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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.

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Information and Communication  
Law and Justice  
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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 time the operation is identified to the signing of the Loan, Credit, or Grant Agreement. It is a detailed accounting of the projects included in the country lending programs that are actively being prepared for implementation. The lending programs reflect the Bank’s strategy for each member country as set out in the Country Assistance Strategy (CAS) papers and notes presented to the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank. On average, it takes about 13 months for the Bank to process a project from concept document to approval. After a financing agreement is signed or a project removed from the program, the project entry is dropped from this Summary.

Each issue of the Summary contains a list of projects being reported for the first time and 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 shows what point in the cycle a particular project has reached.

Project Cycle

During IDENTIFICATION, the client government and the Bank identify a specific operation as being likely to support the country’s development strategy and the Bank’s CAS.

During PREPARATION, the client government identifies and discusses the technical and institutional alternatives for achieving the objectives of a project. 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.

During APPRAISAL, the Bank conducts a comprehensive review of all aspects of the project (technical, institutional, economic, and financial), laying 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 NEGOTIATIONS, 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 after the project financing agreement is signed. Countries, through their implementing agencies, have full responsibility for executing of World Bank-financed projects, including hiring consultants and procuring goods and works. Contractors and suppliers, therefore, should contact appropriate officials of the implementing agency to express their interest in specific projects and obtain information on what goods and services will be needed and when and how to submit bids and proposals.

During implementation, consultants are often used to provide technical assistance and other project implementation support. Unlike contracts for goods and works, those for consulting services are not usually advertised. Therefore, consultants in particular should contact the responsible implementing agency early in the project preparation period to express their interest. Contracts for consulting services, as well as some for goods and works, may also be procured prior to loan/credit/grant approval. This is known as advance contracting.

The information contained in The World Bank Monthly Operational Summary is intended to enable companies to assess their interest in supplying Bank-financed projects. Further information should be requested from the country’s project implementing agency. The likelihood of a timely response is greater if the queries are brief and to the point. When possible, travel to the country and direct contact with relevant agency officials is recommended.

Firms should contact the World Bank only if they are unable to obtain a response to their queries from the implementing agency. General information about business opportunities under Bank loans, credits, and grants may be obtained from the World Bank’s Procurement Policy and Services Group’s website at http://www.worldbank.org/procure (click on bidding and consulting opportunities).

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

Environmental Categories

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

Category A: The project may have adverse and significant environmental impacts. Full environmental assessment is normally required.

Category B: The project may have specific environmental issues. Partial environmental assessment is normally required.

Category C: Likely to have minimal or no adverse environmental impacts. Beyond screening, no further EA action is required.

Category FI: Involves investment of Bank funds through a financial intermediary, in subprojects that have adverse environmental impacts. An environmental framework may be required.

Category U: No category given.
A typical summary entry looks like this:

**Viet Nam**

(R) Payment Systems and Bank Modernization:
The project will establish a computerized payments system in order to improve efficiency and modernize the banking sector. Technical assistance to strengthen the institutional capacity of participating commercial banks will also be provided. *Preappraisal mission completed.*

Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P123456.

US$ 50.0 (IDA). Consultants will be required for project management and commercial bank institutional studies.

Project Management Unit, Payment System and Bank Modernization Project, State Bank of Viet Nam, 49 Ly Thai To, Viet Nam, Fax: (84-4) 258-385, Contact Mr. Nguyen Van Binh

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**GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY**

In addition to projects financed by the World Bank, the World Bank Monthly Operational Summary reports on projects financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The GEF provides grants and concessional funding to recipient countries for projects and programs that protect the global environment and promote sustainable economic growth.

The facility, set up as a pilot program in 1991, was restructured and replenished with over US$ 2 billion in 1994, and replenished with another US$ 4 billion in 1998, to cover the agreed incremental costs of activities that benefit the global environment in four focal areas: climate change, biodiversity, international waters, and stratospheric ozone. Activities concerning land degradation, primarily desertification and deforestation, as they relate to the four focal areas, are also eligible for funding. Both the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity have designated the GEF as their funding mechanism on an interim basis.

GEF projects and programs are managed through three implementing agencies: the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP), and the World Bank. The GEF Secretariat, which is functionally independent from the three implementing agencies, reports to and services the Council and Assembly of the GEF.

The GEF is striving for universal participation, and currently 168 countries are participants. Countries may be eligible for GEF funds if (a) they are eligible for financial assistance through the financial mechanism of either the Climate Change Convention or the Convention on Biological Diversity; or (b) 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 nongovernmental organizations in project implementation.

