail: mejia@yahoo.com, Contact: Ato Mealku Jemaneh, Director.

**Social Protection**

(R) Productive Safety Nets (Cr. 4004-ET, H136-ET): The objective of the project is to transform existing relief-oriented safety nets to a system that not only sustains lives but enhances growth by preventing irreversible losses and providing incentives to the most vulnerable households to engage in productive behavior. Approved by the Executive Directors on 20 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87707. US$ 143.5/55.7 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Food Security Coordination Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, PO Box 62347, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 516-172, (251-1) 520-656, Fax: (251-1) 512-944, Contact: Ato Berhanee Gizaw, Deputy Commissioner, Head of Food Security Coordination Bureau, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

**Transportation**

(R) Road Sector Development Phase 2 — APL 2 (Cr. 3989-ET): The objective of the project is to rehabilitate and upgrade priority links and regional roads and support the Rural Travel and Transport Program to prepare woreda and village-level development activities. Signing was tentatively scheduled for early January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82998. US$ 169.9 (IDA Credit). Consulting services for feasibility studies and engineering designs are being financed under existing projects. Additional services will be advertised in UN Development Business-Development Market Place. Ethiopia Roads Authority, PO Box 1770, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 325-392, Fax: (251-1) 514-866, Contact: Ato Za'a Woldegebriel, General Manager.

**Gabon**

**Environment and Natural Resources Management**

(N) Forest and Environment Sector: The objective of the project is to reduce oil dependency and diversify the natural economy on the basis of sustainable management of forest, fisheries and biodiversity resources. Decision meeting is scheduled for February 2005. US$ 8.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Planning and Monitoring Unit, Ministry of Forestry and Environment, Tel: (241) 721-382, Fax: (241) 721-382, E-mail: pnec@inet.g, Contact: Mr. Juste-L. Boussienguet, Coordinator.

(R) Forestry and Environment: The objective of the project is to increase sustainability of the contribution of the natural resources management sector to the national economy, helping improve standards of living while ensuring sustainable management of natural resources and conservation of biodiversity. Preappraisal was scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 70196. US$ 17.5 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Planning and Monitoring Unit, Ministry of Forestry and Environment, Tel: (241) 721-383, Fax: (241) 721-382, E-mail: pnec@inet.g, Contact: Mr. Juste-L. Boussienguet, Coordinator.

**Social Development, Gender and Inclusion**

Community Infrastructure and Capacity Building: The project will be a follow-on to the continuing Pilot Community Infrastructure Works and Capacity Building Project (LIL) to capitalize on and take advantage of the results of the LIL. 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. The CB II will focus on sector reforms (improved access of SMEs to sectors of the economy); and capacity building (SMEs, line ministries, and local governments). Appraisal mission is scheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. USD 10.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. PAPSUT, PO Box 114, Libreville, Gabon, Tel: (241) 768-307, Fax: (241) 765-831, Email: 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 a special emphasis on quality during the second phase. Project Concept Note review is tentatively scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for engineering studies. Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development was scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82969. US$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, PO Box M40, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 537-3004, Director, Local Government Project Support Unit

Rural Development

(R) Community-Based Rural Development: The objective of the project is to mobilize and empower rural communities to undertake activities that enhance livelihoods and support social capital development, such as activities that increase agricultural productivity, diversify farm and off-farm income and build local capacity to manage development. The objective of the former Health Sector Reform project, to improve access to quality essential health care, has been incorporated into this project. Preappraisal mission was rescheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82969. US$ 12.0 (IDA). A PHRD grant of US$ 0.5 has been provided for preparation. A PPF advance of US$ 0.2 has been approved. Consultants will be required. Department of State for Finance and Economic Affairs, Tel: (233) 422-5181, Fax: (233) 448-7458, Email: pubmapl@ghana.com, Contact: Mr. Lawrence Bruce, Project Coordinator

Ghana

Finance

Accountability and Capacity Building: 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. 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) 665-854, Email: pubmapl@ghana.com, Contact: Ms. Agatha Gaise-Nketsiah, Program Coordinator

Rural Development

(R) Community-Based Rural Development (Cr. 3964-GH): The objective of the project is to reduce poverty by enhancing the quality of life of rural communities. The credit was signed on 13 August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81482. US$ 60.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Rural Infrastructure Coordinating Unit, CT 3742, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 770-246, Fax: (233-21) 770-247, Ministry for Local Government and Rural Development, PO Box M50, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-32) 664-766, 662-668, Fax: (233-21) 668-071, Contact: Mr. Kwado Adjei-Darko, Minister

Urban Development

Urban V Phase 2: The objective of the Adaptable Program Loan is to ensure the timely and adequate delivery of adequate urban infrastructure and services, particularly in under-served secondary towns. Appraisal mission was scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. USD 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

Water and Sanitation

(R) Small Towns Water Supply and Sanitation (Cr. 3971-GH): The objective of the project is to increase access to rural water supply and sanitation services in small towns in six regions. The credit was signed on 13 August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84015. US$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required, Community Water and Sanitation Agency, PMB KIA, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 779-102, Fax: (233-21) 779-475, Email: info@cwasa.org, Contact: Mr. Kofi Asamoah, Chief Executive

(R) Urban Environmental Sanitation 2 (Cr. 3889-GH): The objective of the project is to improve urban living conditions in regard to sanitation, drainage, vehicular access and solid waste management in a sustainable fashion, with special emphasis on benefits to the poor. The credit was signed on 12 August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82373. US$ 62.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development, PO Box M 50, Accra, Ghana, Fax: (233-21) 537-3004, Director, Local Government Project Support Unit

(R) Urban Water (H132-GH): The project will improve efficiency and effectiveness of urban water services and provide safe and affordable water supply services to un-served, low-income urban areas. Approved by the Executive Directors as a credit on 27 July 2004. Converted to an IDA grant on 1 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 56256. US$ 103.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required for environmental and social assessment engineering. Ghana Water Sector Project Management Unit, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 666-781, Fax: (233-21) 663-552, Email: wers@ghana.com, Contact: Mr. Emmanuel Nkrumah, Acting PMU Director

Guinea

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Community-Based Integrated Ecosystem 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 subs-watersheds to enable and encourage local communities to incorporate integrated ecosystem management practices designed and implemented by the local populations. Pre-appraisal mission was scheduled for December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 7.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Plan, Conakry, Guinea, Tel: (233) 464-051, Email: pacv@afribone.net.gn, sidisano@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mrs. Aminatou Camara Barry, Mr. Sidif Sanoh

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Sector Support: The objectives are to (a) enhance knowledge and skills to prevent and manage communicable diseases and manage nutritional 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. Board presentation is scheduled for 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 65126. US$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère de la Santé (Ministry of Health), BP SSS, Conakry, Guinea, Tel: (233) 219-456, Email: pdramou@blasy.net, Contact: Mr. Pepe Dramou

Guinea-Bissau

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Coastal and Biodiversity Management (Cr. 3907-GUB): The objective of the project is to promote appropriate and responsible natural resource management schemes that will address threats from ongoing and planned activities, most particularly industrial fisheries and offshore oil drilling, in an effort to conserve sustainably the country’s unique coastal ecosystems and related biodiversity. The credit and grant were signed on 15 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 83453, 49513. US$ 3.0/4.8 (IDA/GEF). PPF advance of US$ 0.4 was approved. Co-financing has been confirmed from the European Commission, the World Conservation Union, and the government, totaling US$ 3.3. Consultants will be required for chief technical advisor, technical advisors for each project component, and technical advisory assignments of short duration to prepare sectoral safeguards’ guidelines, species action plans, national resource man-
agreement plans, fisheries management procedures, technical capacity-building and a conservation finance mechanism. Ministry of Economy and Finance, 37 Ave. Amilcar Cabral, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel/Fax: (254-20) 205-313, E-mail: upgge@sol.telecom.gw, Contact: Mr. Aquino Duarte, Chairman, Project Steering Committee

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) National Health Development Program (Supplemental): The objective is to continue to improve the health status of the population, particularly women and children, through strengthening the national public health system, service delivery, management structures and processes. Approved by the Executive Directors on 16 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85822. US$ 4.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for implementation. Ministry of Health, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (254) 212-424, Fax: (254) 201-188, E-mail: pnds@mail.gtelecom.gw, Contact: Sra. Hilda Mateus dos Santos, Project Coordinator

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. Negotiations completed. RVP approval decision is tentatively scheduled for 12 May 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 30286, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 340-292, Fax: (254-20) 339-030, E-mail: almkilele@bcs.go.ke, Contact: Mr. Anthony Kitaka, Acting Director

Economic Recovery Strategy Support: The objective of the project is to implement the Economic Recovery Strategy, which includes strengthening public expenditure management, improving governance, increasing agricultural productivity and sustainability, improving the business environment and strengthening economic monitoring. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US$ 75.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Treasury Bldg., Harambee Ave., PO Box 30007, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 359-111

Education

Education Sector Wide Approach: The objective of the project is to strengthen primary and secondary education. Identification is under way, Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. 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 Adjustment: The objective of the project is to remedy vulnerabilities and inefficiencies in the banking system, increase competition, improve the lending environment, and broaden and deepen private sector access to financial services. Appraisal mission is scheduled for April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 84224 US$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required as financial sector experts and developers of a strategy for the sector. 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

Health Sector Support: The objective of the project is to improve regulation, quality assurance and distribution of drugs so that pharmaceutical delivery is more equitable and affordable, particularly of drugs needed in poverty-targeted interventions. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Aya House, PO Box 30016, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 717-077, Fax: (254-20) 713-234, E-mail: secretary@hsrcnho.go.ke, Contact: Dr. T. Gakuru, Head, Health Sector Reform Secretariat

Multi-Country AIDS Program 2: The objective of the project is to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS while nurturing initiatives to reach especially vulnerable groups and to increase access by those already infected to comprehensive care and treatment. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C: US$20.0 (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. Oreg, Director

Public Sector Governance

Institutional Reform and Capacity Building Technical Assistance: The objective of the project is to enable implementation of the Economic Recovery Strategy, including a resulting lean and effective public service. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 40.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Office of Personnel Management, PO Box 30050, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 227-411, Contact: Mr. Simon F. Njau, Permanent Secretary/Director of Personnel Management, Office of the President

Rural Development

Western Integrated Ecosystem Management: The objective of the project is to improve the productivity and sustainability of land use systems through adoption of an integrated ecosystem management approach in selected watersheds in the Nyanza, Tana, and Nzoia River Basins. Negotiations completed. Regional decision on approval is tentatively scheduled for 25 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 72981. US$ 4.1 (GEF). No consultants are required. Kenya Agricultural Research Institute, PO Box 57811, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel/Fax: (254-20) 563-344, E-mail: kiomemr@karl.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 underway. 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 (Phase II): The objective of the project, the second phase of a three-phase APL, is to achieve a sustainable increase in access to quality preventive, curative and rehabilitative health care services. Appraisal was scheduled for January 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: hsphls@lesofo.co.za, makhakhem@plan-ing.health.gov.ls, Contact: Mrs. Majoel Makhakhe

Law and Justice

Public Sector Improvement and Reform: The project, first phase of an APL, aims at (a) defining the role of government; (b) strengthening financial management; (c) enhancing government transparency; and (d) supporting professionalization of civil service. Negotiations were scheduled for January 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 subsector initiated by the Road Rehabilitation and Maintenance Project, but in the context of a more comprehensive approach to the transportation sector at large. It will support economic growth and poverty reduction through provision of sustainable transportation infrastructure, affordable transportation services and reliable access of isolated areas and the poor to markets, services and opportunities. Appraisal is scheduled for February 2005. Environ-
Malawi

**Education**

(R) Education Sector Support: The objective of the project is to improve teacher education and quality at primary, secondary and tertiary levels. Board presentation is scheduled for 23 March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. USPS 32.2 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, Lilongwe, Malawi

**Energy and Mining**

(R) Energy Access Expansion and Development: The objectives of the project are to expand access to energy and improve woodfuels management. This project has been placed on reserve. Further reporting will be discontinued until it is again being processed actively. Environmental Assessment Category B. USPS 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs, Private Bag 550, Lilongwe 3, Malawi, Tel: (265) 841-435, Fax: (265) 788-689, Email: natsources@malawi.gov.mw, Contact: Mr. Ello Lodzeni, Director of Administration; Department of Energy, Tel: (265) 774-702, Contact: Dr. Charles Kafumba, Director of Energy

Infrastructure Services: The project will address prioritized service delivery in the water and sanitation, electricity, transportation, and telecommunications sectors. Interventions in selected districts will support the government’s Poverty Reduction and Economic Growth Strategy and will be coordinated across sectors with a view to significantly enhancing production and productivity, notably in agriculture but also in tourism and mining. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 57761, 74716 US$40.0/3.0 (IDA/GEF). Cost sharing of US$ 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) 798-686, Fax: (265-1) 788-247, Contact: Mrs. Fanny M'kaba, Director

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Health Sector Reform (II138-MAI): The objective of the project is to establish, through a health sector-wide approach, a health delivery system responsive to people’s needs, by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of health services, and providing a minimum package of essential health services, with an emphasis on reaching the poor, women and children. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 December 2004. Retroactive financing is expected. Environmental Assessment Category B. USPS 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, PO Box 30577, Capital City, Lilongwe 3, Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 789-400, Fax: (265-1) 789-431, Email: health@malawi.gov.mw, Contact: Dr. Richard Pendame, Permanent Secretary

Rural Development

Rural Livelihoods, Irrigation, and Agricultural Development: The objective of the project is to raise smallholder productivity and thus advance the commercialization of agriculture. Appraisal was scheduled for 10 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 384148 US$ 30.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Food Security, PO Box 30577, Capital City, Lilongwe 3, Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 789-033, Fax: (265-1) 789-218, Contact: Mr. C. J. Matabwa, Principal Secretary

Mali

Economic Management

Fourth Structural Adjustment: The project will strengthen fiscal policies and financial sector fundamentals of shared growth, and public expenditure management reforms and transparency. Appraisal mission was scheduled for December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 83272. USPS 25.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 223-1654, 222-9632, Fax: (223) 222-8833, Contact: Mr. Samba Diallo, Secretary General

Madagascar

**Energy and Mining**

(R) Energy Services Delivery: The objectives of the project are to expand access to electricity in rural and peri-urban areas, especially in the poorest provinces, and support economic growth by reliably meeting the demand for electricity at the lowest feasible cost. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74658. US$149.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mines, BP 896, 101 Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 224-0770, Fax: (261-20) 223-2554, Email: decor@ds.mg, Contact: Mr. Rodolphe Remanantsoa, Director of Energy; JIRAMA, BP 200, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 222-0331, Fax: (261-20) 223-3806, Email: jirdg@ds.mg, Contact: Mr. Desire Rasidy, General Manager

Health, Nutrition and Population

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. Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for FY2006. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88729. US$ 22.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. UGP Projet CRESAN, Immeuble Maison de La Reunion, Isoraka, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 225-5323, Fax: (261-20) 225-6078, Email: ugpcreesan@simicro.mg, Contact: Mr. Paul Richard Ralainirina, Coordonnateur National du Projet

Private Sector Development

Integrated Growth Poles: The project will support accelerated growth in selected regions (Nosy Be, Fort Dauphin, and Antananarivo/Antsiabe) 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. Preappraisal mission was scheduled to be completed by mid-December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 83351. US$ 125.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère des Transports, des Travaux Publics et de l’Aménagement du Territoire (MTPAT), BP 3378, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 225-5323, Fax: (261-20) 225-6078, Email: ugpcreesan@simicro.mg, Contact: Mr. Paul Richard Ralainirina, Coordonnateur National du Projet

Rural Development

Watershed and Irrigation Improvement: 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. Project Concept Review completed. Decision meeting is scheduled for April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. USPS 120.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Tel: (261-20) 222-7227, Email: maep.mi@wanadoo.mg, Contact: Mr. Harison Randriarimanana, Minister

mental 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 138, Maseru, Lesotho, Tel: (266) 223-6269, Fax: (266) 223-0508, Email: kolane@mopwt.gov.ls, Contact: Mr. Mathibeli, Principal Secretary

Water and Sanitation

Water Sector Improvement (Cr. 3995-LSO): The objective of the project is to secure a sustainable, adequate and clean water supply and improve wastewater services for consumers in the Lowland areas. Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 56418. US$ 14.1 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Natural Resources, Department of Water Affairs, Contact: Mr. Emmanuel Lesoma, Director; Water and Sewerage Authority, PO Box 426, Maseru, 100 Lesotho, Tel: (266) 223-1448, 317-516, Fax: (266) 223-0006, 310-437, Email: mahlholibe@wasa.co.ls, dwa@lesotho.com, Contact: S. Malchoalibe, Chief Executive, M.P. Leroitholi, Engineering Director

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Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Gourma Biodiversity Conservation: The project will ensure that biodiversity and range degradation trends are reversed in selected conservation areas and stabilized elsewhere in the Gourma. The grant was signed on 14 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 52402. US$ 5.5 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, BP 2382, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 224-3603/1885, Tel/Fax: (223) 224-1383, E-mail: biodiver@malin.tel.mt, Hamid Ag Mohamid Lamine; Direction Nationale de la Conservation de la Nature, BP 275, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 233-3685/97, Fax: (223) 223-3696, E-mail: conservationature@datatech.net.ml, Contact: Mr. Felix Dacko, Project Coordinator

(Rural Development (R) Agricultural Competitiveness and Diversification: The objectives of the project are to: (a) restore and improve the performances 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. Appraisal was scheduled for December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81704. US$ 35.0 (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

(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. Appraisal was scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 40653. US$ 45.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Rural Development and Environment, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 222-1589, 223-3595, Fax: (223) 222-1590, Contact: Mr. Sékou Maiga, Project Coordinator

Mauritania

Public Sector Governance

Public Sector Capacity Building: The objectives of the project are to: (a) provide civil works, equipment, training and technical support; (b) mainstream the environment into development to enable effective coordination of environmental planning and management, and help integrate environmental concerns in the social and economic development process, and better define the roles of public and private sectors; and (c) decentralize the program for strengthening the capacity of the Ministry of Interior and in particular the Directorate for Local Authorities to play an effective role in coordinating and sustaining communal development and reinforcing the administrative capacity of provincial and local governments. Appraisal is scheduled for March 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: mhhabba@toptechnology.mr, Contact: Mr. Mohamed Ould Abba, Counsellor

Water and Sanitation

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. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 79475. US$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Hydraulics, Société mauritannienne de l'eau (SNDE), B.P. 335 Nouakchott, Mauritania, Fax: (222) 525-3995, E-mail: sonelec@opt.mr, Contact: Mr. Sidi Ould Rila, General Manager, SNDE

Mozambique

Economic Management

Second Poverty Reduction Support: The project will focus on reform of public financial management including the procurement system, the financial sector, the investment climate, and financial aspects of public health, and rural development. Concept review was scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US$ 70.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning and Finance, Praça da Marinha, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-1) 315-013/5, Fax: (258-1) 315-000

Education

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. Preparation mission is in the field. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Ave. 24 de Julho 167, CP 34, Tel/(258-1) 461-314/492-973, Fax: (258-1) 492-196, E-mail: quiteria.mabote@mined.gov.mz, Contact: Quiteria Mabote

Environment and Natural Resources Management

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. Preparation mission was scheduled for December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71465, 76899. US$ 20.0/10.0 (IDA/GEF). Consultants will be required. TFCA Unit, Ministry of Tourism, Ave. 25 de Setembro, 1015, PO Box 614, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-1) 420-9799, Fax: (258-1) 306-212, Contact: Dr. Bartolomeu Soto, Head

Finance

Financial Sector Technical Assistance: The objective of the project is to improve the soundness and efficiency, reach and depth of the Mozambican financial system so that it can fulfill its role of contributing to economic growth and poverty reduction by strengthening banking supervision, developing a more robust payment system, improving the lending environment, strengthening the monetary framework and expanding financial services. Board presentation is scheduled for 31 May 2006. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 86189. US$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Central Bank of Mozambique, Ave. 25 de Setembro 1679, Maputo, Tel: (258-1) 423-384, Fax: (258-1) 421-912, Contact: H.E. Adriano Afonso Maleiane, Governor

Law and Justice

Legal Capacity: The objective of the project is to enhance and improve capacity for affording access to law and justice. Project Concept Note is being prepared. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Beira Railway (Cr. 3991-MOZ): The objectives of the project are to: (a) make cost effective and efficient transport available for freight and passenger traffic in the central region and the neighboring countries of Malawi and Zimbabwe; and (b) improve the operational and financial sustainability of the Beira railways system. The credit was scheduled to be signed in mid-December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82618. US$ 110.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. CFM (National Port and Railway Administration), CP 2158, Praça dos Trabalhadores, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-1) 431-706, Fax: (258-1) 313-364, E-mail: rufonseca@cfnet.co.mz, Contact: Mr. Rui Fonseca

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. Administración Nacional de Estradas, Ave. de Moçambique, 1225, Tel: (258-1) 476 018, Fax: (258-1) 475290, E-mail: Amugunhe@ane.gov.mz, Contact: Antasiao Mugunhe

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 13066, 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

Nigeria

**Environment and Natural Resources Management**

(N) Sustainable Management of Mineral Resources (Cr. 4012-UNI): The objective of the project is to increase long-term institutional and technical capacity to manage mineral resources. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86716. US$ 120.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Solid Minerals Development, 5th Floor, Annex 3, New Federal Secretariat Complex, Shemu Staggari Way, Central Area, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 329-3556/6452/6617, Contact: Mr. Alhaji Suleiman D. Kassim, Director, Multilateral Institutions Department, Ministry of Finance

Public Sector Governance

(N) 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.

(R) Federal Government Economic Reform and Governance (Cr. 4011-UNI): The project is a consolidation of Civil Services Renewal, Statistical Capacity Development and Economic Management and Capacity Building. The objectives of the project are to: (a) create a public service that is affordable, properly resourced, able to recruit, retain and motivate the key technical professional and managerial staff to deliver on the mandate of the federal government and (b) strengthen the management of the economy, in particular public finances. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88150. US$ 140.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Central Business District, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 234-6840, Contact: Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Minister

Transportation

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 their rural areas. Appraisal is scheduled for May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Michael Olparya Way, Wuse Zone 5, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 523-8463/8466, Contact: Engr. (MRS.) E. Okeke, Director, Rural Development

Urban Development

(R) Lagos Metropolitan Development: The project aims at improving livability in Lagos through support for urban upgrading, drainage, and sanitation; it also aims at improving urban management through reforms in select agencies, innovative pilots to support reforms and training for building capacity. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 71340. US$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation. Lagos State Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, the Secretariat, Alausa, Lagos, Nigeria, Tel: (234-1) 4969-0909, Contact: Hon. Commissioner, Olayemi Cardoso

Water and Sanitation

(R) National Urban Water Sector Reform (Cr. 3924-UNI): The objective of the project is to reform the urban water sector and enable the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and selected State Water Authorities to develop appropriate sector policies. The credit was signed on 19 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71075. US$ 1230.0 (IDA). Consultants for preparation activities have been selected, but consultants also will be needed for further engineering, legal and financial work. Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Area 1, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 234-2205, Fax: (234-9) 234-2805, E-mail: abubakar@infoweb.abs.net, nwater@hotmail.com, Contact: Engr. M. A. K. Abubakar, Director, Water Supply

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@okere.metrong.com, Contact: Mr. Olumuyiwa Okere, CEO

Regional

Health, Nutrition and Population

Regional Capacity Building Network for HIV/AIDS Prevention, Treatment and Care (H129-TA): The objective of the project is to expand access to comprehensive, evidence-based HIV/AIDS treatment and care programs through a network of subregional learning sites for health care practitioners in Kenya, Ethiopia and Tanzania. Approved by the Executive Directors on 22 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89046. US$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Tanzania, PO Box 3021, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 724-951, Fax: (255-22) 121-981, E-mail: ps@pm.go.tz, Contact: Project Coordinator

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) 89557, Contact: Bishangara Cyprien, Director, Environment Division

São Tomé and Príncipe

Public Sector Governance

Governance Capacity Building (Cr. 3993-STP): The objective of the project is to strengthen economic management and the corresponding human capacity of the civil service. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83400. US$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Planning, São Tomé City, São Tomé and Príncipe, Tel: (239) 225-792, Fax: (239) 222-182, E-mail: genocosta@hotmail.com, Contact: Mrs. Genoveva Costa, Director of the minister's cabinet; PIU of the project, Ministry of Finance and Planning, São Tomé City, São Tomé and Príncipe, Tel: (239) 222-372, Fax: (239) 222-182, E-mail: aguiar@yahoocom, Contact: Mrs. Angela Santiago, Project Coordinator

Senegal

Economic Management

(R) Poverty Reduction Support (Cr. 4010-SE): The objective of the project is to implement the poverty reduction strategy with the help of budgetary support. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 December 2004. The credit was signed on 16 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74065. US$ 30.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cellule de suivi
et de lutte contre la pauvreté, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 889-2166, Fax: (221) 301-851, Contact: M. Thierno Niane, Chef de la Cellule

Energy and Mining

(R) Electricity Sector Efficiency Enhancement: (formerly Electricity Efficiency Enhancement) The objective of the project is to improve efficiency in the power sector and meet increasing demand for electricity. Appraisal is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B, PID: 73477. US$ 15.0 (IDA). An IDA partial risk guarantee of US$ 10.0 will be offered as an inducement for third-party cofinancing. Consultants will be required during implementation for technical, environmental, financial and legal services. Cellule de Préparation et de Suivi des Rèformes du Secteur de l’Energie, BP 4037, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 821-1611, Fax: (221) 821-6008, E-mail: cpresse@telecomplus.sn, Contact: M. Amadou Diagne, Directeur de Cabinet, Ministère de l’Energie et des Mines

Electricity Services for Rural Areas (Cr. 3998-SE): The objective of the project is to increase sustainable provision of basic electricity services and the associated social and economic benefits in rural areas. The objective is to achieve sound governance of the marine and coastal 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, Mali Bdg., Sokone Dr. and Mwepu St., PO Box 2000, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-7567 /7 /8, 211-1192 /3 /4, Fax: (255-22) 211-7790

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Integrated Marine and Coastal Resource Management (Cr. 3998-S): The objective of the project is to increase sustainable development and management of coastal and marine resources in three prioritized and/or responsible ecological areas of these resources and protection of the ecosystems and ecological processes critical for their replenishment. Approved by the Executive Directors on 11 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 58967, 86480. US$ 10.0/5.0 (IDA/GEF). The biodiversity component will be funded mainly by GEF. The sustainable fisheries component will be funded by IDA. A PPF advance of US$ 0.6 was used for preparation. A PHRD grant of US$ 0.5 has been in use. Consultants have been recruited locally and completed work on some studies. Ministère de l’Environnement et de la Protection de la Nature, BP 4055, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 851-0157, Fax: (221) 824-3775, E-mail: biomarine@sentoo.sn, tropica@sentoo.sn, Contact: M. Aliou Niang, Directeur Général

Energy and Mining

Energizing Rural Transformation: The objective of the project is to improve the impact of development programs on the poor by enhancing the climate for rural development and job creation. Appraisal mission is scheduled for April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77179. US$ 20.0/3.1 (BRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economic Planning and Development, PO Box 602, Mbabane, Swaziland, Tel: (286) 404-3765/8, Fax: (286) 404-6144, E-mail: psnepd@afriqa.sz, Contact: Ephraim Hlophe

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Biodiversity Conservation and Participatory Development: The project will introduce a landscape/ecosystem management approach to achieving biodiversity conservation and 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. The corridors are across the northern and eastern parts of the country. Appraisal is scheduled for 15 April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 68973. US$ 1.0/5.5 (BRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Tourism, Environment and Communication, PO Box 2632, Mbabane, Swaziland, Tel: (286) 404-6420, Fax: (286) 404-6438, Ministry of Economic Development and Planning, PO Box 602, Mbabane, Swaziland, Tel: (286) 404-3765, Fax: (286) 404-2157; Swaziland Environment Authority, PO Box 100, Lobamba, Swaziland, Tel/Fax: (286) 416-3511, E-mail: seabidiv@realnet.co.sz, Contact: Jameson Vilakati, Director of Environment

Tanzania

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, Mali Bdg., Sokone Dr. and Mwepu St., PO Box 2000, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-7567 /7 /8, 211-1192 /3 /4, Fax: (255-22) 211-7790

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) 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. Appraisal is scheduled for March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0/US$10.0 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, PO Box 3572, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 212-2930, Fax: (255-22) 211-0392, E-mail: nature.tourism@mnrt.org; Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Environment and Cooperatives, Revolutionsary Government of Zanzibar, PO Box 159, Zanzibar, Tanzania, Tel: (255-24) 223-2840, Fax: (255-24) 223-0290, E-mail: manrec@zanlin.com

Lake Victoria Environmental Management (Supplemental): The objective of the project is to further the ongoing effort to maximize sustainable livelihood benefits for residents of riparian communities in the Lake Victoria region while conserving biodiversity and genetic resources for their own and future generations and for the global community. Approved by the Executive Directors on 21 October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90680. US$ 3.5 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Office of the Vice President

Law and Justice

(R) 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. Preappraisal mission was scheduled for January 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) 113-392, E-mail: jlegalsec@ezionline.co.tz, Contact: Mr. R. Massamba, Permanent Secretary and Deputy Attorney General

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Second Social Action Fund (Cr. 4003-TA, H134-TA): The objective of the project is to empower people, communities and their
development partners to manage better the risks associated with health, education, sanitation, water, transportation, energy and food security. Approved by the Executive Directors on 30 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85786. US$ 129.0/21.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Tanzania Social Action Fund Management Unit

Urban Development

(R) Local Government Support Program (Cr. 4003-TA): The objectives of the project are to: (a) decentralize more of the fiscal system, (b) improve accountability for local government resources and management of intergovernmental transfers, (c) increase access to infrastructure and services in under-served parts of Dar es Salaam, and (d) raise more revenue to sustain operations and maintenance. Approved by the Executive Directors on 30 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70736. US$ 52.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. President's Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, PO Box 1923, Dodoma, Tanzania, Tel: (255-26) 232-1607, Fax: (255-26) 232-2116; Contact: D.M.S. Mnari, Permanent Secretary

Togo

Energy and Mining

Energy Sector Investment (Power V): The project will support privatization distribution utility and reinforcement and expansion of the transmission and distribution systems, and creating the environment for private sector power generation. Appraisal mission has been rescheduled for February 2006. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 41277. US$ 30.0 (IDA). Consultants are required for (a) institutional reinforcement and engineering and preparation of bid documents; and (b) technical assistance. Togo Electricité, 429 Av. du Golfe, BP 42, Lomé, Togo, Tel: (228) 221-3744, Fax: (228) 221-6498, Contact: M. Marc Ducournou-Ricoux, Directeur Général; Communauté Électrique du Bénin (CEB), Rue de la Kozah, BP 1368, Lomé, Togo, Tel: (228) 221-5796, Fax: (228) 221-3794, 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 as part of a Region-wide effort. Appraisal is scheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71634. US$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Conseil national de lutte contre le SIDA et les infections sexuellement transmissibles (National AIDS Country Council - NACC), PO Box 13146, Lomé, Togo, Tel: (228) 262-717, Fax: (228) 218-941, Contact: Dr. Kpante Bassabi

Uganda

Energy and Mining

Power Sector Technical Assistance: The objective of the project is to provide technical assistance to the government concerning: (a) monitoring and complying with the environmental, social, contractual and other aspects of the Bujagali Hydropower Project and (b) establishing a contingent liabilities management program. Concept review has been delayed. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 8.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Poverty Reduction Support 4 (H121-UG): The objective of the project is to implement the Poverty Eradication Action Plan as summarized in the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper, with emphasis on improving basic service delivery and supporting rural development. The grant was signed on 30 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74082. US$ 130.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Finance Bldg., Nile Ave., PO Box 8147, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 235-061/3, Fax: (256-41) 23016

Law and Justice

Capacity and Performance Enhancement: 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 was scheduled for 8 November 2004. 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) 230-881; E-mail: mkeith@infocom.co.ug, Contact: Mr. Keith Muhakanizi, Director

Private Sector Development

Private Sector Competitiveness 2 (Cr. 3975-UG): The objective is to improve the competitiveness of the private sector in international and regional export markets. Approved by the Executive Directors on 2 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83809. US$ 70.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Finance Bldg., Nile Ave., PO Box 8147, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 335-051/9, Fax: (256-41) 230-163; Private Sector Foundation, Tel: (256-41) 230-956

Transportation

Road Development Program Phase 3 (Cr. 3976-UG, H112-UG): The objective of the project is to upgrade main roads to paved standard and selected feeder roads to main roads standard. The project will also include construction of a new road agency headquarters building and rehabilitation and resurfacing of the Atiak-Moyo Road. Approved by the Executive Directors on 2 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74079. US$ 67.6/40.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Works, Housing and communications, Airport Rd., PO Box 10, Entebbe, Uganda, Tel: (256-42) 320-101/9, 250-903, Fax: (256-42) 320-125

Zambia

Energy and Mining

(R) 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: 77462. US$ 44.0/8.0/2.5 (IDA/GEF/PCF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Water Development, PO Box 36079, Lusaka 10101 Zambia, Tel: (290-1) 251-337, Fax: (290-1) 254-491, 252-339, E-mail: doe@zamment,com, Contact: W. Serenje, Director, Department of Energy

Public Sector Governance

(N) 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.

(R) Economic Management and Growth (Cr. 4009-TA): The objective of the project is to achieve economic reform with the help of balance of payments assistance. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 40631. US$ 40.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, PO Box 50082, Ridgeway 15101, Chimanga Rd., Lusaka, Zambia, Tel: (260-1) 230-544, Fax: (260-1) 250-940; Contact: Mr. F. Mbewe, Coordinator, World Bank Programs

(R) Public Service Capacity Building Phase 2: The objective of the project is to (1) refine and accelerate the public sector reform process with a particular focus on improving public expenditure management, accountability and transparency; and (2) implement critical supportive system-wide and management capacity building policy reform developed under Phase 1. This project in no longer in the lending
program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 19.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Public Sector Capacity Bldg., Tel: (260-1) 351-356, Email: picu@zamtel.com, Contact: Mr. Moses Kondowe, Director

Rural Development

(R) 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: 70053. US$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, Mulongushu House, Independence Ave., PO Box 50197, Lusaka, Zambia, Tel: (260-1) 253-933, Fax: (260-1) 253-532, Contact: Mr. N.J. Kwenda Kambwana, Permanent Secretary

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, 250-543, Fax: (260-1) 534-204, 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., Belgradia, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 791-47, 791-72, 791-78, 791-152 (direct line), Fax: (263-4) 792-65, 792-988, E-mail: secretariat@naco.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. Project 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 Ave., Causeway, PO Box CY 1122, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 727-951, Fax: (263-4) 702-293, E-mail: pmufumphiri@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. Negotiations will proceed once suspension of disbursements is lifted. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 68947. US$ 101.2 (IDA). Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70668. US$ 28.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. 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: Im Sethy, Secretary of State

East Asia and Pacific

Cambodia

Energy and Mining

(R) Rural Electrification (Cr. 3840-K1): The objective of the project is to improve energy sector efficiency, rural standards of living and the enabling environment. The credit was signed on 15 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 6844. US$ 40.0/5.7 (IDA/GEF). A PPF advance of US$ 0.3 was approved in October 2001. Consultants are being used for: Meritec - Rural Electrification Strategy and Project Implementation Plan and Australia Power - Feasibility Study of the Transmission component. Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy, 45 Preah Norodom Blvd. Khan Daun Phen, Phnom Penh Cambodia and Electricite due Cambodge (EDC), St. 19, Wath Phnom, Daun Phen District, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 723-447 (MIME), (855-23) 426-938 (EDC), Fax: (855-23) 427-852 (MIME); (855-23) 426-016 (EDC), Contact: H.E. Ith Praing, Secretary of State, MIME; Mr. Yim Nolsion, Deputy Managing Director, EDC

Private Sector Development

(R) Trade Facilitation and Competitiveness: The objective of the project is to promote external trade and enhance the competitive appeal of the country's products in world markets. Appraisal is scheduled for April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89196. US$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Commerce, 20 A and B Norodom Blvd. Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 366-874, Fax: (855-23) 426-936, Email: sithanundermc@bigpond.com.kh, Contact: H.E. Kem Sathim, Secretary of State
Public Sector Governance

Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to support key policy measures of the government's National Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper (NPRSP), 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. Concept review is scheduled for mid-May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. USD 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, St. 52 Sangkat Wat Phnom, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855) 1266-1555, Fax: (855) 2342-8778, Email: ferp-me@cmnet.com.kk, Contact: Mr. Thao Soknum, Chief, World Bank Division

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. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. USD 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, No. 60, Daun Penh (St. 52), Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 429-460, Fax: (855-23) 427-298/430/460, Email: mefpk@hotmail.com, Contact: Dr. Aun Porn Monirath, 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. USD 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Land Management and Administration, 771 Monivong Blvd., Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel/Fax: (855-23) 211-354, Email: lmap@cmnet.com.kk, 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85124. USD 20.0 (BRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Sanlihe, Xicheng District, Beijing, China 100080, Tel: (86-10) 6855-1208, Fax: (86-10) 6855-1125, Email: fy.liu@mof.gov.cn, Contact: Ms. Liu Fangyu, Director of Technical Assistance Division

Energy and Mining

(R) Renewable Energy Scale-up Program: The project will help enable commercial renewable energy suppliers to provide energy to the electricity market efficiently, cost-effectively and on a large scale. The project brief was approved by the GEF Council at its May 2001 meeting. Appraisal mission is currently under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 67828. USD 50.0/40.0 (BRD/GEF). Consultants have been hired. Two federal agencies (State General, Investment and Financing Administration, and State Electricity Corporation) have been selected as the lead agencies. Appraisal mission is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 77271. USD 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

Yantai Integrated Gasification and Combined Cycle: 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 is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 71340. USD 135.0/18.0 (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 Pest 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. Presentation to the GEF Intersessional Work Program is scheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82992. USD 9.0 (GEF). Cofinancing is expected from bilateral donors. Consultants have been identified. State Environmental Protection Administration, 115 Xixihe Avenue, Nanxiadou, Beijing 100035, China, Tel: (86-10) 6615-3566, Fax: (86-10) 6615-776, Email: luogl@svr1-pek.une.net.cn, Contact: Mr. Gaoalai Luo, Deputy Director General, FECO

Demonstration of PCB 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 ungenerous temporary storage sites and dispose of them safely. Appraisal mission was scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82992. USD 18.3 (GEF). Cofinancing is expected from both country contributions and bilateral donors. Consultants have been identified. State Environmental Protection Administration, 115 Xixihe Avenue, Nanxiadou, Beijing 100035, China, Tel: (86-10) 6115-3366/1775, Fax: (86-10) 6615-1776, Email: luogl@svr1-pek.une.net.cn, Contact: Mr. Gaoalai Luo, Deputy Director General, FECO

Health, Nutrition and Population

(N) 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. USD 100.0 (BRD). Consulting services to be determined. Foreign Loan Office, Ministry of Health, No. 154, Gulou West St., Xicheng District, Beijing 100009, China, Tel: (86-10) 8404-5750, Fax: (86-10) 8404-5749, Contact: Dr. Wang Longde, Vice Minister

Rural Development

(N) 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 scheduled for March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81255. USD 100.0 (BRD). Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Water Resources, No. 2, Baiguanlu Erhao, Xianwu District, Beijing 100054, China, Tel: (86-10) 6320-2365, Fax: (86-10) 6320-2361, Email: wanggs@mwr.gov.cn, Contact: Ms. Wang Jinsu, Project Officer, Department of International Cooperation and Science

(R) Agricultural Technology: The objective of the project is to raise rural incomes in selected areas by supporting the restructuring and strengthening of agricultural production, processing and marketing, using viable scientific and technical models, and a sustainable and efficient use of natural resources. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for mid-January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 69882. USD 100.0 (BRD). Limited international/national consulting services will be required for preparation. State Office of Comprehensive Agriculture Development, 100026 FuH Mansion, Fengtai District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8891-024, Fax: (86-10) 8891-0223, Email: luo@socad.org, Contact: Mr. Liao Luoying, Division Chief, Foreign Funding Division

(N) Heilongjiang Dairy: The objective of the project is to increase the income of smallholder dairy farmers by increasing their milk production to a level commensurate with market demand. Increased milk production would result from relative increases in herd size, improved genetic potential and management practices, including improved feed-
ing practices and fodder production. Decision meeting is scheduled for 19 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86629. US$100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services may be required for project preparation if trust fund financing becomes available. Hohai University, Agriculture World Bank Project Management Office, 202 Zhongshan Rd., Nangang District, Harbin, China, 150001, Fax: (86-451) 263-2146, Contact: Mr. Liu Guicheng, Director.

(R) Irrigated Agriculture Intensification III: 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 global economy after WTO accession. Preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84742. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. State Office for Comprehensive Agricultural Development, 100026 Fuli Mansion, Fengtai District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 6855-3318, Fax: (86-10) 6855-3312, E-mail: jhluoyang@126.com, Contact: Mr. Luo Luoyang, Director.

(R) Poor Rural Communities Development: The objective of the project is to reduce poverty in Western China through a participatory approach. This project is taking place on an extremely remote and poverty-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. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for late February 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, 11 Nongzhuang Nanli, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China 100025, Tel: (86-10) 8261-7155, Fax: (86-10) 8261-7165, Contact: Mr. Qu Qingping, Director, PRCDP Liaison Officer.

Transportation

(R) Fuzhou Nanlai Peri-Urban Development: The objective of the project is to assist Fuzhou city development as it expands to include Nanlai Island by: (a) financing transport and associated infrastructure to facilitate development of existing peri-urban land in Nanlai Island; and (b) assisting the city in developing a strategy that promotes socially and environmentally sustainable development of the island. Pre-Appraisal mission completed. Appraisal mission is tentatively scheduled for late February 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: 2pmo@126.com, Contact: Mr. Wang Conggen, 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. Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 18 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 68752. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for construction supervision, technical studies and training. Inner Mongolia Development and Planning Commission Department, No. 68 Sihan District, Dabu South St., Hohnhot, Inner Mongolia, China, Tel: (471) 696-8813, Fax: (471) 696-7588, Contact: Mr. Bao Jiansheng, Deputy Director.

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. Preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required to assist the institutional strengthening of the implementing agency. Hubel Provincial Communications Department, No. 428 Jiaansi Ave., Hankou, Wuhan 430020 China, Tel: (86-27) 8346-0753, Fax: (86-27) 8346-0754, Contact: Mr. Wang Yanghong, Deputy Director, Project Management Office.

National Railways III: The objective of the project is to expand capacity to transport passengers and freight to and from Yunnan by re-aligning the railroad tracks to allow higher speeds, double-tracking the remaining single track sections between Lupanshui and Zhanyi, and remodeling the Lupanshui terminal area. Preparation mission is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 86315. US$100.0 (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 Juein, Deputy Director-General.

Urban Development

(R) Ningbo Water and Environment: 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. Decision meeting completed. Negotiations are scheduled for late January/February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. 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: xuxi111@163.com, zhibu@nbnet.com.cn, Contacts: Ms. Xu Xu, Vice Director, Mr. Zhibo Li, Deputy Division Chief.

Guangdong Pearl River Delta Urban Environment 2: Continuing on the first project, the second focuses on Shenzhen Municipality, the second contributor of pollution in the Pearl River Delta. The objectives are to provide a safe environment setting for long-term local economic growth to contribute to environmental pollution control and water resources preservation in the project area through sanitation and flood control investments. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for 3 March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 87273. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consultant Trust Funds will be sought 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. Hongtai Bldg., No. 2 BaoAn Rd. Shenzhen 518008, Tel: (86-755) 2559 3766, Fax: (86-755) 2559 3447, Contact: Mr. Chen Jie, Deputy Director-General.

Shanghai Urban Environment (APL 2): The objective of the project is to improve environmental conditions in Shanghai by progress development and implementation of integrated, metropolitan-wide measures. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for late January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 75732. US$200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for construction supervision, technical studies and training. Shanghai Development and Reform Commission, 200 Ren Min Du Dao, Shanghai 200003 China, Tel: (86-21) 8321 2910, Fax: (86-21) 6358-5227, Contact: Mr. Qiu Wenjun, Deputy Director, Department of Foreign Capital Development.

Sichuan Urban Development: This objective of the project is to solve water, sewer, transport, and other infrastructure deficiencies and bottlenecks, including in new development areas, that constrain increased economic activity and environmental progress in Minyunag, Panzihua, Suijing and Yibin. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 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 Jinhui Rd., Qingyang District, Chengdu 610041 China, Tel: (86-28) 8512-8880, Fax: (86-28) 8612-9043, Contact: Mr. Shi Yi, Vice Director.

Water and Sanitation

(R) Liuzhou Environment Management: 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 Liulian river. Decision meeting completed. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for mid-March 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).
Indonesia

**Economic Management**

(R) First Development Policy Loan: The objectives of the project are: (a) implementing economic policy reforms; (b) establish a basis for early engagement with the incoming Government in order to reach agreement on a broad framework of policy actions; and (c) help position the Bank as a trusted, reliable partner in the financing and implementation of the country’s development program. Appraisal mission and negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 21 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85374. US$ 100.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 21, Jakarta 10710 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 383-8708, Fax: (62-21) 383-9262, Contact: Dr. Satrio Brodjonengora, Director General of Higher Education, Ministry of National Education.

(N) 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 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US$ 67.5 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of National Education, Jl. Jend. Sudirman, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 572-5076, Fax: (62-21) 572-5057, Contact: Dr. Fasli Jalal, Ph.D., Director General of Non-Formal Education and Youth Development.

(R) Managing Higher Education for Relevance and Efficiency: The objective of the project is to improve the efficiency, relevance, quality and equity of higher education by developing managerial capacity and financing mechanisms in the government and universities. Appraisal mission is scheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85374. US$ 100.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of National Education, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: Fax: (62-21) 572-5057, Contact: Dr. Satrio Brodjonengora, Director General of Higher Education, Ministry of National Education.

**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. Appraisal mission was tentatively scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US$ 85.0 (IBRD/IDA). 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, Email: adilabas@pgn.co.id, Contact: Adil Abas, Development Director.

**Health, Nutrition and Population**

(R) 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) 580-1590, Fax: (62-21) 580-1597, Contact: Mr. Syafi Ahmad, Secretary General, Ministry of Health.

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. Project is being identified. 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) 420-9708, E-mail: pmplp@cbn.net.id, Contact: Professor Dr. Umar Fahmi Ahmad, Director General for Communicable Disease Control and Environment.

**Public Sector Governance**

(R) Government Financial Management and Revenue Administration: The objective of the project is to finance modernization of public financial management, tax administration and customs. Board presentation was scheduled for 21 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85133. US$ 60.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 21, Jaoan Lapangan Banteng Tinurr Nomar 24, Jakarta 10710 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 385-2143, Fax: (62-21) 384-4784, Contact: Mr. Agus Haryanto, Secretary General.

Initatives for Local Governance Reform: The purpose of the project is to initiate a reform process and develop a district-level system of checks and balances, increasing local accountability and transparency. Negotiations were scheduled for 15 January 2005. Board presentation is scheduled for March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76174. US$ 63.2 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants have completed project preparation financed by PHRD and a DFID grant. Ministry for National Development and Planning, Bappenas & Moha, Jl. Taman Suropati No. 2, Tel/Fax: (62-21) 334-185, 335-289, Contact: Max Pohan, Director, Regional Autonomy Development.