For additional information on the GEF, contact the GEF secretariat or visit its website: www.gefweb.org

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Education

(R) Quality of Education: The objective is to support the Government to pilot and develop interventions for quality improvement in early grades of primary education. Negotiations completed on 9 January 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 16 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P122700. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Street 23 de Gika Central Building, 1 Floor Largo, Luanda, Angola, Tel: (224-222) 322-466, Fax: (224-222) 322-651, E-mail: narcisobenedito@gmail.com, Contact: Narciso Benedito, Vice-Minister of Education.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection


Benin

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Forest and Adjacent Land Management Additional Financing: The objective, same as the parent project, is to assist with the integration of ecosystem management system of its forests and adjacent lands. Pre-appraisal scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.6 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Forest and Adjacent Land Management Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) continue to address major issues related to land degradation, including food security, climate change mitigation and adaptation; and (b) support sustainable development in 12 countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Ghana, Ethiopia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sudan, and Togo. Decision Meeting completed on 5 December 2012. Appraisal scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 2.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Global Partnership for Education Program: The objectives are to: (a) improve access and equity to basic education in deprived districts; and (b) improve the quality of classrooms instruction at the basic education level, with particular emphasis on deprived districts. Appraisal scheduled for 15 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 42.3 (EFAF). Consultants will be required for appraisal mission. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Youth Employment: The objectives are to improve access for youth employment and self-employment. Identification completed on 31 December 2012. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 1 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 35.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Botswana

Industry and Trade

(N) Economic Diversification Operation: The objective is to increase export diversification measured by the share of non-diagonal merchandise exports in total exports, by providing comprehensive support to SMEs in exporting sectors. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 5 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Burkina Faso

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Forest Investment Program (FIP) Decentralized Sustainable Forest Management: The objectives are to: (a) reduce deforestation and forest degradation; and (b) increase carbon sequestration capacity by reducing pressure on forest ecosystems through improved governance, green socio-economic local development and sustainable management of forest and woodland resources. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 18.0/8.0 (CSCF/ECEU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Sustainable Land and Forestry Management Project: The objective, same as the parent project, is to establish a sustainable basis for decentralized rural development through: (a) further institutional development and capacity building; (b) implementation of rural land tenure reforms; and (c) social, economic and environmental investments at the commune level. Bank Approval completed on 20 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 7.4 (GEFU). No consultants are required. Ministry of Agriculture, Hydraulics, and Halieutic Resources, PO Box 7029, Ouagadougou 01, Burkina Faso Tel/Fax: (226) 503-3508, E-mail: dpve@agriculture.gov.bf, Contact: Seyfu Ketema, Executive Director.

Third Phase Community-Based Rural Development: The objectives of the third phase of the APL Program are to: (a) reinforce local development management by rural communes; and (b) ensure sustainability of investment and knowledge built through previous phases. Bank Approval completed on 20 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129688. US$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Conseil de l’Alimentation et de la Nutrition, Cotonou, Benin, Tel: (229) 9705-5040, E-mail: tossa_jean@yahoo.fr.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Eighth Poverty Reduction Support Credit: The objective is to support the Government to increase economic growth and poverty reduction through the implementation of its third PRSP, the SCRP 2011-2015. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, BP 302, Cotonou, Benin, Tel: (229) 301-247, Fax: (229) 301-851, E-mail: sg@finance.gov.bj, Contact: Mohamed Gado, Director.

Ninth Poverty Reduction Support Credit: The objective is to accelerate real economic growth and reduce the incidence of poverty in Benin by supporting Benin’s Third Growth Strategy for Poverty Reduction (SCRP 2011-2015). Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 9 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economy, BP 302, Cotonou, Benin, Tel: (229) 2130-0217, Fax: (229) 2130-5096, E-mail: gadsoon@hotmail.com.

Transportation

Cities Support Program: The objective is to increase access to basic socio-economic services and short-term employment opportunities in targeted areas. Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122950. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
Education

(R) Youth Employment and Skills Development: The objective is to improve youth employment and skills development in line with the Government’s employment strategy document. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) train students in areas of rural (water, energy, infrastructures and environment); (b) increase the capacity 2IE campuses in Kamboinsé and Ouagadougou; (c) improve the quality of training and research programs; and (c) improve the institute’s management and communication capacity. Bank Approval completed on 18 October 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131061. US$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Fondation 2IE - International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering, Rue de la Science, 01 BP 594, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, Tel: (226-50) 492-800, Fax: (226-50) 492-801, E-mail: paul.ginies@zie-edu.org, Contact: Seyfu Ketema, Executive Director.

Energy and Mining

Electricity Access and Energy Supply: The objectives are to: (a) improve the availability and reliability of electricity supply; (b) increase access; and (c) achieve rational use of energy. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Ouagadougou, Tel: (226) 305 419, Fax: (226) 305 419.