**Rural Development**

(R) Water Resources and Irrigation Sector Management (L. 4711-IN, Cr. 3807-IN): The objectives of the project are to (a) develop and build the capacity of Irrigation Water User Associations (WUAS) 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; and (d) finance river improvement work. Loan and credit signing was scheduled for 15 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 59951. US$ 70.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants for preparation have been selected and negotiations are in progress. Directorate General for Water Resources, Ministry of Settlement and Regional Infrastructure, Patimur, 20, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 739-3006, Contact: Jl. Ir. S. Nurumi, Director; Ministry of Home Affairs and National Planning Agency, Direktorat 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). Shortlisting of PHRD-financed consulting firms is under way. 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.

Sustaining Microfinance: The project will provide capacity building to the community-managed microfinance units (CMFU) 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: sbgurino@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Sri Bagus Gurino, Head of Section Investment for Banking Sector, Directorate of Onlending Management.
Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

Support for Social and Economic Revitalization: The objective of the project is to support 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. Negotiations were scheduled for the first quarter of 2006. Environmental Assessment Category C, PID: 78070. US$ 77.0 (IBRD/IDA).

Consulting services to be determined. National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Jl. Mangonsenkaroo 5, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 36407, Fax: (62-21) 352-4043, E-mail: twiranto@dnnet.com, Contact: Ir. Tataq Wiranto, Director, Community and Rural Empowerment

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. 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) 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. Environmental Assessment Category A US$ 300.0 (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. Pattimunro 20, Jakarta Selatan 12110 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 729-0281, 727-5581, Fax: (62-21) 729-1760, 727-9223, Contact: Mr. Machfudz Madjid, Director of Technical Affairs, Directorate General of Regional Infrastructure, Mr. Herman Darmansyah, Technical Affairs, Urban, Directorate General of Urban and Rural Development

Urban Development

(N) East Java Regional Development and Reform Program: The objective of the project is to improve long-term regional economic development in East Java. Project Concept Note review was scheduled for 16 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A, US$ 175.0 (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) 353-8877/75, Fax: (62-31) 353-8877/75, E-mail: didiekhp@rad.net.id, Contact: Mr. Didiek Harjanto, Head of Bappeda East Java Province

(R) Third Urban Poverty: 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. Negotiations were scheduled for January 2005. Board presentation is scheduled for April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B, PID: 84583. US$ 142.1 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants are being hired. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimunro No. 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta Selatan 12110 Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 725-2373, Fax: (62-21) 725-2373, Contact: Dt. Ir. Syahriruddin Abadi, Director General of Human Settlements

(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. Negotiations were scheduled for mid-January 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B, PID: 84872. US$ 34.7 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimunro 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 Rantetoeid, Director General of Urban and Rural Development

(R) Urban Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective of the project is to expand sewerage infrastructure in local governments, enable private sector participation in operating and maintaining existing water and sanitation facilities, and design instruments to ensure inclusion of low-income communities residing in the service areas. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category A, PID: 60668. US$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Settlements and Regional Infrastructure, Jl. Pattimunro 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta 12110, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 722-1777, Contact: Ir. Budiman Arif, Director General, Directorate General of Urban and Rural Development

(R) Western Java Environment Management APL 2: The objective of the project is to improve and expand efforts initiated in APLI to strengthen the institutional and community capacity of participating local governments and groups to implement environmental waste management programs, (b) initiate investments in the waste management projects and facilities designed in APLI, (c) assist two new waste management corporations effectively to manage related programs through capacity building and technical assistance, and (d) continue to support community and commercial composting efforts. Concept review completed. Preappraisal is scheduled for August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A, US$ 49.3 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Settlements and Regional Infrastructure, Jl. Senopati No. 58, Jakarta 12110, Tel: (021) 726 0669, Fax: (021) 726-1395, E-mail: noradhi@lycos.com, Contact: Ir. Noeradhi Iskandar, Head, Central Program Support Unit (CPSU)

Urban Sector Development and Reform: 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. Negotiations are scheduled for March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A, PID: 71296. US$ 109.1 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Settlements and Regional Development, Jl. Pattimunro No. 20, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 712-805, Fax: (62-21) 739-2563, Contact: H.E. Ir. Bambang Goerinoto, Minister of Settlement & Regional Infrastructure

Kiribati

Rural Development

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

Adaptation: The project aims at reducing vulnerability to climate change and variability and sea level rise. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C, 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/Fax: (686) 21808/9, E-mail: dnepo@tskl.net.ki, Contact: Mr. Peter Tong, Director of Planning

Lao People’s Democratic Republic

Economic Management

Poverty Reduction Support: 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ amount to be determined (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. 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, Contact: Mrs. Thiphakone Chanthavongs, Deputy Director of External Financial Relations Department; Mrs. Vienthong Siphadone, Director

Energy and Mining

(N) Nam Theun 2 Hydroelectric: 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. Project preparation is under way. Appraisal mission was tentatively scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 50.0 (IDA Partial Risk Guarantee). Consultants have been hired for due diligence efforts in procurement, legal, economic, and financial. Consulting services are also expected to be part of the long-term monitoring and evaluation framework. Lao National Committee for Energy, Committee for Development of Electric Power, Ground Floor HFC Building/MMI, Nongbhoune Rd., PO Box 4708, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856) 415-589, Fax: (856) 415-626, E-mail: info@nt2lao.com, Contact: Mr. Xaypaseuth Phomsoupha, Chief of Bureau of the Secretariat and Senior Vice Chairman; Nam Theun 2 Power Company Ltd., 26 Khun Boulom Rd., PO Box 5862, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 217-421, Fax: (856-21) 217-420, E-mail: npctvcte@laoinfo.co.th, Contact: Mr. Bernard Tribollet, Chief Executive Officer

(R) Nam Theun Social and Environment: The objective of the project is to finance eligible environmental and social mitigation management expenditures that are part of the government's equity in the Nam Theun 2 Power Company. Appraisal mission was tentatively scheduled for January 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

Southern Provinces Rural Electrification II: 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. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75531. US$ 26.0 (IDA). Consultants are required for 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 308, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 451-519, Fax: (856-21) 415-039, E-mail: somphone@edl.lao.or, 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. Houmphon Buylaphol, 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 Laos. Appraisal mission was scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74027. US$ 11.67 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, That Luang Rd., PO Box 1223, Vientiane, Lao PDR, Tel: (856-21) 214-009, Fax: (856-21) 214-508, E-mail: pcmuoh@laotel.com, Contact: Dr. Sisamone Keola, Head of Preparation Team, HSIP and PDU Director, Health System Reform and Malaria Control Project

Rural Development

Mongolia

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 scheduled for 20 January 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

Poverty Reduction Support II: 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 scheduled for 20 January 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

Private Sector Development

Private Sector Development II: 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Government Bldg., No.2, Ulaanbaatar 210564 Mongolia, Tel/Fax: (976-11) 320-247, Contact: Ms. Damba Bassankhuu, Head of Fiscal Policy

Rural Development

Index-Based Livestock Insurance: The objective of the project is to provide subsidies for index-based livestock insurance through piloting of insurance schemes in various provinces and formulating an
appropriate regulatory framework. Preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 7.0 (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) 320-683, E-mail: erdembii@yahoocom, Contact: Mr. O. Erdenbii, Director, Division of Financial Sector

**Papua New Guinea**

**Rural Development**

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 under way. 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: fpbakan@oplic.com.pg, oplic@datec.net.pg. Contact: Mr. Felix Bakan, 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 in PNG 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: 55666. US$ 30.0 (IBRD). A consulting firm completed the preparation of engineering, environmental, land acquisition/resetlement, 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) 324-1S43, Fax: (675) 324-1277, E-mail: roymunro@ralfmon.com.pg. Contact: Mr. Roy Munro, Deputy Secretary (Technical)

**Philippines**

**Health, Nutrition and Population**

(R) Second Women's Health and Safe Motherhood: The project will support Government's continuing efforts to promote the health of mothers and child health. The project is scheduled for mid-January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79628. US$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined.

Unified Project Management Division (UPMD), 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: bhc@health.gov.ph, Contact: Dr. Ma. Virginia Guzman-Ala, Head

Health Sector Reform: The objective of the project is to support implementation of the five components of the Department of Health's Health Sector Reform Agenda (HSRA), which are: health insurance, local health systems development, hospital development, public health services and health regulation (especially for drugs). The project will also help build capacity at the national level to support reforms at the local level. This will be done at four sites, with particular attention to ensuring improved access for the poor. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75494. US$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required in the areas of health system management, planning and financing, social health insurance, social marketing for health insurance, training in health services management and social health insurance, licensing of drug retailers, drug pricing and retailing, monitoring, and evaluation. Department of Health, San Lazaro Compound, Rizal Ave., Sta. Cruz, Manila, Philippines, Tel: (632) 781-8843, Fax: (63-2) 781-8843, E-mail: bhc@central.doh.gov.ph. Contact: Dr. Ma. Virginia Guzman-Ala, Head

**Public Sector Governance**

Public Finance Strengthening: The objective of the project is to strengthen public finances. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75335. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Finance, Tel: (63-2) 521-2948, Fax: (63-2) 521-2948, Contact: Ms. Juanita Amatong, Secretary, Department of Finance

Public Sector Strengthening: The objective of the project is to improve governance, combat poverty and improve the delivery of basic services through: (a) streamlining public administration; (b) strengthening management and audit function of public expenditures; (c) controlling the fiscal weight of the wage bill and enhancing civil service quality and accountability; and (d) strengthening monitoring and evaluation capacity. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78608. US$ 150.0 (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 to assist the government with 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) 753-4594, Fax: (63-2) 735-4961, E-mail: pascua@dbm.gov.ph. Contact: Ms. Laura B. Pascua, Undersecretary, Department of Budget and Management

**Rural Development**

(N) Batangas Province Sustainable Aquatic and Marine Resources Management and Biodiversity Conservation: The objectives of the project are to (a) integrate coastal and lake resources management of Batangas Province with emphasis on marine biodiversity conservation, and (b) establish protected areas in Balayan and adjacent bays of Calatagan peninsula on Luzon island. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: US$ 1.5/1.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Batangas Province, Capitol Bldg., Batangas City 1400, Batangas Province, Philippines, Tel: (63-11) 912-9943, Fax: (63-11) 522-468, E-mail: batcohead@yahoo.com. Contact: Ms. Evelyn Estigoy, Department Head

(N) Microfinance Strengthening and Rural Finance: The objective of the project is to expand financial services to unbanked populations in remote rural areas through strengthening of a sustainable rural finance system. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Visayas Ave., Dilliman, Quezon City 1100 Philippines, Tel: (652) 925-2328, Fax: (652) 925-2328, E-mail: lamp@denr.gov.ph. Contact: Mr. Carlos Castro, Vice President, Program Lending Group

(P) 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) 926-7600, E-mail: sps_som@nia.gov.ph. Contact: Mr. Mario Gulino, Project Coordinator

(R) Land Administration and Management II: 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. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for February 2003. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73926. US$ 30.0 (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) River Basin and Watershed Management: The objective of the project is to enhance livelihoods and improve natural resources management. Project preparation is under way. Government constraints regarding counterpart funding are likely to delay completion of project preparation and may require adjustment of the design. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 64974. US$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants have completed the Bicol River basin master plan and framework and watershed management development plans. A multi-disciplinary government preparation team under the Department of Environment and
Natural Resources is preparing the project. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Manila and Region V, DENR Bldg., Rawis, Legaspi City, Albay, Philippines, Tel: (63-32) 214-3886, E-mail: denrtmd5@globallink.net.ph, Contact: Mr. Oscar M. Hamada, Regional Executive Director

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: 79651. US$ 40.0-50.0 (BRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Agrarian Reform, FAPSO Bldg., DAR Compound, Elliptical Rd., Dillman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel/Fax: (63-2) 921-2887, E-mail: bciofas@philonline.com, Contact: Mr. Leonor Cleofas, Project Management Officer

Urban Development
Manila Third Sewerage: The objective of the project is to improve sewerage and sanitation conditions in the East Zone of Metro Manila Concession Area. Preappraisal mission is tentatively scheduled for late January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 79661. US$ 64.0 (BRD). Consulting services to be determined. Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System, 4/F Administration Bldg., MWSS Complex, Katipunan Rd., Quezon City, Philippines, Tel/Fax: (63-2) 921-2887, E-mail: bciofas@philonline.com, Contact: Mr. Leonor Cleofas, Project Management Officer

Timor-Leste
Energy and Mining
(R) Power Sector: The objective of this project is to improve electricity generation, distribution, and end-use efficiency in Dili. Approved by the Regional Vice President on 23 July 2004. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US$ 1.6 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Department of Energy and Mineral Resources, Unindo 1 Block C15, Dili, Timor Leste, Tel: (670) 724-2020, E-mail: lourenso_pedro@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Lourenzo Pedro; Electricite de Timore Leste, Rua Estrada de Balide, Caicoli, Dili, Timor Leste, Tel: (670) 390 333-9254, E-mail: jmcrl9444@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. João Rodrigues, General Manager

Public Sector Governance
(R) Third Transition Support Program (H131-TP): The objectives of the project are to (a) strengthen core and oversight government institutions and the judiciary; (b) improve public services, focusing on health and education, and (c) create jobs, especially in the private sector and agriculture. The grant was signed on 25 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 83884. US$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning and Finance, Palacio do Governo, Ed. No. 5, a andar Dili, Timor-Leste, Fax: (670) 321-339, E-mail: abassarenwan@mopf.gov.tl, Contact: H.E. Maria Madalena Brites Boavida, Minister

Tonga
Education
(R) Education Support Program: (formerly First Education) The objective of the project is to improve educational service delivery and enhance educational quality. Preappraisal mission is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 4.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Nukula’loa, Tonga, Tel: (676) 32511, Fax: (676) 23596, Contact: Mr. Villami Takau, Director of Education

Vietnam
Economic Management
Poverty Reduction Support IV: The objective of the project is to further the progress achieved under the reform agenda supported by previous poverty reduction projects. Project is being identified. 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) 934-3851, Fax: (84-4) 825-0612, E-mail: fdsby@ptvnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Le Duc Thuy, Governor

Education
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. Appraisal mission is scheduled for 17 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85283. US$ 50.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Training, Suite 406, 28 Tu Quang Bui St., Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel/Fax: (84-4) 849-5116, E-mail: nqchi@hn.vn.vn, tsgnu@ptvnn.vn, Contact: 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. Preparation mission was scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79663. 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) Rural Energy II (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 villages identified in the government’s special commune program. Approved by the Executive Directors on 18 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79688. US$ 220.0/7.0 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Industry, Electricity of Vietnam, 18 Tran Nguyen Han St, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 825-3059, Fax: (84-4) 824-9482, E-mail: tlmptr@evnn.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: bpilpp-bcn@hn.vn.vn, Contact: Mr. Hoang Trung Hai, Minister

Finance
(R) Second Payment System and Bank Modernization: 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. Appraisal mission completed. Negotiations were scheduled for 4 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82627. US$ 100.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. The State Bank of Vietnam, 28 Nguyen Chi Thanh, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 733-0458, Fax: (84-4) 834-5180, E-mail: phat@hn.vn.vn, Contact: Dr. Ta Quang Tien, General Director, Information Technology Department

Health, Nutrition and Population
(R) HIV/AIDS Prevention: The objective of the project is to strengthen the HIV/AIDS program to slow its spread and mitigate its effects on socio-economic development. The project will support: (a) local programs for prevention, (b) behavioral change communications initiatives; (c) strengthening of health services delivery for HIV/AIDS and (d) capacity building. Decision meeting completed. Appraisal mission is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82604. US$ 35.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, 138A Giang Vo, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 934-2013, Fax: (84-4) 954-2014, Contact: Dr. Trinh Quan Huan, General Director of General Department of Preventive Medicine and HIV/AIDS Control

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 care for the poor. Appraisal mission is scheduled for June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79663. US$ 47.0 (IDA). 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 May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79944, US$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Information and Communication**

**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 is scheduled for late February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79944, US$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Sector Governance**

**Customs Modernization:** The program aims at assisting in trade reform, revenue collection, foreign trade statistics collection, community protection and meeting international obligations. A decision meeting is scheduled for mid-March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 8507.1, US$ 100.0 (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) 822-5258, Fax: (84-4) 872-5949. E-mail: ththkh@hn.vnn.vn, customspro@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Manh Tung, Director of Project Management Unit of Technical Assistance

**Rural Development**

**(N) 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. Project preparation review is scheduled to begin on 31 March 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 Hang Van Thu St, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 804-3143, Fax: (84-4) 804-3143, E-mail: cbhp_mpi@ctp.gov.vn, Contact: Mr. Pham Hai, Director

**(R) Agricultural Diversification 2:** The objective of the project is to promote market-oriented agricultural diversification with the aim of increasing and stabilizing the incomes of poor households in the central highland and coastal provinces. Project preparation is scheduled to begin in April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84927, US$ 55.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, 2 Ngoc Ha, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 843-8889, Fax: (84-4) 843-8793, E-mail: apdph@hcmvt.vn, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Van Vinh, Director, Project Coordinating Unit

**(R) Forest Sector Development (Cr. 3953-VN):** The objective of the project is to implement (a) forest policy and institutional reform; (b) forest land allocation and issuance of land use certificates; (c) sustainable forest development and management through promotion of forest plantations and small-scale tree growing by farmers, communities, mass organizations and private sector; (d) use of a conservation fund for improving management effectiveness of protected areas; and (e) project management. Loan signing was scheduled for 15 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 66061, 74414, US$ 39.5/9.0 (IDA/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, 2 Ngoc Ha, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 843-8889, Fax: (84-4) 843-8793, E-mail: apdph@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Quang Duong, Vice Director, Department of Forestry 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. Decision meeting was scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 73361, US$ 150.0 (IDA). 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

**Transportation**

**(N) 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 March 2006. 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) 862-9883/4, E-mail: ru_pmul@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Viet Dung, General Director

**(R) Road Safety:** The objective of the project is to reduce the rate of serious injuries and deaths associated with road transportation. Appraisal mission is under way. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants for preparation have been selected. Ministry of Transport/National Traffic Safety Committee, 8 tran Hung Dao St, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84) 822-3592, Email: ntsc@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Bui Huynh Long, Chief Administrator

**(R) Rural Transport III:** The objective of the improving rural access for project is to reduce rural poverty by: (a) 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. Appraisal meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 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) 851-4857, Email: pmus@hn.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Liu 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 and private transport, and technical assistance. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 83581, US$ 135.0/10.0 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services 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) 374-0014, Email: tupmu.toan@fpt.vn, Contact: Mr. Hoang Ha, Director

**Urban Development**

**(N) 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 February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US$ 100.0 (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: dnuenco@dng.vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Tan Lien, Director PMU, Drainage and Sanitation Project

**Water and Sanitation**

**(R) Water Supply Development:** The objective of the project is to expand water services to currently underserved 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. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was...
South Asia

Afghanistan

Public Sector Governance

Public Administration Capacity Building: The project aims to assist the authorities 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. Negotiations completed. Board presentation is scheduled for 27 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for project design. Ministry of Finance, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-20) 210-2099, Email: seema@ghanian.org, mrashid2@beglobal.net, Contact: Ms. Seema Ghani, Director of Budget

Bangladesh

Education

Programmatic Education Sector Adjustment (Cr. 3973-BD): The objective of the project is to improve governance and performance of the education sector including raising the quality of teachers, curricula and textbooks. The credit was signed on 21 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 77789. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Bhaban 6, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 861-4236, Fax: (880-2) 861-7577, Contact: Mr. Faruq Ahmad Siddique, Secretary, MOE

Energy and Mining

Power Development Technical Assistance (Cr. 3913-BD, H092-BD): The objective of the project is to create, over the next three years, a sound institutional foundation on which to ramp up, in a sustainable manner, the substantial public and private investments needed for the power sector to enhance its contribution to economic growth and poverty alleviation. The credit and grant were signed on 23 June 2004.

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health and Population Sector Program II: The objective of the project is to improve the health and family welfare of the most vulnerable women, children and poor. Preparation review completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 1300.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Bldg. 3, RM 341, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 861-6979, 861-6708, 851-0493, Fax: (880-2) 861-9077, Contact: Mr. M. Shamsul Alam, Secretary

Private Sector Development

Enterprise Growth and Bank Modernization (Cr. 3917-BD): The objectives of the project are to trigger (a) new jobs through private sector enterprise growth and modernization of the banking system; and (b) reforms within the state owned enterprises and the nationalized commercial banks. The credit was signed on 23 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81969. US$ 250.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Finance Division, Ministry of Finance, Bldg. 7, Room 228, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000 Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-0406, Fax: (880-2) 716-5581, E-mail: fsf@bdmail.net, Contact: Zahir Ahmed Khawaja, Secretary

Rural Development

Water Management Improvement: The objective of the project is to improve water management and services in flood- and cyclone-prone areas by improving sustainability and performance of the existing flood- and cyclone-management infrastructure, establishing an enabling environment by facilitating institutional reform and improvement of the Bangladesh Water Development Board (BWDB) and Water Resources Planning Organization (WARPO); and enhancing stakeholder participation in planning, implementation, operation and maintenance. Board presentation is scheduled for 28 April 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 40712. US$ 101.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. WMIP/BWDB, Ansar Chamber (11th floor, 140), Motijheel C/A, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 712-1540, Fax: (880-2) 712-1837, E-mail: pd-waip@accessnet.net, Contact: Mr. Md. Alam Hoque, Project Director

Transportation

Export Infrastructure: The objective of the project is to reduce the time taken to transport export and import goods between Dhaka and Chittagong. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 80.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Bangladesh Railway, Railway Bhaban, Abdul Ganil Road, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 956-1200, Fax: (880-2) 956-3413, Contact: Mr. A.F. Mustafizur Rahman, Director-General, Bangladesh Railway; Chittagong Port Authority, CPA Building, Chittagong, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-01) 712-500/712-504, Fax: (880-031) 712-6593, Contact: Mr. M.M. Shahdad Hossain, Chairman, Chittagong Port Authority

Road Sector Reform: The objective of the project is the sustainable delivery of safe, efficient major road network service. Appraisal is scheduled for December 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75346. US$ 224.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation. Roads and Highways Department, Surat Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka 1000, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 956-4606, Fax: (880-2) 956-2798, E-mail: islam@rhdbangladesh.org, Contact: Mr. A.R.M. Anwar Hossein, Project Coordinator
Water and Sanitation

Water Supply Program (H101-BD): The objective of the project is to provide safe water in an increasingly decentralized manner. Approved by the Executive Directors on 17 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 86661. US$ 40.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives, Local Government Division, Bhlg. 6, 16th Floor, Rm. 1614, Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka 1000 Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-6072, Fax: (880-2) 716-6071, Contact: Mr. Md. Abdullah, Deputy Chief, Planning Cell

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. The project aims at addressing land and watershed degradation issues through multi-sectoral planning and implementation with strong participation of local resource users and stakeholders. 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 performance of the private sector to undertake a wide range of productive 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) 324-379, 326-006, Fax: (975-2) 324-379, 324-097, Email: swangdi@druknet.net.bt, Contact: Mr. Sonam P Wangdi, Deputy Secretary, Planning and Policy Division: Department of Aid and Debt Management, PO Box 1032, Thimphu, Bhutan, Tel: (975-2) 324-121, Fax: (975-2) 326-779, E-mail: ugyen@mof.gov.bt, Contact: Yandki T Wangchuk, Director General

Rural Development

Decentralized Rural Development: The objective of the project is to increase agricultural output and improve market access for rural communities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 9.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Thimphu, Bhutan, Tel: (975-2) 327-376, E-mail: sangay@moa.gov.bt, Contact: Mr. Sangay, Sr. Forestry Economist