Health and Other Social Services

Health Sector Development Support Additional Financing: The objective is to improve and strengthen the outcomes of the national health system and services. Bank Approval completed on 23 October 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131919. US$ 25.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Health and Fight Against AIDS Republic of Burundi, Bujumbura, Burundi, Tel: (257-2) 225-6033, E-mail: birintanya@yahoo.fr, Contact: Seyfu Ketema, Executive Director.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Sixth Economic Reform Support Grant: The objectives are to: (a) promote greater efficiency and transparency in public finance management; (b) improve conditions for private investment and restructure the export and service sectors to promote greater private participation and market access; and (c) improve social protection of vulnerable households to shocks. Bank Approval completed on 23 October 2012. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 25.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 1830, Bujumbura, Burundi, Tel: (257-2) 225-167, Fax: (257-2) 229-166, E-mail: reforme_mpdi@yahoo.fr, Contact: Ing. Rodrigo Diez de Sollano, General Director.

Cameroun

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Agriculture Investment and Markets Development Support Project: The objective is to increase agricultural investment and market access for rural entrepreneurs. Identification scheduled for 10 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MINADER), Cameroon, Tel: (237) 2223-1190.

Education

Quality for Improved Learning Project: The objective is to finance equity in access to quality basic education. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 53.3 (EFAF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Social Safety Nets: The objective is to strengthen the social safety net system in Cameroon by setting up a permanent system that is financially sustainable and can be scaled up during crises, such as the current food crisis. Appraisal completed on 28 December 2012. Negotiations scheduled for 4 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128534. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Competitive Value Chains Additional Financing: The objective is to contribute to the growth of wood and tourism value chains in Cameroon by improving their competitiveness and the investment climate. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 January
2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Planning (MINEPAT), Rue des Finances, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 997-2378.

**Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection**

(N) Flood Emergency Project: The objective is to assist with the recovery of Cameroon’s Northern area that has experienced consecutive years of natural disasters, droughts and floods through: (a) institutional capacity building; (b) disaster risk management; (c) rehabilitation of the hydraulic infrastructures; and (d) regional water resources management. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Cape Verde**

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

(R) Fourth DPL Eighth Poverty Reduction Support Credit (PRSC): The objective is to support the implementation of the Government’s Third Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy (GPRSP III) for the period 2011-15. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Praia, Cape Verde, Tel: (298) 261-7611, Fax: (298) 261-5844, E-mail: sandro-debrito@gov1.gov.cv, Contact: Sandro de Brito, National Director of Planning.

**Transportation**

Transport Sector: The objective is to support the improvements in inter-island transportation by: (a) reforming the national airline (TACV) and strengthening of the aviation sector regulator; and (b) improving water transport sector, including capacity building for the water sector regulator. Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126516. US$ 19.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. RSP, Road Sector Support Project, RSSP, Road Sector Support Project, PO Box 900, Praia, Cape Verde, Tel: (298) 261-4820, Fax: (298) 261-3054, E-mail: rssp@cvtelecom.cv, Contact: Lucio Spencer Lopes dos Santos, National Coordinator.

**Central African Republic**

**Education**

Education Sector Development Project II: The objectives are to: (a) support expansion of equitable access to primary education; and (b) improve the teaching and learning environment. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133580. US$ 4.0/19.2 (IDA Grant/EFAF), Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Energy and Mining**

(R) CAR Rehabilitation and Reinforcement of the Electricity Sector: The objectives are to: (a) increase efficiency and quality of electricity services in the power sector; and (b) support ENERCA’s improvements in governance and operational performances. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 17.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

(R) Economic Management and Governance Reform Grant: The objective is to support the Government to implement a reform program that will: (a) improve transparency and efficiency in the management of public resources; and (b) enhance private sector development. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 20 December 2012. Decision Meeting scheduled for 8 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 8.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Chad**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

Agriculture Production Support-GEF: The objective is to support rural communities and producer organizations in increasing production of selected food crops and livestock species in targeted zones while increasing the use of sustainable land and water management practices in climate vulnerable ecosystems. Bank Approval completed on 17 May 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131019. US$ 4.6/4.6 (GEUF/LDC). Consultants will be required Contact: Dr. Shreeranjan, Joint Secretary.