India

Economic Management

Technical Assistance for Project Development Facility: The objective of the project is to support the development of sound, policy-based reform initiatives and comprehensive preparation of investment and adjustment operations in priority sectors with high likelihood of implementation with Bank financing. Negotiations have been postponed until further notice from the government. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81663. US$ 50.0 (IDA) Consultants for preparation have been retained Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, North Block, New Delhi 110001 India, Tel: (91-11) 2369-2883, Fax: (91-11) 2369-2477/2511, Email: subhashg@finance.delhi.nic.in, Contact: Mr. Subhash C. Garg, Director

Education

Agricultural Higher Education Reforms: The objective of the project is to implement strategic reforms in the existing system to produce the required professionals. The reforms, based on the National Agriculture Policy, focus on governance and financing of institutions, promotion of excellence, openness and linkages, and improved services to stakeholders. It will also provide opportunities for greater public-private partnership. 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 Anusandhan Bhavan II, Pusa, New Delhi 110012 India, Tel: (91-11) 2574-7760, Fax: (91-11) 2561-0403, Email: jckatyal@icar.nic.in, Contact: Dr. J. C. Katyal, Deputy Director General

Energy and Mining

Power System Development III: The objective of the project is to increase the facility for reliable power exchanges among regions and states by assisting in building a national transmission network; and supporting the institutional development of POWERGRID for sustainable development of a large transmission system. Decision meeting completed. Appraisal is scheduled for 17 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 86414. US$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Power Grid Corporation of India, "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, Email: arun@powergridindia.com

Rural Electricity Access: The objective of the project is to develop a 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 Shiram Stakhi Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110001 India, Tel: (971-11) 2951-5578, Fax: (971-11) 2371-7519, Contact: Mr. Ajay Shankar, Joint Secretary

Environment and Natural Resources Management

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: (771) 224-157, Fax: (771) 331-120, E-mail: drrotsharma@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 (JFM) to Community Forest Management (CFM), with project components providing the necessary ingredients for successful CFM. 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 Bawar, Bhopal 462004, India, Tel: (755) 576-593, Fax: (755) 763-428, E-mail: manojkmr@vallarh.mp.nic.in, Contact: Mr. Manoj Kumar, Principal Secretary Forests

Finance

(R) Small- and Medium-Enterprise Financing and Development (Lo 7263-IN): The objective is to help participating banks gain better access to term financing for small- and medium-enterprise (SME) lending, reduce the costs and risks related to SME financing, improve the profitability of their SME business and expand SME financing while improving the quality of their loan portfolios. Approved by the Executive Directors on 30 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category F1. PID: 86518. US$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI), Videocon Tower, 10th Floor, E-1, Rani Jhansi Rd., Jhandewalan Extn., New Delhi 110005 India, Tel: (91-11) 2368-2469, Fax: (91-11) 2368-2461/2, E-mail: nkmadan@sidbi.com, Contact: Mr. N. K. Madan, Dy. General Manager

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Tamil Nadu Health Systems (Cr. 4018-IN): The objective of the project is to improve health outcomes for poor and underserved populations by (a) increasing access to underserved populations, (b) redressing regional imbalances and (c) increasing effectiveness through institutional development and enhanced quality. Approved by the Executive Directors on 16 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75658. US $110.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Tamil Nadu, Fort St. George, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, Tel: (91-44) 2567-1875, Fax: (91-44) 2567-1253, Contact: Mrs. Sheela Rani Chunkath, Principal Secretary, Health
Law and Justice

Statistical Strengthening: The objective of the project is to reform the 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. 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) 3356889/1080, Fax: (91-11) 334-2834, Contact: G. Raveendran, Deputy Director General

Public Sector Governance

Tamil Nadu Economic Restructuring: The objective of the project is to improve the state’s fiscal position, making it more effective in accelerating economic growth and reducing poverty. Board presentation is scheduled for 18 August 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 125.0/125.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required. Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai, India, Fax: (91-44) 2267-1252. E-mail: fnsec@tn.gov.in, Contact: Mr. N. Narayanan, Finance Secretary and Development Commissioner

Third Karnataka Economic Restructuring: The project is part of the multi-tranche programmatic structural adjustment loan (PSAL) designed to provide budgetary support to the government of Karnataka. Project preparation is underway. 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 Soudha, Bangalore 560001 India, Tel: (91-80) 226-5434/225-3138, Fax: (91-80) 2284530, E-mail: secbud@vsh.kar.nic.in, Contact: Mr. G. Gurucharan, Secretary, Budget & Resources

Rural Development

Rural Development

(R) Assam Agricultural Competitiveness (Cr. 4013-IN): The objective of the project is to improve service delivery, farmer organizations and market links, supported by expansion of essential rural infrastructure. The aim is to develop a market-oriented agricultural service delivery system that can help farmers make better use of their resources and infrastructure to intensify and diversify production. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84792. US$ 154.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. ARIASP, Society, GS Rd., Khanapara, Agricultural Campus, Guwahati 781022 Assam, India, Tel: (91-361) 232-2564, E-mail: ravikota2001@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Ravi Kota, Project Director

(R) 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 underway. 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, 844 001, Jharkhand, India, Tel: (91-654) 525-2669, Fax: (91-654) 265-2669, E-mail: rcf_jhk@rediffmail, Contact: Ms. Neelam Nath, Principal Secretary, Department of Forests and Environment

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 through (a) capacity building at the state, gram panchayats and constituents levels and (b) grants for rural infrastructure to the most disadvantaged gram panchayats. Appraisal completed, Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, Government of Karnataka, Vidhan Soudha, Bangalore, Karnataka, India, Contact: Mr. Raghunandan, Secretary

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. To achieve this, the project will build the productive and non-productive assets of poor people and improve the organizational and institutional context that govern their effective use of these assets. Appraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79706. US$ 112.0 (IDA). Consultants services to be determined. Government of Tamil Nadu, Secretary and Development Commissioner, Secretariat Complex, Panchayat Bhavan, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, Tel: (91-44) 567-1545, Fax: (91-44) 567-5183, E-mail: garyali@sec.tn.gov.in, Contact: Ms. C.K. Gariyali, Secretary

Transportation

(R) Rural Roads (Ln. 4753-IN, Cr. 3987-IN): The objective of the project is to achieve broader, more sustainable access to markets and services for rural people. It will accelerate growth and improve quality of life in the rural areas affected. The project is intended to be implemented in two or more states to be identified during preparation and is likely to include these components: (a) upgrade of rural roads; (b) periodic and routine maintenance of core rural road networks in districts where upgrading is taking place; and (c) institutional development of state and local government rural road agencies to enhance the management and financing of rural roads. The loan and credit were approved on 8 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 77977. US$ 99.5/300.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required during preparation for institutional review, environmental and social assessment and maintenance management. Consultant requirements during implementation are to be determined. Ministry of Rural Development, National Rural Road Development Agency, Krishibhawan, New Delhi 110001 India, Tel: (91-11) 2388-4222, Fax: (91-11) 2388-8191, E-mail: vijay@alpha.nic.in, Contact: Mr. Vijay Kumar, IAS; Public Works Departments in states, Contact: Joint Secretary yet to be determined

Lucknow-Muzaffarpur National Highway: 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. The project will finance the upgrading of a 519-km national highway stretch between Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh and Muzaffarpur, Bihar on the East-West Corridor, and support institutional strengthening actions. Appraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 77855. US$ 640.0 (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) 2858-4327, Fax: (91-11) 2858-3518, E-mail: bpukrety@nha.gov.in, Contact: B.P. Kulkarni, Chief General Manager, East-West Corridor

Urban Development

Andhra Pradesh Urban Poverty Reduction: The primary focus of the project will be on poverty reduction and the empowerment of the poor, protection of the most vulnerable through security mechanisms and creating opportunities for the poor by building their assets and enabling them to work for them. Appraisal was scheduled for December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 71250, US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. 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

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 underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 79675. US$ 160.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Urban Development Department, Government of Karnataka, 445, 4th Floor, MS Bldg., Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore 560001 India, Tel: (91-80) 225-3938, Fax: (91-80) 220-3503, E-mail: psecud@secretariat2.nic.in, Contact: Ms. Shamim Banu

Third Tamil Nadu Urban Development: The objective of the project is to improve urban infrastructure services sustainably. Project preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 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: supplementary@satyam.net.in, Contact: Mr. L. Ravi Kumar, Vice President
**Water and Sanitation**

*(R) Maharashtra Water Sector Improvement:*

The objectives of the project are to: (a) to 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 to increase productivity of irrigated agriculture and contribute to rural poverty reduction. *Appraisal completed. Negotiations are scheduled for February 2005.* Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 49780. US$ 95.5 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Water Resources, Commissioner (GW and MI), Shram Shakti Bhavan, Raj Marg, New Delhi 110001, India, Tel: 91-11 2461-7080, Fax: 91-11 2469-4752; Contact: Dr. K. Chaudhary, Commissioner.

**Karnataka Urban Water Sector Improvement (Ln. 4739-IN):** The objectives of the project are to: (a) launch the state government’s water supply and sanitation sector reform process, and (b) improve urban water supply and sanitation services in the participating hubs-Dharwad, Belgaum and Gulbarga to demonstrate that sustainable, efficient, commercially-oriented service can be provided. Approved by the Executive Directors on 24 August 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84632. US$ 105.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Water Resources, Commissioner (GW and MI), Shras Shakti Bhavan, Raj Marg, New Delhi 110001, India, Tel: 91-11 2461-7080, Fax: 91-11 2469-4752; Contact: S. K. Chaudhary, Commissioner.

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**Madhya Pradesh Water Sector Restructuring (Ln. 4750-IN):** The objective of the project is to improve productivity of water for the enhancement of socially and environmentally sustainable growth and poverty reduction. The project will be further defined subsequent to a sector study currently ongoing with the Asian Development Bank, which will also likely cofinance the project. Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 73357. US$ 367.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Water Resources Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Tel: (91-755) 760851, Contact: Mr. J.K. Tiwari, Manager.

**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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. TWAD House, 31, Kamraj Salai, Chepauk, Chennai 600005, India, Tel: (91-44) 2852-4907, E-mail: twrvss@vsnl.net, Contact: Mr. Vibhuy Nayyar, Project Director.

**Nepal**

**Education**

**Higher Education:** The project will support higher education reforms. The areas of greatest emphasis will be decentralization, financial assistance to students, and quality assurance. Project has not been identified. 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. Vidyaathar Malik, Secretary.

**Health, Nutrition and Population**

**(R) Health Sector Program (Cr. 3980-NEP, H125-NEP):** The project aims at expanding access to, and increasing the use of essential health care services, especially by under-served populations. The credit and grant were signed on 29 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 40613. US$ 10.0/40.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Ramshah Path, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 428-2590, Fax: (977-1) 428-2896, E-mail: hesru@wlink.com.np, Contact: Dr. M.K. Malla, Acting Secretary.

**Transportation**

**(R) Rural Access Improvement:** The project is designed to replicate and scale up the Rural Infrastructure LIL. (Cr. 3215-NEP). The objective is to provide rural communities with sustainable physical access to economic opportunities and social services, giving priorities to communities with the greatest need for access. *Appraisal completed.* Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83323. US$ 32.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Local Development, Department of Local Infrastructure and Development and Agriculture Roads, Jawalakhet, Lalitpur, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 554-6624, Fax: (977-1) 531-850, E-mail: rippca@wlink.com.np, Contact: Sohan Sundar Shrestha, Director General.

**Pakistan**

**Economic Management**

**Poor Reduction Support II:** The objectives of the project are to: (i) accelerate economic growth and maintain macroeconomic stability; (ii) improve governance and enable devolution to the provincial and local levels; (iii) invest in human capital and narrow gender gaps; and (iv) strengthen food safety nets. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 203.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Block C, Rm. 308, Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 921-629, Fax: (92-51) 920-6029, Contact: Dr. Waqar Masood Khan, Secretary, Economic Affairs Division.

**Finance**

**(R) Banking Sector Adjustment:** The project will support balance sheet restructuring of United Bank, Habib Bank Ltd., and Allied Bank Ltd., upon successful completion of their privatization. *Negotiations completed.* Board presentation was scheduled for 13 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 200.0/100.0 (IBRD/IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Pakistan Secretariat, Block Q, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 921-5158, Fax: (92-51) 920-8158, Contact: Thaseen Khan Iqbal.

**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. The project directly supports the government’s commitment to improve public financial management, accountability, and transparency, facilitate public oversight and increase credibility internationally. Preappraisal mission completed. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78972. US$ 80.0 (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) 921-4090, Fax: (92-51) 922-5243, E-mail: gsag@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Yuns Khan, Auditor General.

**Health, Nutrition and Population**

**Partnership for Polio Eradication (Supplemental) (Cr. 37611-PAK):** The objectives of the project are to: (a) continue the Partnership for Polio Eradication and (b) procure Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) for the Polio Eradication Initiative. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 90186. US$ 21.5 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Health, National Expanded Program on Immunization, Chak Shehazad, Islamabad, Tel: (92-51) 925-5101, Fax: (92-51) 925-5216, E-mail: drrehman@comsats.net.pk, Contact: Dr. Rehan Hafiz, National Program Manager.

**Law and Justice**

**Sindh Structural Adjustment II:** The objectives of the project is to finance implementation of 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 in the following areas: (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) 920-6511, Fax: (92-21) 920-6512, Contact: Mr. Malik Israr, Secretary, Finance, Government of Sindh.

Public Sector Governance
(R) Tax Administration Reform (Ln. 7264-PAK, Cr. 4007-PAK): The objective of the project is to build a modern tax administration system that will be administered effectively and facilitate and improve voluntary compliance with tax laws. Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 77306. US$24.4/78.5 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Central Board of Revenue, Constitution Ave., Tel: (92-51) 920-7540/50, Fax: (92-51) 920-8884, Contact: M. S. Lal, Member Tax Policy and Reforms

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. Appraisal is scheduled for April 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. Ehsan Sardar, Chief Engineer and Provincial Coordinator

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: 88994. US$ 130.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Irrigation & Power Department, Punjab Province, Old Anarkali, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 921-2091, Fax: (92-42) 921-4675, Email: irri-lhr@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Ehsan Sardar, Chief Engineer and Provincial Coordinator

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Urban Development
(R) North East Housing Reconstruction (Cr. 4014-CE): The program will support the borrower and other stakeholders in providing the poorest conflict-affected families with improved and affordable housing units in the North East. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83932. US$ 75.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. North East Housing Reconstruction Unit, Provincial Ministry of Rehabilitation, North East Provincial Council, 56, Central Rd., Orms Hill, Trincomalee, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-25) 222-5336, Fax: (94-25) 222-5335, E-mail: pdepcdp@slnet.lk, Contact: Mr. Rangarajah, Chief Secretary

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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. 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) 269-7584, E-mail: dcesus@lank.com.lk, Contact: Dr. A.G.W. Nanayakkara, Director General

Education
(R) 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

Information and Communication
(R) E-Sri Lanka Development (Cr. 3986-CE): The objective of the project is to promote effective use of information and communication technology as an enabler for development throughout key sectors of the economy. The credit was signed on 16 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81771. US$ 53.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. ICT Agency, No. 561/3, Elvitigala Mw. Colombo 5, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-1) 510-5520, Fax: (94-1) 510-5524, Email: are@cntec.lk, Contact: Manju Hathiram, CEO

Social Protection
Poverty Reduction Support II: The project, the second of a series of annual adjustment operations, will 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) 243-5339, Contact: Dr. P.B. Jayasundera, Secretary

Transportation
Road Sector Assistance: The objective of the project is to provide beneficiaries with improved and sustainable road transport by enhancing the durability, efficiency and economic impact of the national road network in use. The project will also set out the framework for improving the institutional capacity of the decentralized governance system for rural road infrastructure maintenance and rehabilitation. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 100.0 (IDA). Consulting services are being procured. Road Development Authority, E-mail: wbrda@srnet.lk, Contact: Mr. Paskaran, Project Director

Europe and Central Asia
Albania
Economic Management
(R) Poverty Reduction Support 3 (Cr. 4006-ALB): The objective of the project is to support development and implementation of fiscally sustainable policies within the framework of the government's three-year National Strategy for Social and Economic Development, that support a higher quality of life (especially for the poor), and that are consistent with the country's overall growth strategy. Approved by the
Executive Directors on 7 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 83337. US$ 10.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Dëshmënet e Kombit Blvd., Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 228-373, Fax: (355-4) 258-443, Email: dshano@minfin.gov.al, Contact: Dritan Shano, Deputy Minister of Finance

Environment and Natural Resources Management
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) mobilising donors' support for long-term financing of the park complex. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85089. US$ 1.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Butrint National Park, Office for Administration and Coordination to the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Blvd. "Dëshmënet e Kombit", Tirana, Albania, Tel/Fax: (355-7) 324-600, Email: visitbutrint@abmail.com, Contact: Auron Tare, Director

Coastal Zone Development and Cleanup: The objective is to protect coastal and marine natural resources and promote sustainable tourism development. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 68607. US$ 9.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy, 2, Zhana D'Ark Blvd., Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 228-442, Fax: (355-4) 222-655, Contact: Prof. Dr. Anasut Angeli, Minister

Natural Resources Development: The project will focus on microcatchments in mountain and hilly areas. Its objective will be for 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. Project preparation is under way. Decision meeting is scheduled for March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIDs: 82375/89061. US$ 7.0/4.8 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Directorate of Agricultural Projects and Rural Development, Kruga "Sami Frasheri", No. 4, Tirana e Re, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 227-186, Fax: (355-4) 232-571, E-mail: halidonmu@albaniaonline.net, Contact: Halil Kela, Director, Project Preparation Unit

Armenia
Economic Management
(R) Poverty Reduction Support (Cr. 3999-AM): The objective is to implement the social sector reform strategy and create a competitive private sector economy. Approved by the Executive Directors on 18 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78673. US$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required in social sector reform and capital market development. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Government House, Republic Square, Yerevan 375010 Armenia, Tel: (374-2) 535-471, 505-113, Fax: (374-1) 151-376, 528-742, Contact: Varden Khachatryan, Minister of Finance and Economy

Rural Development
(R) Rural Enterprise and Small-Scale Commercial Agriculture Development: The project seeks to improve farmers’ and rural entrepreneurs’ ability to access markets and increase employment opportunities by stimulating market-oriented investments in rural areas. Appraisal is scheduled for 28 March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87011. US$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, 370010, Republic Square, Government Bldg: 3, Yerevan 10 Armenia, Tel: (374-1) 52-48-34, Contact: Mr. David Lolyan, Minister

Water and Sanitation
(R) Yerevan Water and Wastewater Services: The project will continue work initiated by the Municipal Development Projects and improve the efficiency, management, operation, delivery, and financial sustainability of water and wastewater services for the Yerevan service area. Negotiations were scheduled for 21 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category FT. PID: 87641. US$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required Municipal Development Project Implementation Unit, S.1., 8 Vardenax Blind Alley, Floor 8, Yerevan 375010 Armenia, Tel: (374-1) 522-765, Fax: (374-1) 547-072, E-mail: mdpiu@arminfo.com, Contact: Mr. V. Avoyan, Project Director, Municipal Development Project Management Unit

Azerbaijan
Economic Management
(R) Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of the project is to develop and implement, within the framework of the government’s poverty reduction strategy, 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. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for late January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 74958. US$ 20.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Implementing agency (ies) to be determined

Energy and Mines
(R) Power Transmission: The project aims at establishing an efficient and financially viable power transmission system by creating a central dispatch facility with energy management capability and rehabilitation of the existing power transmission grid. Appraisal was scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 68341. US$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required Azerenerji JSC, 10, Academican Abdul Kerim Ali Zadeh St., Baku, AZ 1005, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 984-184, Fax: (994-12) 985-523, E-mail: teyyar@azenerji.com, Contact: Mr. Teyyar Ibrahimov, Project Director

Environment and Natural Resources Management
Rural Environment: The objective of the project is for mountain communities and local authorities in the Shah Dag Greater Caucasus area to adopt environmentally responsible practices of forestry, grazing and energy consumption, thus demonstrating how environmentally responsible natural resource management can improve living conditions in rural communities. Appraisal mission is tentatively scheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 66199. US$ 8.0/5.0 (IDA/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Bakhram Agaev, 100 A, 370073 Baku, Azerbaijan; Tel: (994-12) 925-294; Fax: (994-12) 935-541, Contact: Mr. Gussein Bagirov, Minister

Finance
(R) Market Services Development: The project will provide infrastructure and technical assistance to improve access to financial services in rural areas, via interconnectivity, skills, systems and interface with national payment system. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was tentatively scheduled for 6 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81616. US$ 12.3 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation. National Bank of Azerbaijan, Baku, Azerbaijan; Tel: (994-12) 973-9470, Fax: (994-12) 935-541, E-mail: tahirov.rustam@hba.az, Contact: Mr. Rustam Tahirov

Bosnia and Herzegovina
Education
(R) Education Restructuring: 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. Board presentation is tentatively scheduled for June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 79226. US$ 12.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for higher education and general education finance, higher education restructuring and secondary education. 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@ineecor.net, pcu-ed@bih.net.ba, Contacts: Z. Marjanovic, FCU Director, K. Karadzic, FCU Director FBiH

Environment and Natural Resources Management
Biodiversity Conservation: The objective is to increase the area under formal protection status in forest and mountain ecosystems, and to develop mechanisms to conserve these ecosystems over the long term. 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, Trnava br.4/1, Sarajevo 71000 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 213-098, Fax: (387-33) 213-099, E-mail: plussum@bih.net.ba, Contact: Mr. Alojz Dundjer, PIU Director; Ministry of Forestry and Water Management, Republika Srpska, Kralja Petra 1 Karadjordjevica 135-137, Banja Luka 78000 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel/Fax: (387-51) 319-675, E-mail: plussum@ineco.net, Contact: Mr. Zeljko Stojanovic, PIU 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) 630-7005, Fax: (385-1) 630-7086, Email: petricc@vod.hr, Contact: Mr. Mladen Petricic, Head, Institute for Water Management; Republika of Srpska Ministry of Town Planning, Housing Services, Civil Engineering, and Ecology, Bosnia Herzegovina Ministry of Physical Planning and Environment, Haidir Hridzova 2, Sarajevo 71000 Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 212-833, (387-61) 220-289, Email: branko.vucijak@heis.com.ba, Contact: Mr. Branko Vucijak, Head, Project Implementation Unit

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Scale-Up: 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. Project Concept Note meeting completed. Appraisal is scheduled for late January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 86603. US$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation, with an IDA NPDP grant. Ministry of Health, Federations 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 Karadjordjevica 133, Banja Luka 78000 Republica Srpska, Tel: (387-51) 319-161, E-mail: moh.pcu@bihc.net, Contact: Mr. Goran Jelic, Project Coordinator

Water and Sanitation

(R) Urban Infrastructure and Service Delivery (Cr. 3954-BOS): The objective of the project is to improve the quality and reliability of delivery of basic infrastructure services in urban areas, thereby prompting significant improvements in the livelihood of the beneficiary population and improving the prospects for local economic development. The credit was signed on 11 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83533. US$ 20.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for technical assistance, training, design and supervision of works, and project audits. Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations, Musala 9, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel/Fax: (387-33) 455-911, Contact: Dusanka Divic, Project Coordinator

Water Quality Protection: The project will support the international water quality protection for the Neretva and Bosna Rivers water quality program. GEF financing will be secured from the Black Sea Danube trust fund. Project implementation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85112. US$ 1.5/8.5 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Jp Vodovod, Dr. J. Budekova 106, Mostar, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Tel: (387-088) 318-329, Fax: (387-088) 315-016, E-mail: pit@coh.net.ba, Contact: Enes Alagic, Project Coordinator, Vodoprivreca Sarajevo and Mostar

Bulgaria

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Efficiency: The objective is to support a large increase in energy efficiency investment through the establishment of a self-sustaining and market-based financing mechanism. Financially profitable energy efficiency projects will be developed and implemented to provide sustainable and increasing reductions in greenhouse gas emissions without relying on public subsidy. Negotiations were scheduled for 20 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 84831. US$ 1.5/10.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Energy Resources, Blvd. Sofia 1040 Sofia, Bulgaria, Tel/Fax: (359-2) 888-2028, E-mail: todorova@soe.bg, Contact: Ms. Kostadinka Todorova, Director, Energy Strategy Directorate, MEER, Head of Project Preparation Unit

Public Sector Governance

Third Programmatic Adjustment: The objective is to reduce poverty and empower the population, especially the poor, to participate in economic growth by investing in human capital, strengthening social programs and making them more effective, implementing an anti-corruption strategy and reforming public administration and the judiciary. Board presentation is scheduled for 17 May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 78675 US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants for preparation in the education, labor market, health, and social protection areas will be financed by a PHRD grant. Council for Structural Policy, 1 Dondolov Blvd., Sofia 1594 Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 940-2143, Fax: (359-2) 980-7707, Contact: Zinaida Veleva, Director, European Integration and Relations with IFIs, Council of Ministers

Rural Development

(R) Forest Development: The objective of the project is to maximize the value of forest resources to the national economy and maximize forest related opportunities and benefits for the rural population through reformulated and sustainable management in private, communal, and state forests. Project processing has been delayed because of postponement of negotiations. Environmental Assessment Category A. PIDS: 38694, 80377. US$ 303/7.8 (IBRD/GEF). No consultants are required. Ministry of Agriculture, 55, Hristo Botev Blvd., BG-1040 Sofia, Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 987-1192, Fax: (359-2) 987-1193, E-mail: mptulugschleva@mptulg.bg, Contact: Ms. Meglena Ptlugscheva, Deputy Minister

Transportation

Community Services (Roads): The objectives of the project are to: (a) make road transport cheaper and safer in three regions and (b) increase capacity to monitor the main road network, plan and budget soundly, and implement road works adequately. This project has been postponed to FY06. Enviromental Assessment Category B. PID: 80405. US$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Road Executive Agency (REA), Sofia, Bulgaria, Tel: (359-2) 952-1768, Fax: (359-2) 951-5422, Mr. D Hristov, Acting Director General.

Croatia

Education

(R) Education Change: The objective of the project is to develop the education system's capacity to improve education services. It will address key issues in the sector including vocational education and training, teacher preparation, and legislation and financing of tertiary education. Appraisal was scheduled for December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 86671. US$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, 10000 Zagreb, Trg hrvatskih velikana 6, Tel: (385-1) 4659-001, Fax: (385-1) 4610-501, E-mail: neven.vuckovic@mzos.hr, Contact: Mr. Neven Vucovic, Project Director

Energy and Mining

(R) Renewable Energy Resources: The project will start with the objective of assisting the government in developing a rational policy framework for renewable energy and will help develop an economically and environmentally sustainable market for renewable energy resources. The project's global objective is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by overcoming barriers to implementation of renewable energy. Appraisal was scheduled to begin on 12 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category F1. PID: 71464. US$ 6.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Hrvatska Elektroprivreda Ltd. (HEP), Ulica Grada Vukovara 31, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 632-2302, Fax: (385-1) 617-0478, E-mail: gordanah.lucic@hep.hr, Contact: Mr. Gordan 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 to be determined. PID: 86669. US$ 20.0 (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) Programmatic Adjustment: The objective of the project is to enhance economic growth by reducing the size and improving efficiency of the public sector, and by encouraging greater private sector activity and productivity. Appraisal completed. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for the third week of January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 82278. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Katacinova 5, Zagreb 1000 Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 4591-248, Fax: (385-1) 4591-248, Contact: Ms. Martina Dakic, State Secretary

(R) Science and Technology: The objectives of the project are to (i) strengthen and restructure research and development institutions to achieve higher levels of applied research and increase their self-sufficiency, and (ii) to increase the ability of beneficiary enterprises to develop, use and adapt technology. Negotiations are scheduled for February/March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 80258. US$ 40.0 (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 J.J. Strossmayera 4, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 459-4414/47, Fax: (385-1) 459-4449/69, E-mail: Dragan.Soljan@mzoz.hr, Contact: Mr. Dragan Soljan, Director, Project Management Unit

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

(R) Social and Economic Recovery: The objective of the project is to address post-conflict reconstruction and sustainable development in war-affected and disadvantaged areas. Appraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 76730. US$ 44.2 (IBRD). RFP documents sent to shortlisted firms. Ministry of Public Works, Reconstruction, and Construction, Navarova 61, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 409-5736, E-mail: franka.vojnovic@zghinet.hr, Contact: Franka Vojnovic, Head of Section, Department for Island and Regional Development

Social Protection

(R) Social Protection: The objective of the project is to have an efficient, affordable social welfare system that will provide improved services and address the varied needs of its clients. Appraisal mission is scheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 69937. US$ 56.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Ksaver 200, Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 460-7555, Fax: (385-1) 467-7091, Contact Mr. Nino Zganec, State Secretary

Georgia

Economic Management

Poverty Reduction Support: The objective of this project is to support government structural reforms necessary to promote growth, sustain macroeconomic stability and reduce poverty. Project identification is continuing. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 68820. US$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, 70, I Abasidze St. Tbilisi 0162 Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 252-904, Fax: (995-32) 5532-3122, E-mail: protocol@mof.ge, Contact: Mariam Dakhundaridze, Head of Protocol

Public Sector Governance

Public Sector Reform: The objective of the project is to enhance governance and improve accountability, effectiveness and efficiency of state administrations. Identification mission is tentatively scheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. PID: 83081. US$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Chancellery of Government, 7, Ingorokova St., Tbilisi 0162 Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 907-475, Fax: (995-32) 999-630, E-mail: pmamrad@geo.net.ge, Contact: Mr. Peter Mamradze, Head

Rural Development

(R) Rural Development: The objective of the project is to develop private commercial agriculture sector by facilitating access of small farmers to supply chains and improving the competitiveness of the supplies in response to demand from domestic and international markets. This would increase incomes and employment and reduce poverty in rural areas. Negotiations completed. 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: rezavanastiani@adpcc.org.ge, Contact: Mr. Rezav Anastiani, PCC Director

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

Community-Based Tourism and Cultural Asset Management: The objective of the project is to improve the management of cultural assets in terms of financial and social sustainability. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78788. US$ 3.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Fund for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage, 7 Yetim Gwji St., Tbilisi, Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 252-220, 983-161, 931-469, Fax: (995-32) 985-713, E-mail: ch@access.sanet.ge, Contact: Mr. David Ninidze, Director

Hungary

Environmental 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 Dunajvaros and increasing the nutrient retention capacity in the Danube-Drova National Park's Gemec and Béda-Karancska Regions. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 74971. US$ 7.5 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Municipality of Budapest, Varoshaz u. 9-11, H-1840 Budapest 50, PO.B. 1, Tel: (36-1) 317-8310, Fax: (36-1) 327-1811, Contact: Attila Pocs, Head of the PIU, Office of the Mayor, Budapest V.; Municipality of Dunajvaros, E-mail: nemese@dunajvaros.hu, Contact: Erka Nemes, Head, PMU; Gemec National Park, Contact: Gyozo Buzetsy, Head

Kazakhstan

Environmental and Natural Resources Management

(R) 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 north-eastern pine forest and southern maul woodlands. Appraisal is scheduled for 9 February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75501. US$ 25.0/5.0 (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

(R) Ust-Kamenogorsk Environmental Remediation (Industrial Waste Treatment): The project will contain the toxic waste plume that is contaminating the city's groundwater, thereby preventing the plume's discharge into the river and the drinking water supply. It will also address local water quality issues by building strong institutional mechanisms. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 78342 US$35.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been selected for a feasibility study. Consulting services to be determined for the environmental impact and social assessments. Kazatomprom, 168 Bogenbai batory St., Almaty 480012 Republic of Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3272)...
Rural Development

(R) Agricultural Competitiveness: The objective of the project is to facilitate: (a) an effective marketing information system; (b) critical technical services to farmers; and (c) strengthened capacity in the Ministry of Agriculture to develop enabling policies, regulatory frameworks, and provisions in support of their implementation. Negotiations are under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 49721. US$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined: Ministry of Agriculture, 49 Abai St., Astana 473000, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3172) 323-784, Fax: (7-3172) 324-541, Contact: Ms. Liliya Musina, Deputy Minister.

(R) Second Agricultural Post-Privatization Assistance (L. 4763-KZ): The objective is to enhance rural finances by: (a) strengthening and expanding rural financial advisory services program; (b) supporting agricultural risk management; (c) deepening rural outreach of commercial banks and leasing companies; and (d) supporting sustainable rural microfinance. The project was approved on 13 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 58015. US$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required in the areas of elaborating microfinance training modules and conducting workshops for farmers and local consultants in financing options. Ministry of Agriculture, 49 Abai Ave., Astana 473000 Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3172) 324-537, Fax: (7-3172) 315-040, 324-298, E-mail: appap@mail.ru, Contact: Mr. Serik Mazinekenov, Head, Investment Department.

Kosovo

Public Sector Governance

Economic Policy and Public Expenditure Management: The objective of the project is to strengthen public expenditure management through institution building. Concept note review completed. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 78674. US$ 5.5 (IDA). Consultants may be required for preparation. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Corner of Mother Theresa and Bill Clinton, Prishtine, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 2003-4101, Contact: Mr. Lorik Fejzullahi.

Kyrgyz Republic

Economic Management

Poverty Reduction Support: The project aims at developing and implementing sound policies within the government’s comprehensive poverty alleviation strategy, as laid out in the National Strategy of Poverty Reduction, that focuses on improving efficiency and equity of social protection and human development, and public sector efficiency, service delivery and institutional capacity, and that is supportive of the country’s poverty reduction growth strategy. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 79112. US$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for preparation and will be financed by a PHRD grant. Ministry of Finance, 720040, 58, Erkindik Blvd, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 661-350, Fax: (996-312) 661-645

Education

(R) Rural Education (H-137-KG): The objective of the project is to improve the coverage and quality of primary and secondary education, with improved coverage defined as improved school attendance in grades 1 through 11, and improved quality as better student learning achievement in the same grades. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78976. US$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. A PHRD grant (TF02684) is being used for preparation. Ministry of Education, PIU Director to be identified.

Private Sector Development

(R) Agribusiness and Marketing (Cr. 4015-KG): The objectives of the project are to (a) expand processing, marketing and trading downstream of the farmgate, (b) increase the number and economic importance of producer organizations, and (c) build trade links among producers and primary and secondary trade organizations. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 49724. US$ 8.1 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry, Kievskaya ul. 96A, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 623-616, Fax: (996-312) 623-632, E-mail: imulkambtva@abmp.ernet.kg, Contact: Irina Mukambtva, Head, Project Preparation Unit.

Rural Development

(N) Small Towns Infrastructure and Capacity Building (Cr. 4016-KG, H137-KG): The objective of the project is to improve the availability, quality and efficiency of infrastructure services to populations of participating small towns. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 58577. US$ 12.0/3.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Community Development and Investment Agency, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Contact: Executive Director.

Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Republic of

Private Sector Development

(N) 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 Fl. US$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Dame Gruve 14, Skopje 1000 The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tel: (389-2) 311-7280, Fax: (389-2) 311-7280, E-mail: finance@finance.gov.mk, Contact: Mr. Dimko Kokorovski, Deputy Minister.

Rural Development

(R) Real Estate Cadastre and Registration: The project aims at improving 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. Appraisal mission is in the field. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85126. US$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. State Authority for Geodetic Works, U1. Trijan Hazil Janov 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

Railways Reform: The objective of the project is to improve the financial viability, productivity, and effectiveness of railway operations. This project has been postponed to FY2006. 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) 128-228, Contact: Mr. Dejan Kosutic, Deputy Minister.

Moldova, Republic of

Energy and Mining

Renewable Energy from Agricultural Wastes: The objective is to overcome barriers for development of biomass technology in the country by demonstrating best practices in the sustainable use of biomass fuelled energy systems as a viable alternative to gas, oil, and coal in rural communities. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84888 US$ 1.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Consolidated Agricultural Project Management Unit (CAPMU), 9 Cosmonautilor St., Office 544, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, MD-2205, Tel: (373-22) 229-106, E-mail: igorashov@capmu.md, Contact: Mr. Igor Gorashov, General Director.

Public Sector Governance

(R) Public Financial Management Technical Assistance: 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82916. US$ 15.0 (IDA). The government of Netherlands provided a grant of EUR 0.6 for preparation. Further co-financing is being negotiated with SIDA. Detailed preparation studies funded by a PHRD grant are expected to start in early 2005. Ministry of Finance.
Water and Sanitation

Chisinau Environmental: The objective of the project is to improve the quality of water in the Dniester River as well as the environmental quality in the Dniester River Basin. GEF Council consideration for approval was scheduled for 17 December 2004. 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, Chisinau, Tel: (373-22) 22-1677, Contact: Mr. Constantin Mihalcescu, Minister of Environment and Natural Resources; Department of Constructions and Territory Development, str Cosmonautilor 9, Moldova 2005, Chisinau, Tel: (373-22) 20450, Contact: M. Igor Semenovcher, Director General

Poland

Energy and Mining

(R) Krakow Energy Efficiency: The project will improve energy efficiency and reduce emission of atmospheric pollutants in the Krakow region. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 October 2004. The grant was signed on 22 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 70246. US$ 11.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Municipal District Heating Co. of Krakow, Al. Jana Pawla II 188, 30-969, Krakow, Poland, Tel/Fax: (48-12) 644-5326, E-mail: janusz.miechowicz@mpk.krakow.pl, Contact: Janusz Miechowicz, Head, Foreign Cooperation Department

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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 86768. US$ 260.0 (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: (48-41) 3460270, Fax: (48-71) 346-6275, E-mail: jalesko@pcu.org.pl, Contact: Mr. Janus Zaleski, Director

Rural Development

Post-Accession Rural Support: The objective of the project is to develop the rural sector in the medium term. It will help increase the level of employment in rural areas, the ongoing decentralization of local self-government and regional development, and strengthening institutional capacity to absorb European Union structural funds. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 65270. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants were used for project feasibility studies and will be required. Ministry of Economy, Labor and Social Policy, 1/3 Nowogrodzka St., Ministry of Economy, Rr, Durresi, 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 Vetra, 81000 Podgorica Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-81) 482-167, Fax: (381-81) 234-131, E-mail: viktors@mm.yu, Contact: Mr. Viktor Subotic, Project Director

Regional

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Lake Skhoder Integrated Ecosystem Management: The objective of the project is to assist the governments of Albania and Montenegro in achieving more sustainable use of natural resources of the lake and its watershed. Appraisal is scheduled for 15 June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 84605. US$ 5.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Rr. Durresi, 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 Vetra, 81000 Podgorica Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-81) 482-167, Fax: (381-81) 234-131, E-mail: viktors@mm.yu, Contact: Mr. Viktor Subotic, Project Director

Romania

Energy and Mining

Mine Closure, Rehabilitation, and Socio-Economic Regeneration (Mining II): The objective of the project is to provide social support for unemployed ex-miners and their families and for communities where mines have closed or are being closed. It will also assist with mine closure and remediation of environmental damage to mining areas. Negotiations are under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87807. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Trade, 132-154, Calea Victorilor, 1st Floor, Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 210-8400, Fax: (40-21) 315-1155, E-mail: nicolae@minind.ro, Contact: Mr. Nicolae Turdan, Director, Project Management Unit, Mine Closure and Social Mitigation Project

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Modernizing Agricultural Knowledge and Information Systems (L. 4757-RO): The objective of the project is to improve the competitiveness of farmers and agro-processors in the EU accession environment. Negotiations completed. Approved by the Executive Directors on 16 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88849 US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Forests, Waters, and Environment, Bd. Carol nr.24, Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 315-2950, Fax: (40-21) 315-2955, E-mail: simona@psu-assp.ro, Contact: Simona Paranci, Project Director

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Sector Reform APL 11: The objectives of the project are to: (a) improve efficiency and equity in the planning and regulation of health services delivery; (b) reduce preventable deaths among emergency medical cases; (c) improve access and quality of primary health care in poor and remote areas; and (d) improve the focus on priority public health problems, thereby reducing preventable illnesses and deaths. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 16 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78971. US$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Str. Ministeriului No. 1-3, Bucharest 70109 Romania, Tel: (40-1) 314-1526, Fax: (40-34) 324-2018, E-mail: scarren@ms.ro, Contact: Carmen Angehuta, PCU Director

Transportation

Transport Restructuring (L. 4757-RO): The objective of the project is to complete the transformation of the consolidated state railways into economically viable entities and establish regulatory confidence for multiple regulatory markets. Approved by the Executive Directors on 16 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 83840. US$ 225.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. National Railway Company of Romania (CFR), 38, Dinicu Golescu Blvd., 010873 Bucharest 1, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 224-8406, Fax: (40-21) 222-2517, E-mail: volevschi@central.cfr.ro, volevschi@mt.ro, Contact: Mr. Valer Tulbure, General Director; National Company for Motorways and National Roads, 38 Dinicu Golescu Blvd. Floor 7, 77113, Bucharest 1, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 292-2806, Fax: (40-21) 312-0004, E-mail and@transmetro.ro, Contact: Mr. Mihai Basulescu, Director General; S.C. Metrorex S.A., 38, Dinicu Golescu Blvd., 01087 Bucharest 1, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 356-0099, 5590, Fax: (40-21) 312-5149, E-mail: moldo@kappa.ro, Contact: Tiberiu Moldovan

Russian Federation

Education

(R) E-Learning Support (L. 4726-RU): The project aims at improving the accessibility, quality and efficiency of primary and first level educational delivery by (a) building sustainable capacity to produce high quality, affordable and flexible learning; (b) supporting pre-service and in-service teacher training with the introduction of information/communication technology methods into classrooms and embedding them in teaching and learning practices; and (c) establishing a network of resource centers to improve regional access to electronically enhanced education opportunities and dissemination of new teaching practices. The regions selected to participate are Khabarovsk,
Serbia and Montenegro

Economic Management

(R) Second Structural Adjustment, Montenegro (Cr. 3983-YY): The objective of the project is to support key reforms to promote growth and support further fiscal consolidation. The credit was signed on 8 October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C: 79468. US$ 18.0 (IDA). Consultants have been hired. Ministry of Finance, Republic of Montenegro, Stanka Dragojivic, 2, Podgorica, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-81) 224-450, Fax: (381-81) 242-835, Email: mfin@cg.yu, Contact: H.E. Igor Lukic, Minister

(R) Second Structural Adjustment, Serbia: The objective of the project is to achieve the structural reforms necessary to lay the foundation for enduring growth and macroeconomic stability. Board presentation was scheduled for 16 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category U: 78457. US$ 45.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economy, Republic of Serbia, Nemajina 22-26, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 3616-533, Fax: (381-11) 3616-535, Email: informacije@mnfn.gov.yu, Contact: H.E. Mladjan Dukic, Minister

Education

(N) Montenegro Education: The objective of the project is to build the capacity of the education system to make continuous improvements, especially in the area of the quality of teaching and learning in schools and the efficient use of resources. Preappraisal mission is in the field. Environmental Assessment Category C: US$ 5.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for technical assistance in economic research; education finance, technologies, administration, and training; social and local surveys; and project management, procurement, financial management and audits. Ministry of Education and Science, Trg Vektara b.b, Podgorica 81000 Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-81) 405-310, Fax: (381-81) 405-534, Email: petricevic@mnfn.gov.yu, Contact: Ivana Petricevic, Director, International Cooperation

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Danube River Enterprise Pollution Reduction: The objective of the project is to increase the prevalence of environmentally sound practices among eligible enterprises and thereby reduce pollution of the Danube River. It will also aim at building capacity to improve environmental management. Appraisal mission was scheduled for December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C: 78464. US$ 6.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. 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, Email: brana.andric@ekoserb.sr.gov.yu, Contact: Branka Andric, Special Adviser

Rural Development

Water Resource Management: 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B: 87964. US$ 25.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, 2A Bulevar Umestnosti, 11070 New Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro, Tel: (381-11) 201-3388, 201-3366, Email: rtvode@eunet.yu, Contact: Mr. Nikola Marjanovic, Director, Water Directorate

Slovak Republic

Education

(N) Human Capital Technical Assistance: The project will modernize the systems of employment, education, and social cohesion by developing an effective policy infrastructure to implement, manage and evaluate employment, education and social cohesion reforms in the Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, and Family and the Ministry of Education. Board presentation is scheduled for 18 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C: US$, 6.5 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, and Family, Spis
Law and Justice

(R) 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 Appraisal Document is being prepared. Preparation mission was scheduled for December 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, Ünîşe Square 13, Bračislava 813 11 Slovak Republic, Tel: (421-12) 5933-3111, Fax: (421-12) 5441-5952, E-mail: luciastanziska@justice.sk, Contact: Mrs. Lucia Staniská, State Secretary

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

Social Development Fund: The objective of the project is to include more at-risk and marginalized groups and communities through community development work and from better access to economic opportunities and social services. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 78414. US$ 10.0 (IBRD). Technical assistance work requiring consultants is being funded by a PHRD grant. Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Family, Spitalska 4-6, Bračislava 81438 Slovak Republic

Tajikistan

Economic Management

Structural Adjustment 3: The objective of the project is to support the country’s structural reform agenda, including: (a) budget management and civil service reform; (b) private sector development; and (c) trade and transport facilitation. Project preparation is at an early stage as the previous adjustment operation was only recently completed. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 74889 US$ 10.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Rural Development

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. Appraisal was scheduled to begin in January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 84035. US$ 5.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Molloration and Water Resources Management, 5/1 Shami St., Dushanbe 734001 Republic of Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 359-740, 353-566, Fax: (992-372) 357-640, E-mail: ahad_izwold@jinter.com, Contact: Ahvorov Ahadjon Aubovich, Head of Investments and Foreign Relations

Turkey

Education

Secondary Education: The project will support secondary education development through measures such as: (a) an increase in the number of schools; (b) curriculum development; (c) pre-service and in-service training for teachers; (d) furnishing of educational materials and information technology equipment; (e) provision of examinations, assessments, certification, career guidance, counseling services and management information systems; and (f) school improvement projects. Negotiations are scheduled for January 17, 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 66149. US$ 175.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of National Education, Günü Sök No. 50-32 Kavaklıdere, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 428-8573, Fax: (90-312) 428-8635, E-mail: tepfinbr@meb.gov.tr, Contact: Bilge Nazlıoglu, Director, Program Coordination Team

Environment and Natural Resources Management

Seismic Risk Mitigation: The objective of the project is to mitigate the seismic risk in municipalities of Istanbul and further strengthen the capacity for emergency preparedness in order to save lives and reduce social, economic, and financial impacts of earthquakes. Preparation mission is in the field. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78559 US$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Prime Ministry/Project Implementation Unit, Bilkent Plaza B Blok Kat: 1, Bilkent 06530, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 266-7764/7774/4703, Fax: (90-312) 266-7773, E-mail: bidapc@superonline.com, Contact: Mr. Murat Sungur, Director, BURSA

Public Sector Governance

(R) Programmatic Public Sector Adjustment: The objective of the project is to implement the public sector reform program. This phase of the reforms encompasses: (a) sustaining fiscal adjustment through continued expenditure management reform and parametric reform of the pension system; (b) extending social protection through institutional reform of systems including pensions, health insurance, social assistance, and labor markets; and (c) improving public service delivery. 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, Eksikşehir Yolu, Emesh, 06530, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 213-6873, Fax: (90-312) 212-8737, E-mail: hazine@hazine.gov.tr, Contact: Memduh Akcay, General Director of External Relations

Transportation

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. Decision meeting was scheduled for December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 77328. US$ 200.0 (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: hazeybek43@hotmail.com, Contact: Mrs. Hulyaim H. Zeybek, Deputy Director, Research and Planning Department

Water and Sanitation

(R) Municipal Services: The project will help develop a sustainable municipal finance system. Ilker Bank, a municipal bank, is expected to be restructured so that it can make long term loans to finance municipal investments. Preappraisal mission is in the field. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 81880. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants are being hired. Ilker Bank, Bank of Provinces, Yeni Ziraat Mah. 14 sokak, No. 14 Diskapi Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 384-8126, Fax: (90-312) 341-2071, E-mail: h.atasoy@ilbankgov.tr, Contact: Mr. Hidayet Atasoy, General Manager

Ukraine

Economic Management

(N) Treasury Systems II: The project will 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 allocative 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 (a) an analysis of the budget management process to find ways of giving more flexibility to spending units, (b) an analysis of the internal audit and control function to propose how the treasury system can be used effectively to support this function, (c) an analysis of the information needs of the ministry and spending units and how they can be best met by the Treasury system, (d) a functional analysis of the requirements of the enhanced Treasury System, (e) development of specifications for the application software, hardware and other elements of the technology platform to support the enhanced functional requirements, (f) development of bidding documents, (g) development of a strategy for the budget sector and (h) hiring of consultants for implementation activities related to the new system, systems integration and auditing services to ensure timely and accurate contractor performance. State Treasury, 6 Bastionna St., Kiev, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 294-4522, E-mail: piu@treasury.gov.ua, Contact: Mrs. O.O. Chechulina, Deputy Head
Third Programmatic Adjustment: The objective of the project is to effect policy, institutional and structural reforms in financial discipline, regulation, property rights, public sector accountability, and mitigation of social and environmental risks. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75216. US$ 220.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and on Issues of European Integration of Ukraine, 12/2 M. Hrushevskoho St., Kyiv 01008, Ukraine, Tel: (38-044) 253-9364, Fax: (38-044) 228-3181, Contact: Myroslav Illinsky, Head of department for cooperation with IFIs.

Education

(R) Equal Access to Quality Education: The objective of the project is to prepare secondary school graduates for the knowledge society by offering equal access to quality education and improved efficiency of the educational system. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77738. US$ 75.1 (IBRD). 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, Contact: Mr. Roman Shyyan, Grant Coordination Unit Manager.

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) 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. Appraisal mission has been rescheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 85138. US$ 3.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Mining, 5 Kreshchatyk St., Kyiv 01601 Ukraine, Tel: (38-044) 226-2428, Fax: (38-044) 228-8383, E-mail: mep@mep.fsnet.kiev.ua, Contact: Mr. Svyatoslav Kurulenok, First Deputy Minister.

Finance

Municipal Credit Market Development: The objective of the project is to initiate, on a pilot basis, a sustainable market for municipal credit. It emphasizes building a sustainable link for capital investments made by municipalities to be financed by private savings, intermediated through commercial banks. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 67283. US$ 30.0 (IBRD). A PPF advance of US$ 1.5 became effective 27 May 2004. The PPF will finance 100 per cent of foreign individuals and firms, 87 per cent of local firms, 92 per cent of local individuals, and 90 per cent of incremental operating costs. Municipal Development Fund, Ukraine, Tel: (38-044) 461-5439, E-mail: temp@uic.com.ua, Contact: Mr. Volodymyr Kozir, Executive Director; Municipal Loan Fund.

Rural Development

Rural Finance: The aim is financing (a) credit and leasing for private rural farm and non-farm enterprises, rural entrepreneurs, and farmers, and (b) development of retail banking and microfinance institutions that can serve rural areas. Appraisal mission is scheduled for 17 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category FI. PID: 76653. US$ 125.0 (IBRD). An IBRD advance of US$ 1.8 has been approved under the Project Preparation Facility to finance preparation. Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, 12/2 Hrushevsky St., Kyiv 01008 Ukraine, Tel: (38-044) 293-7466, Fax: (38-044) 293-8243, Email: infog@mfinf.gov.ua, Contact: Ms. Natalya Konоваленна, Head, MU-RFP.

Social Protection

(R) Social Assistance Reform: The objective of the project is to administer social safety net programs better, minimizing client burdens, strengthening public information, and improving program monitoring to support policy reforms and effectively target the poor. Project preparation is under way. Project processing is continuing. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75231. US$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Labor and Social Protection, 8/10 Esplanadna St., Kyiv 01034 Ukraine, Tel: (38-044) 2262-4352, Fax: (38-044) 2000-0999, E-mail: mswp@ukrpack.net.

Uzbekistan

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 by placing the budget into a medium-term framework, strengthening budget preparation, execution, and monitoring capacity, increasing fiscal transparency as well as implementing modern Treasury information technology systems. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 70084. US$ 9.9 (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 Sq., Tashkent 700008, Republic of Uzbekistan, Tel: (99-71) 139-4646, Fax: (99-71) 139-1625, Contact: Jamshid A. Kuchkarov, Deputy Minister.

Middle East and North Africa

Algeria

Energy and Mining

(N) 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. Appraisal is scheduled for 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75664. US$ 22.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Agency National pour la Promotion de la Rationalisation de l'Utilisation de l'nergie, 02, rue Chouenou, BP 265, Hydra, Alger, Algeria, Tel: (213-21) 603-132/21602446, Fax: (213) 2148-2568, Contact: Mr. Mohamed Salah Bouzeriba, Directeur General.

Information and Communication

ICT Development Support: The objective of the project is to create an enabling environment to: (a) improve access to efficient and affordable information and communications technology (ICT) services; (b) facilitate private sector growth in ICT; (c) improve the competitiveness of national firms; and (d) enhance the efficiency of government services delivery. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 75664. US$ 22.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Post and Telecommunications, 4 Blvd. Krim Belkacem, Alger, Algeria, Tel: (213-21) 751-781, Fax: (213-21) 712-307, E-mail: ucpp@postelecom.dz, yousnioui@postelecom.dz, Contacts: Mme. Sayah Salihah, Project Coordinator, M. Yousnioui Ali, Secrétaire Général.

Djibouti

Education

(R) Second School Assessment and Improvement: The objective of the project is to improve basic education. Appraisal mission was scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 68984. US$ 10.0 (IDA). Consultants have been identified and some hired to prepare studies financed by a PPF of US$ 0.3. 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@inetnet.dj, Contact: Mr. Fathi Ahmed Chamsan, Directeur General.

Energy and Mining

(R) Power and Water: The objectives of the project are to develop the sectors through (a) sustainable development of the power sector, (b) protection of water resources and (c) institutional restructuring aimed at facilitating investment to the sectors. Appraisal is sched-
Egypt

Education

Early Childhood Education Enhancement: The objective of the project is to improve school readiness of preschool children (4-5 years old), especially those from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds through (a) increased access to early childhood education programs, (b) improved quality of the programs, and (c) enhanced central and local capacity to implement them. Negotiations were scheduled for December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C: PID: 82952. USS 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, 12, El-Falaky St, Bab El Louk, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (202) 578-7643/4, Contact: Mr. Ahmed Al Damrawy

Energy and Mining

(N) 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. USS 50.0/2.0 (GEF/IBRD). 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, Email: samirsek@hotmail.com, Contact: Eng. Samir Mahmoud Hassan, Executive Chairman

Egypt

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) Pollution Abatement 2: 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. Decision meeting is scheduled for June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A: PID: 91945. US$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water Resources and Export, Tehran, No. 52, 6th West Andisheh, Andisheh St, Dr. Beheshti Av., Tehran 19678 Iran, Fax: (9821) 8456735, Email: owrwb@bazyaft.com, Contact: Mr. Elahi Panah, Minister

Water and Sanitation

(N) 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 operational and maintenance costs. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A: PID: 87970. USS 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Corniche El Nielsen Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (202) 544-9425, Fax: (202) 544-9470, Contact: Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Zeid, Minister

(R) Alborz Integrated Land and Water Management: The objectives of the project are to (a) improve irrigation and drainage infrastructure for about 200,000 ha, (b) provide equipment and materials for irrigation and drainage pumping stations, (c) establish water user associations and (d) build irrigation capacity. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B: PID: 79077. USS 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, Khabaneh Post No. 11614, Cairo, Egypt, Tel: (202) 220-3802, 444-2802/3802, Fax: (202) 444-1192, Email: isiscairo@thewayout.net, Contact: Eng. Khaled Enany, First Under Secretary and Head of Irrigation Improvement Sector

Iran

Rural Development

(N) 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 under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. USS 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Agricultural Planning and Economic Research Institute, 9 Budasr St, South Aban, Karimkhavan Ave., Tehran, Iran, Tel: (98-21) 889-2396, Fax: (98-21) 889-6660, E-mail: aper@agri-peri.ir, Contact: Mr. Seyed Hasan Kazemi, Director

Integrated Land and Water Management: The objective of the project is to enhance current efforts to achieve integrated land and water management at the river basin level. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A: PID: 71707. USS 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Jihad and Agriculture, 28, 5th Floor, Shagayegh St, Dey school Ave., Tehran Blvd., Tehran, Iran, Tel: (98-21) 612-3027, Fax: (98-21) 896-8945, Contact: Dr. B. Aminpoori, Deputy Minister, Soil and Water; Ministry of Energy

Social Development, Gender and Inclusion

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 four provinces. Appraisal mission was scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B: PID: 743070. USS 150.0 (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: borousjerdi44@hotmail.com, Contact: Mrs. Ashraf Borousjerdi, Deputy Minister for Social Affairs Council

Transportation

Road Safety: The objective of the pilot project is to reduce road accidents in high risk road corridors and urban areas and increase the government’s capability to address road safety issues. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B: PID 86465. USS 50.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required during project preparation. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined

Urban Development

(R) Bam Earthquake Emergency Reconstruction (IN 4577-IRN): The objectives of the project are to: (a) restore living conditions of the communities affected by the earthquake; (b) improve emergency preparedness in Kerman and Bam; and (c) strengthen planning and management capacity. The loan was signed on 16 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B: PID: 88060. USS 220.0 (IBRD). Retroactive financing is expected up to USS 40.0 for expenditures prior to signing. Ministry of Economic Affairs and Finance, Tel: (98-21) 311-9429, Fax: (98-21) 391-0024, Contact: Dr. Seyed Jamil Hossein, Senior Advisor to the President of the Organization for Investment Economic and Technical Assistance

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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A: PID: 76055. USS 70.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Organization of Waste Recycling and Composing, Municipality of Tehran, No. 52, 6th West Andisheh, Andisheh St., Dr. Beheshti Ave., Tehran 19678 Iran, Fax: (98-21) 843-6735, E-mail: owrbb@baazyft.com, Contact: Mr. Abolfazl Ebrahimi, Managing Director

Water and Sanitation

Northern Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective of the project is to improve water and sanitation services in Rashi, Anzali, Dabol and Siahkol. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A: PID: 78884. USS 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation and supervision. Mazandaran and Guilan Water and Wastewater Companies, Tel: (98-21) 8953-3001, Fax: (98-21) 897-8133, Email: elahi_panah@nwco.ir, Contact: Mr. Elahi Panah, Director, Ministry of Energy
Iraq

Health, Nutrition, and Population

(R) Emergency Health Rehabilitation: The objective of the project is to improve access to quality emergency services in selected health facilities to serve people’s urgent health needs. Approved by the Executive Directors on 30 November 2004. The grant was signed on 4 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 25.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required for: (a) design, bidding documents preparation and construction supervision, (b) capacity building and training in emergency services and health system management, and (c) procurement training and support. Ministry of Health, Bab Al-Musayyad, Baghdad, Iraq, Tel: (964-7) 9019-25670, E-mail: ayadal-dabeh@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Ayad A. Alfadhil, Project Management Team Leader

Information and Communication

(R) Emergency Private Sector Development: The objective of the project is to facilitate development of the private and financial sectors. Approved by the Regional Vice President on 30 November 2004. The grant was signed on 4 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 91344. US$ 55.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning and Development Cooperation, Baghdad, Iraq, E-mail: theplanningministr@yahoo.com; Ministry of Trade, Baghdad, Iraq, Contact: H. E. Dr. Mehdi Al-Hafidh, Minister, Ministry of Trade and Communications; Ministry of Communications; Iraq Telecommunications and Post Company, Baghdad, Iraq

Rural Development

(R) Emergency Community Infrastructure Rehabilitation: The objective of the project is to rehabilitate infrastructure, with design geared toward rapid appraisal and feasibility studies and initiatives that build on local ownership and participation. Approved by the Regional Vice President on 10 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Mayoralty of Baghdad, Baghdad, Iraq, Contact: Dr. Raad M. Hussain, Deputy Mayor for Technical Affairs

Water and Sanitation

(R) Emergency Baghdad Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective of the project is to meet urgent reconstruction needs including water mains, distribution pipes, sewer collectors, pumping stations, small treatment plants, and auxiliary facilities. Approved by the Regional Vice President on 3 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87912. US$ 85.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required for implementation. Mayorality of Baghdad, Baghdad, Iraq, Contact: Dr. Waleed A. H. Sallih, Director General, Planning Development

(R) Emergency Water, Sanitation and Urban: The objective of the project is to meet water supply, sanitation, and urban infrastructure rehabilitation needs. Approved by the Regional Vice President on 3 December 2004. The grant was signed on 8 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87910. US$ 90.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Municipalities and Public Works, Baghdad, Iraq, Tel: (994-1) 5343-5448, (964-7) 9019-17442, E-mail: humam-misconi@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Human Misconi, Director, Project Management Team

Jordan

Public Sector Governance

(N) Public Sector Reform Support: 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. Project is being identified. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, PO Box 555, Amman 11118 Jordan, Fax: (962-6) 464-5661, E-mail: khaled.t@mop.gov.jo

Urban Development

(R) Regional and Municipal Development: The objectives of the project are to: (a) strengthen the intergovernmental finance system, (b) upgrade local financial management, 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: 70588. US$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation. Ministry of Municipal Affairs, PO Box 1799, Amman, Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 467-2135, 460-1229, Fax: (962-6) 469-5627, 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) 464-5661, Fax: (962-6) 461-5663, Contact: Eng. Khaleed Tarawneh, Director, Local Development Department

Lebanon

Finance

Revenue Enhancement and Fiscal Management Technical Assistance (Ln. 7197-LB): The objective of the supplemental loan is to finance completion of work associated with the Land and Cadastre System in the Ministry of Finance. Approved by the Executive Directors on 26 August 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. Fouad Siniora, Minister

Health, Nutrition, and Population

Health Sector Development: The objective of the project is to provide technical assistance for: (a) strengthening primary health care, (b) improving health management information systems, (c) raising the quality of primary care and hospital-based health services, and (d) 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

Water and Sanitation

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 is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 77334. US$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during preparation to carry out feasibility studies. Council for Development and Reconstruction, Tel: (961-3) 205-663, Fax: (961-1) 981-252, Contact: Mr. Jamal Itani, President

Morocco

Education

(R) Basic Education Reform Support Program: The objective of the project is to provide a primary and lower secondary education of improving quality to all children ages 6-15 in a financially sustainable manner. Appraisal began on 9 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 43412. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère de l’éducation nationale et de la jeunesse, Bab Rouah, Rabat, Maroc, Tel: (212-37) 887-221, Fax: (212-37) 779-029, E-mail: dsp_gouita@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Ahmed Gouitaa, Directeur de la stratégie, des statistiques et de la planification

Energy and Mining

(N) 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 proven commercially technology. Appraisal was scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 50.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Office National de l’Electricité, 65, rue Othman Ben Affian, BP 13498, Casablanca, Maroc, Tel: (212-22) 688-060, Fax: (212-22) 220-038, Contact: Mr. Ahmed Nakkouch, Directeur Général
Rural Development

Integrated Forestry: The objective of the project is to improve the management of biodiversity and natural resources. Appraisal was scheduled for mid-December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75561. US$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministère chargés des Eaux et Forêts, Quartier Administratif, BP 807, Rabat, Morocco, Fax: (212-37) 768-468, Mr. M. Anechoum, Secretary General

Transportation

Rural Roads (Ln. 4747-MOR): The objectives of the project are to (a) significantly increase the level of road access by the rural population, especially in the more disadvantaged provinces, and (b) enhance the impact of improved rural road accessibility through institutional measures aimed at strengthening participatory processes, improving local road management, monitoring accessibility and facilitating sectoral integration. Approved by the Executive Directors on 29 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID 82754 US$ 36.9 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Directorate of Roads, Tel: (212-37) 713-247, Fax: (212-37) 713-259/261, E-mail: inzuel@minpnet.gov.ma, Contact: Mr. Ahmed Inzuel, Head, Planning Division

Urban Development

Housing Sector Adjustment: 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID 83746. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministère des Finances et de la Privatisation, Ave. Mohamed V, Quartier Administratif, Rabat, Royaume du Maroc, Tel: (213) 763-171/847, Fax: (213) 3776-1575, E-mail: lelirissi@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 deTraitement, Ave. Oued Akreuch, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 759-600, Fax: (212-37) 632-052, Contact: Ms. Samira Badri, Chief, Finance Division

Tunisia

Education

Higher Education Reform Support II: 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$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère de l'enseignement supérieur, Ave. Ouled Hafidouz, 1030 Tunis, Tunisie, Tel: (216-71) 849-971, Fax: (216-71) 801-701, E-mail: rachid.boussema@mes.rma.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

Energy and Mining

Energy Efficiency Program/Industrial Sector: The objective of the project is to overcome barriers to the development of a sustainable market of energy efficiency projects. Approved by the Executive Directors on 4 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78131. US$ 8.5 (GEF). 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@mdci.gov.tn,

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) Second Natural Resource Management: The objective of the project is to consolidate and scale up the achievements of the natural resource management project, which closed on 30 June 2004. Preparation mission is scheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, 30 rue Alain Savary, Tunis 1002 Tunisia, Tel: (2161) 842-687, Fax: (2161) 784-447, E-mail: mag@ministerees.tn, Contact: Mr. Abdallah Mallek, Director General, DGF

(R) Gulf of Gabes: The objective of the project is to protect marine and coastal resources in the Gulf of Gabes. Negotiations were scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 69460. US$ 6.3 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Ministère de l'Agriculture, de l'Environnement, et des Ressources Hydrauliques, Agriculture Centre Urbain Nord, Immeuble ICF, 2080 Ariana, Tunisie, Fax: (2161) 794-457, Contact: S. E. Monsieur Nadhir Hamada, Secrétaire d'Etat chargé de l'Environnement

Private Sector Development

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 sound and reactive medium-term macroeconomic framework. Preappraisal was scheduled for December 2004. 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@mdci.gov.tn,

Water and Sanitation

Urban Water Supply: The objectives of the project are to (a) strengthen water supply and sewerage sector policy development and implementation processes to enhance sector performance, promote private sector participation and improve sound tariff and subsidy policies; (b) enhance SONEDE's performance through operating and financial management capacity buildings; and (c) sustain the reliability and quality of water service in Greater Tunis and other urban centers, through added production capacity, transmission and distribution network upgrades. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64836. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Société Nationale d'Exploitation et de Distribution des Eaux (SONEDE), Ave. Slimane Ben Slimane, Manar II, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel/Fax: (216-71) 874-000, E-mail: sonede@sonede.com.tn, Contact: Mr. Abdelaziz Mabrouk, Président Directeur Général

West Bank and Gaza

Education

Secound Health System Development: The project will be redesigned in light of new priorities emerging from the security situation. The project will build on the achievements of the first Health System Development project, and will likely focus on: (a) strengthening management capacity, (b) enhancing the health management information system, and (c) quality of care. Appraisal is scheduled for June 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64888. 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: mohcd@moh3.com, Contact: Dr. Maged Abu Ramadan, Director General of International Cooperation and Chairman, Steering Committee
Public Sector Governance

Public Financial Management Reform: The objective of the emergency structural adjustment project is to sustain the momentum of ongoing financial management reforms by providing budget support to the Palestinian Authority during its acute economic and fiscal crisis. Approved by the Executive Directors on 3 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category I. PID: 88754. US$ 20.0 (Trust Fund). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 795, Ramallah, West Bank, Tel: (970-2) 240-0950, Fax: (970-2) 240-0951, E-mail: cbo-mof@palnet.com, Contact: Mr. Salam Fayyad, Minister

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 is scheduled for May 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82230. US$ 10.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Ramallah, West Bank, Tel: (970-2) 240-0372, Fax: (970-2) 240-5850, E-mail: mofpw@palnet.com, Contact: Dr. Atef Alawneh, Project Coordination Unit Director and Deputy Minister of Finance

Urban Development

(R) Land Administration LII: The objective of the project is to assess and learn the extent of commitment and readiness of the Palestinian Authority to reforming land administration by introducing policy, legal and institutional changes to achieve efficient procedures for the issuance of land titles and registration of property transactions, and transparent processes for the management and disposal of public land. Appraisal completed. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for 20 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 80892. US$ 3.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning, Palestinian Authority, PO Box 4557, Al-Bireh, West Bank and Gaza, Tel/Fax: (972-2) 240-2170, Contact: H.E. Mr. Samih Abed, Deputy Minister; Palestinian Land Authority, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (972-2) 283-2113, Fax: (972-2) 282-0265, Contact: H.E. Mr. Freih Abu Middain, Chairman

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 in Gaza; and (c) establish the Coastal Water utility under the ownership of local governments. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 65920. US$ 15.0 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required. Palestinian Water Authority, PWA Bldg., Shifa St., Gaza City, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (972-2) 282-2696, Fax: (972-2) 283-4876, 282-2697, Contact: Eng. Nabil El-Sharif, Chairman

(R) Northern Gaza Emergency Sewage Treatment: The objectives of the project are to: (a) remove the immediate and gathering health and environmental safety threats surrounding the effluent lake; and (b) provide a longer-term solution for the treatment of wastewater for north Gaza. The grant was signed on 27 October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID 74595. US$ 7.8 (Trust Fund). Consultants will be required for preparation of environmental assessment, implementation and supervision. Palestinian Water Authority, PWA Bldg., Shifa St. Gaza City, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (972-2) 282-2696, Fax: (972-2) 282-2697, E-mail: sal@pwa-gaza.org, Contact: Eng. Nabil El-Sharif, Chairman

Yemen

Education

(R) Basic Education Development Program (Cr. 3988-YEM): The objective of the project is to achieve quality basic education for all with special attention to gender equity. Approved by the Executive Directors on 23 September 2004. The credit was signed on 2 October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76185. US$ 65.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Credit Administration Unit, Tel: (967-1) 200-472, Fax: (967-1) 403-572, E-mail: stp@y.net.ye, Contact: Dr. Abdullah Almaneef, Project Director

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 underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ amount to be determined (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: mtctv@yemen.net.ye, Contact: Mr. Abdulwahab Al-Abed, Manager

Energy and Mining

(R) Power Sector: The project seeks to improve further the operating efficiency and finances of the Public Electricity Corp., strengthening its governance and start implementing a new industry structure and regulatory framework. Preappraisal mission is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88685. US$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for implementation. Public Electricity Corporation, PO Box 178, Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 328-164-5, Fax: (967-1) 328-150-1, E-mail: ppecm@y.net.ye, Contact: Eng. Abdul Moati Al-Jonaid, Managing Director

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) 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. Project preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Fish Wealth, PO Box 19719, Sana'a, Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 268-584/5, Fax: (967-1) 263-165, Contact: Mr. Musali, Director General, Foreign Relations

Rural Development

(R) Decentralization and Local Development: (formerly under Education) The objective of the project, a LII, is to test methods of implementing key aspects of the government's decentralization strategy. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for September 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88044. US$ 4.7 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Local Administration, Sana'a, Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 252-532, Fax: (967-1) 251-513, Contact: H.E. Mr. Sadiq Abu Ras, Ministry of Local Administration

Transportation

(R) 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. Appraisal is scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 85291. US$ 50.0 (IDA). Bi consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works and Highways, Rural Access Program Central Management Office, Tel: (967-1) 409-782, Fax: (967-1) 262-609. E-mail: rapcau@mnet.ye, Contact: Mr. Hakim Aghbari, Director; Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation

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 underway. Environmental Assessment
Category B. 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) 4349-8005, E-mail: abaras@mecon.gov.ar, Contact: Alicia Baragatti, Director, National Development Committee.

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, Comision Nacional Energia Atomatica. Project processing has restarted. Environmental Assessment Category A, PID: 57124. US$ 16.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Comision Nacional Energia Atomatica, Av. del Libertador 8250, 3er Piso, Oficina 3532, Buenos Aires 1429, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4704-1217, Fax: (54-11) 4704-1185, E-mail: mcraviotto@cnea.gov.ar, Contact: Dr. Miguel Angel Craviotto, Director Nacional del Proyecto.

Environment and Natural Resources Management

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, US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaria de Ambiente y Desarrollo Sustentable, San Martin 451, 4 Piso, Oficina 405, 1004 Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4348-8305, Fax: (54-11) 4348-8243/8355, Email: mcraviotto@medioambiente.gov.ar, Contact: Dr. Miguel Angel Craviotto, Director Nacional del Proyecto.

Sustainable Forestry Management: The project will contribute to and encourage the environmentally sustainable development of the forestry sector and rural development. A GEF component will aim at mainstreaming and integrating environmental work into everyday management practice and cover incremental costs of measures to achieve agreed global environmental benefits in the areas of land degradation and biological diversity. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88235. US$ 175.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaria de Agricultura, Ganaderia, Pesca y Alimentacion, Paseo Colon 982, Piso 1 (1063), Ciudad Autonoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-2059, Contact: Jorge Trevín, Project Coordinator.

Finance

(R) 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. Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for late January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 88342. US$ 60.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Production, Hipolito Yrigoyen 250, 5to Piso, 1310 Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-6332, Contact: Gerardo Hita, Director Nacional de Proyectos con Organismos Internacionales de Crédito.

Social Protection

Fifth Social Protection: The objective of the project is to further systemic reforms in social protection. The program will facilitate the consolidation of an integrated and coherent social protection strategy, focusing on: (a) supporting ongoing efforts in social protection reform; (b) enhancing capacity for effective crisis response in protection of vulnerable groups; (c) supporting labor market and other capacity-building programs targeted to poor communities; (d) strengthening institutional capacity for targeting, monitoring and evaluating social protection interventions; and (e) intensifying provincial reforms. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Fondo Participativo de Inversion Social, Ministerio de Desarrollo Social y Medio Ambiente, Av. 9 de Julio 1925, Piso 17, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4382-2566, Fax: (54-11) 4383-6741, Email: darryo@desarrollosocial.gov.ar, Contact: Lic. Daniel Arroyo, Viceministro.

Transportation

(R) National Highway Asset Management (Ln. 7242-AR): The project will consolidate an efficient road management strategy, bringing about the necessary capabilities to preserve the national road network in the long term. The loan was signed on 6 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88153. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation in areas such as: (a) detailed engineering designs for bridges and road safety works; (b) design of a road safety education campaign; (c) design of a monitoring and evaluation system for the road safety pilot strategy; and (d) implementation of the Institutional Renewal Action Plan, including the preparation of a human resources assessment of DNV and the design of a short-term action plan. Dirección Nacional de Vialidad, Av. Julio A. Roca 738 2do Piso, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4343-2857, Fax: (54-11) 4331-7292, Contact: Ing. Nelson Periotti, Administrador General.

Urban Development

(R) Buenos Aires City Infrastructure: The project aims at assisting the City of Buenos Aires in developing a risk management strategy, 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. Preapraisal is tentatively scheduled for late February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 88624. US$ 140.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Unidad de Coordinacion para Emergencias, Secretaria de Hacienda, Av. Corrientes 1621, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4816-8074, Contact: Ricardo Rebagliati, Coordinador.

Water and Sanitation

(N) 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: dpctri@dpa.loeigen.gov.ar, Contact: Ing. Daniel A. Petri, Presidente.

(N) Urban Flood Prevention and Drainage: The objective of this first-phase API 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. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for early January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. 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 Proteccion contra la Emergencia (SUPCE), 1261 Caba, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4816-8074, Email: rr@supceba.com.ar, Contacts: Nestor Lietti, Jefe de la UECBA, Ricardo Rebagliati, Jefe de la SUPCE.

(R) Buenos Aires Infrastructure (Ln. 7268-AR): The project will improve infrastructure services in the province within a framework of fiscal responsibility as a means of supporting the return to a sustainable path of economic growth, to alleviate poverty and increase social equity. Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88032. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Unit of Coordination with Multilateral Credit Organizations, Ministry of Economy of the Province of Buenos Aires, Calle 8/e 45 y 46, PB Oficina 14, CP 1900, La Plata, Buenos Aires, Tel/Fax: (54-221) 429-4489, Contact: Dr. Pablo Barone, Coordinator.

Urban Drainage Infrastructure and Management: The project is designed to resolve the highest priority bottlenecks in the macro-drainage systems of economically active metropolitan areas, in order to provide rapid flood relief. Its main purpose, however, is to establish the strategies, guidelines and institutional framework for proper ongoing storm water drainage management. Project processing is on hold due to the economic crisis. Preparation is well advanced, and some of this work will be utilized for the proposed City of Buenos Aires Drainsage project (Maldonado Basin), Environmental Assessment Category A, PID: 57453. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants may be required. Unidad Coordinadora de Proyectos con Financiamiento Externo (UCPFE), Secretaria de Obras Publicas, Ministerio de Economia, Av. Hipolito Yrigoyen 250, Piso 12, Oficina 1208, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel/Fax: (54-11) 4349-7652/7622, Contact: Ing. Graciela Aresca, General Coordinator.
Belize

Education

Education Sector Improvement: The objectives of the project are (a) support implementation of a primary and a secondary school reform program that would increase access, equity, and quality of education; and (b) to assist the government in the design of appropriate policies and levels of budget support for sustainable education programs. The project is no longer in the current lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 6106. US$ 12.4 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Belmopan, Belize, Tel: (501-2) 32062, Fax: (501-2) 31762, E-mail: moeproject@btl.net, Contact: Ernest Raymond, Project Coordinator.

Bolivia

Community-Based Land Distribution: The project will facilitate access to land and complementary productive investments by targeted organized groups in selected regions. Project preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 87265. US$ 15.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for an environmental and social impacts study; economic and financial analysis; analysis of land markets; input markets and technical assistance; and logistical and organizational support for preparation. Ministry of Sustainable Development, Av. Mariscal Santa Cruz esq. Oruro, Pto S, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 231-0748, Fax: (591-2) 231-2841, E-mail: gpdrada@mds.gov.bol, Contact: Gustavo Pedraza, Minister.

Rural Space: 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. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 89051. US$ 20.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. 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

Human Development Technical Assistance: The objective of the project is to develop institutional capacity to monitor the progress and impact of social policies. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for January 2005 and were still pending Government clearance. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82523. US$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants are being used for preparation. Ministry of Education, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco I, 8o Andar, Gabinete, CEP 70047-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 410-7782, Fax: (55-61) 410-9186, Contact: Rinaldo Macin, Project Coordinator; Ministry of Health, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco G, Ed. Sede, Sala 317, CEP 70059-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 315-2389, Fax: (55-61) 229-0286, Contact: André Guerreiro, Assessor, Diretoria de Investimentos e Projetos Estratégicos.

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 efficiency; and (c) support the overall state modernization effort. Approved by the Executive Directors on 14 October 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 66934. US$ 3.15 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project implementation. Secretaria de Estado de Educação, Rua Siqueira Campos, 304 CEP 50010-410Recife, PE, Brazil, Tel: (55-81) 328-3333, Fax: (55-81) 3423-7285, E-mail: mozartin@educapeco.de, Contact: Mozart Neves, Secretary.

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(N) 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. Project preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. 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, CEP 70068-900 Brasília, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-67) 317-1205, E-mail: fabricio.barreto@mnma.gov.br, Contact: Fabricio Barreto, Task Team Leader.

(R) Amazonas Regional Environmental Support: The objective of the project is to ensure quality water resources to meet the growing needs of the Federal District and the Brasilia Metropolitan Region, through environmental planning and management activities implemented at the regional level, integrated with poverty reduction interventions and environmental rehabilitation in the most critical watersheds. Project preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 487490. US$ 57.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for project preparation. Government of the Federal District, Agência de Infraestrutura e Desenvolvimento Urbano doDistrito Federal, Anexo do Palácio do Buriti - 120 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 São Paulo, in both the Atlantic forest and Cerrado Biomes, while providing opportunities for improved livelihoods and economic well-being of rural communities. Project preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 88009. US$ 7.0 (GEF). Limited need for local consultants. Co-financing will come from the existing Land Management III Project, from Government own resources, and from project beneficiaries. Secretaria de Meio Ambiente, Av. Frederico Hermann Junior 345, Alto de Pinheiros, 05450-900 São Paulo, SP, Brazil, Tel: (55-11) 3030-8059, E-mail: sarm.hcarassosa@ctesbol.net, Contact: Helena Carassosa von Glehn, Project Coordinator.

(R) 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. Identification mission completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 69929. US$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaria de Estado de Recursos Hídricos (SERHID-RN), Rua D. Maria Câmera, 1884, Capim Macio, CEP 59065-430, Natal, RN, Brazil, Tel: (55-84) 232-2410, Fax: (55-84) 232-2411, Contact: Josema de Azevedo, Secretary of State.

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, through formulation of a strategy for the sustainable integrated management of water resources and freshwater biodiversity in two to three subbasins of the Amazon River Basin; 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 underway. 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: jpaio-paulo.viana@mnt.gov.br, Contact: João Paulo Viana, Project Coordinator.

Río 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 State of Rio de Janeiro. Project preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 73579. US$ 6.7 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaría de Estado de Agricultura, Abastecimiento, Pesca y Desarrollo Interior, Projecto de Microbacias Hidrográficas del Estado del Río de Janeiro, Alameda São Benvourento, No. 770, 24120-191, Fonseca - Niterói, RJ, Brasil, Tel/Fax: (55-21) 265-6184, Contact: Nelson Telxia, Project Unit Coordinator.

Health, Nutrition and Population

(R) Amazonas Regional Health: The objective 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) 642-8667, E-mail: omonteiro@seplan.mg.gov.br, Contact: Oziel Monteiro Rodrigues, Secretary of Planning.

Private Sector Development

(R) Sustainable and Equitable Growth Technical Assistance (Lm. 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. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for January 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) 216-0443, 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 adversely. Appraisal is scheduled for February 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 83990-000, 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 objective of the project is to: (a) help 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 31 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. 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) 3292-1069, E-mail: atividade.sede@mg.gov.br, Contact: Luiz Antonio Athayde, Subsecretary of International Affairs, Economic Development Secretariat.

Rural Development

(N) Rio Grande do Sul Integrated Regional Development: The objective of the project is to adopt and 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 Coordenapo e Planejamento, Estado do Rio Grande do Sul Integrated Regional Development: (R) Maranhão Integrated Program: Rural Poverty Reduction (Lm. 4735-BR): The objective of the project is to reduce the high levels of rural poverty in Maranhão. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for 30 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 80830. US$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services 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 65010-900 São Luís, MA, Brazil, Tel: (55-98) 232-3699, Fax: (55-98) 232-1567, Contact: Dr. Antonio Gualhardo Alvarez Frazeres, Director.

(R) Rural Poverty Reduction-Aлагou: The objective of the project is to alleviate rural poverty and its consequences in Alagou. 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 Finto, 348, 200 Andar Centro, CEP 70720-050 Macael, AL, Brazil, Tel: (55-62) 315-1377, Fax: (55-62) 315-1373, Contact: Dr. José Klengier, Director Presidente.

Rural Poverty Reduction-Minas Gerais: The objective of the project is to alleviate rural poverty and its consequences in Minas Gerais. Negotiations are not yet scheduled, pending government clearance. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 81436. US$ 96.0 (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, Sec. Coord. de Economia do Ceará, Ceará State Government, Avenida Coelho Mendes 111, 200 Andar Centro, CEP 60049-000 Fortaleza, CE, Brazil, Tel: (55-85) 229-4159, Fax: (55-85) 229-4759, Contact: Dr. Mauro Santos Ferreira, Secretário.

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$ 360.0 (IBRD). Consulting services 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, AAN0-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 Familia (Lm. 7234-BR): The objective of the program is 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. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for January 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) Trade Logistics: The objective of the project is to reduce logistics costs through support to the Federal Program for Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation. Project identification is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services are to be determined. Ministry of Transport.

State Highway Management III: 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, 255-1278/1025, E-mail: der@mg.gov.br, Contact: Julio César Diniz Oliveira, Project Coordinator.

Urban Development

(N) 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. Decision meeting is tentatively scheduled for 16 February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81436. US$ 96.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Companhia de Desenvolvimento Urbano do Estado da Bahia, Colina de 90 Lazar0 20340-720 Feberal, BA, Brazil, Tel: (55-98) 3290-4759, Fax: (55-98) 3290-4759, E-mail: omonteiro@seplan.mg.gov.br, Contact: Oziel Monteiro Rodrigues, Secretary of Planning.

(R) Sustainable Communities — Amapá (Lm. 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. Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 76924. US$ 4.9 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Agência de Desenvolvimento do Amapá (Amapá Development Agency), Rua Cândido Mendes 111, CEP 68800-050 Macapá,
AP, Brazil, Tel: (55-96) 212-1195, Fax: (55-96) 212-1196, E-mail: adapdpjl@hotmail.com, Contact: Ruziely Pontes, Project Coordinator

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 under way. Environmental Assessment Category A: PID: 82117. US$ 174.8 (IBRD).

Consulting services to be determined. 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: luz@ippuc.curitiba.pr.gov.br, Contact: Luiz Hayakawa, Project Coordinator

Municipal Lending Program I — 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) 8565-6327, E-mail: cesardebarros@recife.pe.gov.br, Contact: Cesar de Barros, Director

Municipal Lending Program I — 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: 89015. US$ 28.3 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Teresina, Praça Marshal de Deodoro, 860, Palacio da Cidade, 40 Andar, Centro, Teresina, PI, Brazil, Tel: (55-88) 215-7520, E-mail: rosanaabreu@e-mail.com, Contact: Rosana Abreu, Project Coordinator

Municipal Lending Program I - 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A: PID: 89012. US$ 31.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. 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

Municipal Lending Program I - 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category A: PID: 89011. US$ 17.7 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Uberaba, Av. Guilherme Ferreira, 1539, Cidade Jardim, CEP 38022-200 Uberaba, MG, Brazil, Tel: (55-34) 3312-7744, E-mail: prefeito@uberaba.mg.gov.br, Contact: Marcos Montes Cordeiro, Mayor

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: 87858. US$ 156.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Esplanada dos Ministerios, Bloco P, CEP 70071-400, Brasilia, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 412-2321, Fax: (55-61) 225-0443, Contact has not yet been identified

Water and Sanitation

(R) Espirito Santo Water and Coastal Pollution Management (Additional Loan) (Ln. 7248-BR): The objectives of the project are to: (a) connect additional users to trunk sewerage infrastructure constructed with the previous loan; (b) improve the water quality, service continuity and service pressure of water supply systems, particularly in the poorer neighborhoods of Grande Vitória and Guarapari; and (c) reach the institutional development objectives defined at appraisal for the state environment agency SEAMA and the state water company (CESAN). The loan was signed on 10 November 2004, Environmental Assessment Category B: PID: 87711. US$ 36.0 (IBRD). Project management consultants are being contracted. State Government of Espírito Santo - Secretaría de Estado de Planejamento, Orçamento e Gestão, Av. Goy. Bley, No 236, Ed. Fabio Ruschi, CEP 29010-150 Vitória, ES, Brazil, Tel: (55-27) 3381-3248, Fax: (55-27) 3381-3250, E-mail: guilherme.dias@seplog.es.gov.br, Contact: Guilherme Gomes Dias, Secretário

(R) 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 scheduled for March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B: PID: 66555. US$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for participatory planning, design, capacity building and works supervision for integrated sanitation interventions. Ministério das Cidades, Secretaria Nacional de Saneamento Ambiental, Esplanada dos Ministérios, Bloco A, 3o Andar, Sala 318, CEP 70054-900, Brasilia, DF, Brazil, Tel: (55-61) 411-4653, Fax: (55-61) 322-2024, Contact: Heitor Collett, Project Coordinator

Integrated Municipal - Betim (Ln. 7246-BR): The project will improve quality of life and support economic growth in Betim through strengthening of municipal development policies, financial management, capacity, rehabilitation and protection of the Betim river basin, and the expansion and improvement of basic services. Loan signing was tentatively scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A: PID: 82238. US$ 24.1 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Municipality of Betim, Municipal Secretariat, Rua Professor Osvaldo Franco, 55, 4th Andar, Centro, CEP 32510-50, Betim, MG, Brazil, Tel: (55-31) 3539-2430, Fax: (55-31) 3539-2436, E-mail: gabprefix@betim.mg.gov.br, Contact: Ciro Pedrosa, Project Coordinator

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. Examples of such interventions are wastewater collection and treatment, drainage, solid waste management, slum upgrading, protection of natural habitats and work on ecological parks. 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) 3257-3238, Contact: Dirceu Rioji Yamazaki, PMU Coordinator

Chile

Education

Higher Education Improvement: The project will enhance the effectiveness of the higher education system and facilitate coherence, responsiveness, equity, quality, and strong accountability for performance. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C: PID: 88498. US$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Programma MECE Educación Superior, Av. Bulnes 80, Depto. 46, Santiago, Chile, Tel: (56-2) 390-9674/5, Fax: (56-2) 688-9774, E-mail: rrielch@minuced.cl, Contact: Dr. Ricardo Reich, General 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 has been postponed to 5 July 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C: PID: 82412. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will not be required. Coordination General de Transporte de Santiago, Calle Nueva...
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 postponed to 5 July 2005, Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85588. US$ 6.3 (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: Aldo Signorelli Bonomo, Coordinator 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. Negotiations completed. Approved by the Executive Directors on 16 December 2004. 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) 635-3600, Fax: (56-2) 673-0010, E-mail: julio.ruiz@subdere.gov.cl, Contact: Julio Ruiz, Director

Colombia

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Sustainable Development Structural Adjustment I: The objective of the project is to produce critical policies and decrees to (a) promote a focus on results in the institutions responsible for environmental management; (b) improve inter-institutional coordination mechanisms and increase public participation in decision-making to promote greater transparency and accountability in governmental decision-making processes; (c) facilitate sustainable development; and (d) develop environmental tools to enable implementation of environmental management plans. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 81397. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. National Development Planning Agency, Calle 26 No 12-19, Ed. Fonade, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (571) 596-0390, Ext.5066/63, Contact: Santiago Montenegro Trujillo, Director

(R) Sustainable Development Technical Assistance: The objectives of the project are to (a) incorporate environmental and social considerations in the policies and programs of the sectors with a high cost of environmental degradation, namely water, housing, health and transport; and (b) strengthen the capacity of the Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development to improve effectiveness and efficiency of its National Environmental Management System. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82520. US$ 12.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Housing and Territorial Development, Calle 37 No 8-40, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (571) 533-3400, Contact: Sandra Sanchez Perez, Minister

Conservation of Biodiversity in Sierra Nevada: The project will support the conservation of important biodiversity and ecosystems in the framework of the sustainable development plan for the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta. Negotiations have not been scheduled. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 57035. US$ 9.0 (GEF). Consulting services to be determined. Fundación Pro-Sierra Nevada de San Marta, Calle 74, No 2-80, Bogota, Colombia, Tel: (571) 310-0871, Contact: Gonzalo Uribe, Executive Director

Public Sector Governance

(R) Programmatic Fiscal and Institutional Adjustment III: The objectives of the project are to (a) reduce fiscal rigidities in ways that make it more feasible to attain the substantial fiscal adjustment underlying sustainable macroeconomic stability; and (b) improve public sector services and establish the institutional basis for higher efficiency and accountability in public expenditure. Negotiations were scheduled for 13 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 84762. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Public Credit, Carrera 8 No 64-15, Bogotá, DC, Colombia, Tel: (571) 297-1310, Fax: (571) 286-1400, Contact: María Inés Agudelo, Vice Minister

Peace and Development (Ln. 7232-CO): The objective of the project is to reduce violence and poverty among vulnerable populations, including the internally displaced, and to recover state presence in those regions. Approved by the Executive Directors on 10 June 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 51306. US$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired. Red de Solidaridad Social, Calle 7 No 6-54, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 596-0803/0800, Fax: (57-1) 336-4618, E-mail: lhoyos@red.gov.co or lhoyos@presidencia.gov.co, Contact: Luis Alfonso Hoyos Arístizabal, Director General

Rural Development

Rural Diversification: The objective of this first phase of the APL is to improve competitiveness and access to factors of production such as land and finance by developing markets and institutions, as well as enhancing the knowledge and innovation system. The APL's broad purpose over the next decade is to reshape the rural sector from one of low productivity with agriculture relatively well-protected and "large farm" policies prevailing, to one that is more open and competitive. Decision meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82167. US$ 50.0 (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: minagricola@minagricultura.gov.co, Contact: Carlos Gustavo Cano, Minister

Urban Development

(R) Disaster Vulnerability Reduction: The project aims at reducing vulnerability to natural disasters, measured in terms of fiscal exposure of the state. Negotiations are scheduled for 17 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82429. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Ministerio de Ambiente, Vivienda y Desarrollo Territorial, Bogotá, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 352-3400 ext. 156, 476, Fax: (47-1) 352-3400 ext. 286, E-mail: ipzin@ambientevalento.gov.co, Contact: Leonardo Pinzón Enciso, Coordinador General, Grup de Planeación Financiera y Programas Banco Multilateral

Water and Sanitation

(R) Water and Sanitation Sector Support: 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. Negotiations were scheduled for mid-January 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 Inés Acevedo, Director, DAPPSA (Dirección de Agua Potable y Saneamiento Basico)

Costa Rica

Education

Equity and Efficiency of Education: 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. Negotiations are substantially completed, awaiting government clearance. 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

Transportation
Port City of Limón Integrated Infrastructure: The objective of the project is to transform the port city of Limón 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 February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 85529. US$ 45.0 (BRD). 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) 257-7798/258-9489 Ext. 2616, 2808, Fax: (506) 255-1487, Contact: Lorena Lopez, Vicedministra de Transporte

Water and Sanitation
Water and Sanitation Sector Modernization: The objectives of the project are to modernize the water and sanitation system nationwide and complete the construction of the sewage collection, conveyance and treatment system in metropolitan San José. Decision meeting was tentatively scheduled for January 2005. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category A. PID: 82974. US$ 810 (BRD). Consulting services to be determined. Instituto Costarricense de Agueductos y Alcantarillados, Ed. Sede de AyA Pávias, Módulo A, 1er Piso, San José, Costa Rica, Tel/Fax: (506) 242-5042. E-mail: lpicado@aya.go.cr, Contact: Ing. Luis Paulino Picado Blanco, Director de Financiamiento Externo

Dominican Republic
Energy and Mining
Power Sector Program: The objective of the fast disburstment adjustment project is to reform the power sector. Project processing has been placed on hold pending country discussions. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82712. US$ 150.0 (BRD). No consultants are required. Comisión Nacional de Energía, Gustavo Mejía Ricart Esq. Agustín Lara, Ed. de la CREP, 3er Piso, Santo Domingo, República Dominicana, Tel: (809) 547-3044, Fax: (809) 547-2073, E-mail: orppgr@codelnet.net.do, Contact: Ing. Ruben Montas, Executive Director

Law and Justice
(N) Justice Services for Economic and Social Development: The project will improve the management and delivery of justice services for vulnerable and poor people. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 20.0 (BRD). Consulting services to be determined. Supreme Court, Projusticia, Azonas N37-101 y UNP Edif. Corte Suprema de Justicia Piso 3, Quito, Ecuador, E-mail: glajkkh@uio.telconet.net, Contact: Dr. Gustavo Jalkh, Executive Director

Private Sector Development
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: 85872. US$ 20.0 (BRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Competitiveness, Industry, International Trade and Fisheries, Avenidas. Eloy Alfaro y Atahualpa MAG-MICIP, 1er Piso, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-2) 505-0732, Fax: (593-2) 507-549, Contact: Ivonne Baldi, Minister

Public Sector Governance
(R) Institutional Reform (Ln. 7237-EC): The objective of the project is to enhance public sector efficiency and transparency. Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for March 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 85302. US$ 30.0 (BRD). 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: (593-2) 226-9549, E-mail: dmancheno@mef.gov.ec, Contact: Diego Mancheno, Subsecretario de Política Económica

Programmatic II Fiscal Adjustment: The objectives of this 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. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for late January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 83556. US$ 100.0 (BRD). 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: (593-2) 226-9549, Contact: Roberto Irrutia, 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 sectoral and local government policies and (b) tackling key issues of ethnic development (community tourism, cultural assets, ethnobiological production and handicrafts) in new ways. Loan signing was scheduled for December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 77257. US$ 4.0 (BRD). Consultants will be required. Consejo de Desarrollo de las Nacionalidades y Pueblos del Ecuador (CODENPE), Bosmediano El 150 y Carlos Guerrero, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-2) 464-906, Fax: (593-2) 922-453, E-mail: proyecto@prodepine.org, Contact Marcelino Chumpli, Executive Secretary

Transportation
Rural Roads and Development: The objective of the project is to (a) furnish technical assistance for institutional strengthening, regulatory reform and increased private sector participation, and (b) implement a rural roads rehabilitation and maintenance program. Because of the upcoming country elections, negotiations were postponed to late January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 7077. US$ 30.0 (BRD). IDB cofinancing of US$ 30.0 has been approved. Consultants will be required. The project will include US$ 2.5 million for consulting services. Ministerio de Obras Públicas (MOP)/Unidad de Caminos Vecinales, Juan Leon Mera y Orellana esquina, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-2) 559-120/8268, 559-930, Fax: (593-2) 904-923, E-mail: c_vecinales@andinanet.net, Contact: Arq. Fabian Lupero, Director Ejecutivo

Urban Development
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 processing has been placed on hold. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83010. US$ 30.0 (BRD). Consultants have been identified and will be hired as soon as the borrower signs the PHRD grant received for project preparation. Ministerio de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano, Unidad Coordinadora del Proyecto PROMIB, 10 de Agosto 2270 y Cordova, Quito, Ecuador, Tel: (593-2) 259-8710/8716, Contact: Arq. Margarita Romo, Coordinadora Técnica

El Salvador
Economic Management
(N) Programmatic Broad-based Growth Development Policy Support: The objectives of the project are to: (a) reestablish economic growth; (b) attain macro stability and fiscal consolidation; and (c) modernize the public sector. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 100.0 (BRD). No consultants are required. Technical Secretariat of the Presidency, Almendra Manuel Enrique Araujo No 5500 (Frente al Canal 6), San Salvador, El Salvador, Tel: (503) 248-9250

Rural Development
(R) Land Administration I: The project will improve land tenure security and land transactions by enabling efficient, equitable and ac-
cessible land administration services, which will facilitate better land-related investments and more productive and environmentally sustainable land use. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for 20 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultant will be required for implementation. Centro Nacional de Registros (National Property Registry). 1, calle Poniente 43 Av. Norte No 2310, San Salvador, El Salvador, Centro America, Tel: (503) 266-7740, E-mail: gsafe@cnnr.gov.gv, Contact: Garrid Safie, Head of CNR

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 training 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 processing on hold due to the country situation. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Guatemala, Cinta Costera y 30 de Enero, San Salvador, El Salvador, Centro America, Tel: (503) 237-8040, E-mail: dpm@caribsurf.com, Contact: Mrs. Beryl Isaac, Director

Urban Development

(R) Hurricane Ivan Emergency Recovery (APL) (L. 7262-GRD, Cr. 4001-GRD): The project aims at financing the most critically important recovery and rehabilitation activities in key social sectors. Financing is provided on an emergency basis to avoid the usual time lag between the end of the relief period and reconstruction. Approved — following APL procedures — on 17 November 2004. The credit and grant were signed on 19 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 92692. US$ 5.0/5.0 (IBRD/IDA). Consultants will be required and have been hired. Ministry of Finance, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tel: (509) 299-1754, Fax: (509) 299-1732, Contact: Mr. André Lemercier Georges, Under Secretary of Finance

Guatemala

Education

(R) Structural Adjustment: (formerly under 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 under way. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency to be determined.

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Western Altiplano Natural Resources Management (L. 7175-GU): The objective of the project is to improve the management and conservation of natural resources, biodiversity and the incomes of the people who depend upon these resources, in the Western Altiplano. The loan has been withdrawn because the legal agreement was not signed within the required 18 months after approval by the Executive Directors. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64883, 68892. US$ 32.8/8.0 (IBRD/GEF). Consulting services will be required for implementation. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food, 7a Av. 12-90, Zona 13, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 362-4764, Fax: (502) 332-8302, E-mail: mgadisf@intehet.net, Contact: Alvaro Aguilar Prado, Minister

Guyana

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) 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 are tentatively scheduled for late January 2005. 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, Email: pryla_19@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Balgobin Parsaud, Acting Executive Director

Haiti

Public Sector Governance

(R) Economic Recovery Adjustment: The project will aim to: (a) encourage policy actions in support of the macroeconomic framework and IDA re-engagement in Haiti by ensuring the clearance of arrears to multilateral creditors and creating the conditions for clearance of remaining arrears to official creditors; (b) support reforms that will create the conditions for sound allocation and efficient use of public resources in critical social and economic sectors, and encourage private sector involvement in the management and provision of key social and economic services; and (c) encourage key sectoral reforms that would create the right environment for future Bank-supported investment lending. Appraisal and negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 6 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 65.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tel: (509) 299-1749, Fax: (509) 299-1732, Contact: Mr. André Lemercier Georges, Under Secretary of Finance

Urban Development

(R) Emergency Recovery and Disaster Management: The project will (a) build capacity in the Directorate of Civil Protection to better fulfill its role in disaster preparedness and response; (b) help communities to identify and reduce risks; and (c) assist in the rehabilitation of the areas affected by the flooding of May 2004. Negotiations completed. Board presentation was scheduled for 6 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 90198. US$ 12.0 (IDA). No consultants are required. Direction de la Protection Civile, Ministère de l'Intérieur, Palais de Ministres, 65 Rue de la Réunion, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tel: (509) 229-2357, Fax: (509) 222-4429/2284, E-mail: al-tajeanbapiste@yahoo.com, Contact: Mme. Marie Alta Jean-Baptiste, Directrice

Honduras

Finance

(N) Financial Sector Adjustment: 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. Appraisal was tentatively scheduled for 10 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category to be determined. US$ 25.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Comisión Nacional de Bancos y Seguros, Edificio Anexo Banco Central de Honduras entre 5ta y 6ta, Av. Comayaguela, M.D.C., AP 20074, Francisco Morazán, Honduras, Tel: (504) 238-0580, Fax: (504) 237-6232, Contact: Ana Cristina Pereira, President

Public Sector Governance

Judicial Branch Modernization: The objective of the project is to improve Judicial Branch performance, especially with respect to efficiency, transparency, and access. Appraisal was scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 81516. US$ 15.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Supreme Court, Blvd. Fuerzas Armadas, Cintia de Oficinas de Relaciones Exteriores, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 234-2530, Fax: (504) 233-8089, Contact: Kenneth Rolando Madrid Chinchilla, Director Ejecutivo, Unidad Técnica de Reforma

Social Protection

Nutrition and Social Protection: The project will strengthen the country's social safety net to improve effectively and efficiently 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. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for 11 April 2005. En-
I. Environment and Natural Resources Management

A. 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 43165. US$ 288.6 (IBRD). Consultants will be required in the areas of training, technical assistance and knowledge sharing. BANOBRA, Jaime Barros Sierra No. 515, Col. La Fe, Lomas de Santa Fe, Mexico DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5270-1552/1565/1617, Contact: Raul Escalante, Gerente de Productos de Desarrollo Técnico.

B. Public Sector Governance

1. State Judicial Modernization (Lo. 7250-ME): The project will aim at improving the institutional performance of the state courts by learning while doing. Loan signing is scheduled for 28 February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 74235. US$ 55.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required in the areas of training, technical assistance and knowledge sharing. BANOBRA, Jaime Barros Sierra No. 515, Col. La Fe, Lomas de Santa Fe, Mexico DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5270-1552/1565/1617, Contact: Raul Escalante, Gerente de Productos de Desarrollo Técnico.

II. Urban Development

A. Decentralized Infrastructure Development Program (Lo. 7320-ME): The objective of the project is to support infrastructure development at state and municipal levels anchored to comprehensive sector or sub-sector strategies fully owned by the respective state or local authorities. Loan signing is tentatively scheduled for late January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 80149. US$ 108.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. BANOBRA, Javier Barros Sierra No. 515, Col. Lomas de Sta. Fe, 01291 Mexico DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5270-1200, Contact: Lic. Veronica Baranda, Director of the Subdirection of Project Evaluation.

B. Housing and Urban Technical Assistance (Lo. 7261-ME): The objective of the project is to facilitate implementation of policy reforms in the Housing and Urban Adjustment Loan. Approved by the Executive Directors on 9 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 80606. US$ 7.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Secretaria de Hacienda y Credito Publico (SHCP), Palacio Nacional, 2do Piso, Mexico City Centro 06000, Mexico, DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 9158-1444/1445, Fax: (52-55) 9158-1490, Email: ricohoa@shcp.gob.mx, Contact: Ricardo Ochoa, Director General Adjunto.

C. Water and Sanitation Technical Assistance (Lo. 7285-ME): The project will support the implementation of reforms mandated by the new National Water Law as well as providing targeted assistance to water utilities for the development of replicable and sustainable models for service provision. Appraisal is scheduled for 28 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Comision Nacional de Agua, Av. Insurgentes Sur 2416,
Nicaragua

Health, Nutrition and Population

Health Services Extension and Modernization (2nd APL): The Health Sector Modernization Program (HSMP), 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. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 78991. US$ 11.0 (IDA). Consultants may be required. Ministry of Finance, Vice Minister's Office, Edificio Ybaga, Piso 12, Av. Presidente Franco con Nuestra Sra. de la Asunció, Asunció, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 490-391, Fax: (595-21) 441-474, Contact: Lic. Jose Buttner, Vice Ministro

Health, Nutrition and Population

Second Health: The project aims at increasing access to and utilization of basic health services and public health interventions by the poor. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82056. US$ 9.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, PetterRossi y Brasil, Asunció, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 206-885, E-mail: murilm@teleurint.com.py, Contact: Dr. Julio Cesar Velazquez, Minister

Public Sector Governance

Rural Telecom: The project will aim to improve access to and use of telecommunications services in rural areas for rural communities, governments and businesses; (b) continue to strengthen TELCOR (Instituto Nicaragüense de Telecomunicaciones y Correos) to ensure a successful transition from monopoly to a competitive market that will increase access to better and more affordable services; and (c) to reform the postal sector. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: US$ 7.0 (IDA). Consulting services to be determined. Instituto Nicaragüense de Telecomunicaciones y Correos, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 222-7350, E-mail: hjalmari@telcor.gob.ni, Contact: Ing. Hjalmar Ruiz, Director de Desarrollo

Panama

Rural Development

Second Rural Poverty and Natural Resources: The project at reducing rural poverty and improving natural resource conservation and management by increasing investment for sustainable development and improving local governance in poor rural areas. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 64918. US$ 37.5 (IBRD). Consultants may be required. 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: ndelgado@mnygt.gob.pa, Contact: Norberto R. Delgado, Minister; Ministry of Agriculture, Apartado 5390, Zona 5, Panama, Republic of Panama, Tel: (507) 232-5648, Fax: (507) 232-5044, E-mail: ministro1@psl.net.pa, Contact: Licenciada Lynnette Maria Stanziola, Minister

Paraguay

Finance

Financial Sector Adjustment: The project is aimed at strengthening the banking regulatory framework including: (a) modernized exit mechanisms for banks and use of market merger and asset/deposit transfer mechanisms facilitated by a deposit insurance fund, and (b) consolidation of the state owned financial institutions into a small rural oriented first tier bank and a second tier development fund. Board presentation is not yet scheduled. Environmental Assessment Category U. PID: 39994. US$ 6.5 (IBRD). Consultants 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 Asunció, Asunció, Paraguay, Tel: (595-21) 490-391, Fax: (595-21) 441-474, Contact: Lic. Jose Buttner, Vice Ministro de Hacienda

Financial Sector Technical Assistance: 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 Paraguay's financial infrastructure. Board presentation is not yet scheduled. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 82056. US$ 11.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Ed. Ybaga, Piso 12, Av. Presidente Franco con Nuestra Sra. de

Peru

Energy and Mining

Rural Electrification: The project will develop and demonstrate a framework for public-private electricity service in rural areas that would attract investment from the private sector as well as national, regional and local governments. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 90116. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Mines, Lima, Peru, Tel: (511) 474-0656, Contact: Sr. Jose Slava Arnao, Director Ejecutivo de Proyectos

Private Sector Development

Programmatic Reform Growth II (Lm. 7267-PE): The program will support decentralization of functions and resource transfer for the newly created regional government with the objective of im-
proving competitiveness in a decentralized environment. Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 December 2004, Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89894. US$ 100.00 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Vice Ministry of Economics and Finance, Lima, Perú, Tel: (511) 428-1890, Fax: (511) 426-5313, Contact: Sr. Fernando Zavala, Vice Minister.

Public Sector Governance

(N) Urban Property Rights II: 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 will be prevented. Appraisal mission is scheduled for February 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, Perú, Tel: (511) 421-4744, Fax: (511) 421-9814, E-mail: cnf@cofopri.gob.pe, Contact: Dr. Carolina Rouillon Gallesse, National Formalization Coordinator.

(R) Institutional Capacity for Sustainable Fiscal Decentralization Technical Assistance (Lm. 7255-PF): The project aims at providing technical assistance to strengthen fiscal and institutional reforms for decentralization supported by the Decentralization and Competitiveness project. The loan was signed on 16 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88896. US$ 8.8 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Junín 319, Lima, Perú, Tel: (511) 427-7063, Fax: (511) 428-1825, Contact: María del Carmen Rivera, Chief, Coordinating Unit for Sectoral Loans.

(R) Justice Services Improvement (Lm. 7219-PF): This technical assistance project will set the basis for an effective and sustainable justice sector reform process through a series of activities aimed at strengthening sector institutions and enhancing access to justice for the poor. The loan was signed on 30 November 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 73488. US$ 12.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for human resource strengthening, organizational performance improvement, enhanced access to justice and overall project management. Office of the General Manager of the Judiciary, Paseo de la República Cuadra 2 s/n, Lima 1, Lima, Perú, Tel: (511) 429-2940, Fax: (511) 426 5768, Contact: Roberto Keil, General Manager.

Rural Development

Agricultural Research and Extension APL Phase II: The project will build on lessons learned in Phase I. It will 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. Negotiations are tentatively scheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82588. US$ 34.5 (IBRD). Consultants have been hired for project preparation. Ministry of Agriculture/Occidente y Competitividad del Agro Perúano, Av. Pablo Carriquiry 660 San Isidro, Lima 27 Perú, Tel: (511) 221-2614, Fax: (511) 221-1725, E-mail: incagro@incagro.gob.pe, Contact: Víctor Palma, Executive Director.

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 (between rural dwellers for production efficiency and with markets for increased revenues); and (c) strengthen institutions (regional, municipal, communal), to make them better providers of local services (health, education, professional training, linkages to alliances). Decision meeting was tentatively scheduled for 16 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 79165. US$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Presidencia de Consejo de Ministros, Av. Miraflores 878, Miraflores, Lima, Perú, Tel: (511) 441-9800 Ext. 114/149, Contact: Mr. Rodelino Vega Carrazoso, Secretario Técnico de la comisión Interministerial de Asuntos Sociales.

Social Protection

(R) Accountability for Decentralization in the Social Sectors (Lm. 7254-PF): The objective of the project is to strengthen results-oriented and participatory planning, monitoring and evaluation, with emphasis on decentralized social programs of the Ministry of Women and Development Affairs. The loan was signed on 16 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 78653. US$ 7.8 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Unidad de Coordinación de Prestamos Sectoriales, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Junín 319, Lima, Perú, Tel: (511) 427-7069, Fax: (511) 428-1623, Contact: María del Carmen Rivera, Chief, Coordinating Unit for Sectoral Loans.

(R) Programmatic Social Reform IV (Lm. 7266-PF): This fourth and final stage of a four-year program aims at increasing access, transparency, and efficiency in human development sectors, notably health, education and social services Approved by the Executive Directors on 7 December 2004. The loan was signed on 16 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 89882. US$ 100.00 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Jr. Junín 319, Lima, Perú, Tel: (511) 427-7069, Fax: (511) 428-1623, Contact: Ms. María del Carmen Rivera, Chief of Coordination Unit for Sectoral Loans.

Transportation

Regional Transport Decentralization: The project aims at supporting the decentralization process at the regional level, through the design and implementation of a decentralized framework for regional transport interventions. Ultimately, the project is expected to improve the prioritization, efficiency and effectiveness of regional transport interventions and, hence, their contribution to local development and poverty reduction. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 83351. US$ 4.0 (IBRD). No consultants are 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 Ma- teus, Coordinador.

Urban Development


Regional

Environment and Natural Resources Management

(R) Central America Integrated Ecosystem Management Indigenous Communities: The objective of the project is to achieve more effective biodiversity conservation by strengthening the capacity of indigenous communities to protect and manage their natural and cultural resources, and by recuperating and promoting their cultural values and sustainable traditional land use practices, thereby helping to (a) prevent further land degradation that threatens environmental services, livelihoods, and economic well-being; and (b) conserve the region's high, though increasingly threatened biodiversity resources. Approved by the Executive Directors on 16 December 2004. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 75219. US$ 4.0 (GEF). Consultants will be required. Central America Indigenous and Peasant Coordination Association Community AgroForestry, Apartado Postal 2089-1002, San José, Costa Rica, Tel: (506) 240-6274, Fax: (506) 241-1916, E-mail: oficinaregional@acicafoc.org, Contact: Alberto Chinchilla, Regional Facilitator.

Health, Nutrition and Population

Central America AIDS: The objectives of the project are to improve access to high-quality diagnosis for HIV/AIDS, other sexually-transmitted diseases and opportunistic infections and help build a regional surveillance system for these health problems. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category B. PID: 82243. US$ 8.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required. Sistema de la Integración Centro Americana (SICA), Blvd. Orden de Malta No 470, Urbanización Santa
Information and Communication
(R) OECS: ICT Development: 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. Appraisal was scheduled for 10 January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. PID: 88448. US$ 4.6/3.4 (IBRD/IDA). Consulting services to be determined. OECS Secretariat, Morne Fortune, PO Box 1383, Castries, St. Lucia, Tel: (758) 4556208, Fax: (758) 4522194, Email: bbest@oecs.org, Contact: Beverly Best, Project Officer

St. Lucia
Public Sector Governance
Public Sector Modernization: The project will: (1) develop model legislation in the area of public service for the OECS; (2) improve the quality of financial management, particularly in the areas of internal and external audit and legislative scrutiny; (3) enhance accountability through a variety of mechanisms ranging from more proactive use of information technology; and (4) streamline business application procedures and create a more favorable climate for private sector investment, including the rationalization of procurement harmonization. Project preparation is under way. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 5.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, International Financial Services and Economic Affairs, Old Government Bldg., Laborie St., Castries, St. Lucia, Tel: (758)468-3911, Fax: (758) 451-9706, E-mail: llewis@stlucia.org, Contact: Louis E.A. Lewis, Director of Economic Affairs

Uruguay
Health, Nutrition and Population
Second Health Sector Development: The objectives of the project are to: (a) increase access to and quality of the primary health care net-work 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
Integrated Natural Resources and Biodiversity Management: The objective of the project is to promote adoption of an integrated production system in agricultural and livestock landscapes to increase productivity within a context of holistic ecosystems and natural resources management while conserving soils, 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. The project will promote multiple-land use practices for biodiversity conservation outside protected areas. Negotiations were tentatively scheduled for January 2005. Environmental Assessment Category B. PDs: 70653, 77676. US$ 30.0/7.0 (IBRD/GEF). No consultants are required. Ministerio de Ganadería, Agricultura y Pesca, Cerrito 316, Piso 1, Montevideo, Uruguay, Tel: (598-2) 915-0049, Contact: Diego Paysee, Project Coordinator

Transportation
(N) Transport Infrastructure Maintenance and Rural Access: The objective of the project is to maintain the basic road network in a condition that will facilitate the movement of freight and passengers at a cost-efficient level of service. Appraisal is tentatively scheduled for February 2005. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 59.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport and Civil Works, Rincón 551-6to Piso - Of. 611, CP 11000, Montevideo, Uruguay, Tel/Fax: (598-2) 915-62-64/915-15-42, E-mail: mttopdev@adinet.com.uy, Contact: Cra. Isabel Martinez Destouet, Directora
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

Regional

Energy and Mining

(R) West African Gas Pipeline: (Private Sector) The project comprises 3 main components: a) the commissioning of a gas pipeline from Nigeria to Ghana; b) the development of non-power gas markets in Ghana, Benin, and Togo and the financing of other technical assistance needs; and c) support to the newly created WAGP Authority. The pipeline would transport natural gas from Nigeria to the neighboring countries of Ghana, Togo, and Benin initially for power generation, but eventually for other commercial and industrial uses. An IDA partial risk guarantee up to US$80 million to protect commercial parties against sovereign risks is currently being considered in support to the project. Estimated total project cost US$590.0. Approved by the Executive Directors on 3 March 2004.

Senegal

Energy and Mining

Electricity Efficiency Enhancement: (Public Sector) The objective of the project is to improve efficiency in the power sector and meet increasing demand for electricity. Appraisal completed. Environmental Assessment Category B. PIP: 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: cpse@telecomplus.sn. Contact: M. Amadou Diagne, Directeur de Cabinet, Ministère de l’Energie et des Mines.

Uganda

Energy and Mining

Electricity Distribution Company Limited Privatization: (Private Sector) The project aims at: (a) privatizing industrial and commercial entities; (b) providing institutional support for a parastatal monitoring unit to oversee the financial performance of parastatals in the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MFPED); (c) implementing sector reforms in telecommunications, electricity, railways and water and sewage sectors; and (d) developing a project coordinating unit in the MFPED. A liquidity facility would be established by a letter of credit to be issued by a Ugandan bank for the benefit of the selected private concessionaire. Undisbursed proceeds from the existing Privatization and Utility Sector Reform project of up to US$5.5 would be made available to backstop the guarantee in the event of any pre-specified cause of default. Board presentation is scheduled for December 2005.

East Asia and Pacific Region

Lao People’s Democratic Republic

Energy and Mining

Nam Theum Power: (Private Sector) The project would construct and operate a 1,086 MW hydropower facility primarily to export power to Thailand. An IDA partial risk guarantee is being considered for the project. Estimated total project cost: US$1,280.0. The Concession Agreement and Shareholder Agreement have been signed. The Power Purchase Agreement is expected to be signed shortly. Board presentation is scheduled for 3 March 2005.

Europe and Central Asia Region

Romania

Energy and Mining

Banat and Dobrogea Electricity Distribution Privatization: (Private Sector) The World Bank will provide a partial risk guarantee of about US$60.0 in support of the country’s energy privatization program by enabling the government and the private investor to reach an agreement for Banat and Dobrogea and implement privatization and a new regulatory framework for electricity distribution. The PRG is intended to provide a guarantee of recovery of loss of revenue caused by a change or repeal by the government's regulatory authority or its non-compliance with the provisions of an agreed regulatory framework. Estimated total project cost US$300.0. Board presentation is scheduled for December 2005.
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