**Education**

(N) Chad Learning for All: The objectives are to: (a) improve the pupil-to-permanent classroom ratio in targeted basic schools; and (b) increase allocated and engaged learning time in targeted primary and secondary schools. Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132617. US$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Industry and Trade**

(R) Private Sector and Value Chain Support: The objectives are to: (a) improve the business environment; and (b) support the private sector, especially SMEs, in selected value chains. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Comoros**

**Energy and Mining**

(R) Energy Sector Recovery FY13: The objective is to support the recovery and reform of the Comoros energy sector through (a) technical assistance, (b) emergency investments, and (c) fuel procurement, in order to restore provision of electricity in the country in a financially sustainable and reliable manner. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 18 December 2012. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Health and Other Social Services**

(R) Emergency Response Project Additional Financing: The objective is to support the Government prepare an Emergency Global Crisis Response Project as an emergency operation to: (a) support the population that have been affected by the recent floods in the country; and (b) rehabilitate and deliver basic social services in affected communities. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 7 December 2012. Appraisal scheduled for 18 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 3.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

(N) Economic Governance Technical Assistance Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) stabilize the economy and establish strong and equitable growth; (b) strengthen key sectors; (c) strengthen governance and social cohesion; (d) improve the general public health status; (e) promote education and vocational training while developing human capital; and (f) promote environmental sustainability and civilian security. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 1.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Second Development Policy Grant (Cr. H8210-KM):** The objective is to support the strategic policy reforms in the areas of public financial management and administrative reform. Erratum: The grant was signed on 10 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P129041. US$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Budget and Planning, BP 324, Moroni, Comoros, Tel: (269) 744-144, Fax: (269) 741-140, E-mail: zainabaomar@yahoo.fr, Contact: Seyfu Ketema, Executive Director.

**Democratic Republic of Congo**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

(R) Regional Growth Poles: The objective is to increase competitiveness of two regional economic growth poles in the Congo.
Basin/Great Lakes epicentered in DRC, by providing: (a) access to markets, (b) finance, (c) infrastructure, and (d) expertise to selected industry value chains. Decision Meeting scheduled for 23 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 110.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Forest Investment Program: The objectives are to: (a) reduce GHG emissions from deforestation and forest degradation; and (b) enhance forest carbon stocks in DRC. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128887. US$ 36.9 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. MECNT Unite de Coordination du Projet FCN, Enciente Kotex, A cote du MONUC, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-8) 1504-6070, E-mail: martinlukaya@yahoo.fr.

Education

Basic Education Program: The objective is to support the implementation of the MEPSF interim education plan by: (a) improving universal access to primary education; (b) enhancing the quality of primary education; (c) laying a basic foundation to foster the strengthening of the system management; and (d) introducing efficient practices in management of the system. Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (EFAF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

Emergency Social Action Additional Financing II: The objective is to improve access to social services for the poor and enhance management of development resources at the community level. Bank Approval completed on 28 June 2011. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126689. US$ 6.8 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Fonds Social de la RDC, Avenue Lukusa (immeuble Ex-CEI), Gombe, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243) 9816-2875, E-mail: fondsocialrdc@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Siddique Memon

Polio Control Additional Financing: The objective is to support the Government to control the recurrence of poliomyelitis and other vaccine preventable disease outbreaks in DRC through: (a) the vaccination campaign to interrupt transmission; (b) strengthening of the national program of immunization; and (c) improvements in vaccine storage (cold chain). Bank Approval completed on 28 June 2011. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, La Gombe, Democratic Republic of Congo, Contact: Humayun Kabir, Secretary.

Primary Health Care Additional Financing: The objective, same as the parent project, is to continue supporting the delivery of a package of essential health services in the HSRP health zones. Bank Approval completed on 17 July 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126088. US$ 75.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Health, Boulevard du 30 Juin, BP 3088, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243) 990-4294, E-mail: btcrdc@iccd, Contact: Dr. Miaka Mia Bilenge Constantine, Project Director.

Social Action Fund: Labor Intensive Public Works Additional Financing: The objective is to improve access to social services for the poor and enhance management of development resources at the community level. Bank Approval completed on 30 March 2010. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P118658. US$ 35.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Fonds Social de la RDC, Avenue Lukusa (immeuble Ex-CEI), Gombe, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243) 9816-2875, E-mail: fondsocialrdc@yahoo.fr, Contact: Adetokunbo Abiru, Finance Commissioner.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Catalytic Project to Strengthen the Institut National de la Statistique: The objective is to strengthen the capacity of INS to generate and disseminate statistical information. This will support the planned National Statistical Development Strategy, which will provide quality data for DRC’s PRSP, MDG, and sector strategy monitoring. Bank Approval scheduled for 30 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125509. US$ 11.8 (SRTF). Consultants will be required for (a) technical workshops; (b) population and housing census; and (c) various training tasks. Institut National de la Statistique (INS), Batiment de la Fonction publique, Aile droite, rez de chausse, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Establishment of a Conservation Trust Fund: The objective is to support the establishment and capitalization of a Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) that improves the sustainability of DRC’s national protected area system. Bank Approval completed on 28 June 2011. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127437. US$ 6.5/11.3/20.0 (BELG/GEFU/KFW). Consulting services to be determined. ICCN Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-81) 504-8757, E-mail: gmuamba@yahoo.fr.

Public Service Rejuvenation: The objective is to support the Government’s civil service reform initiative by providing retirement indemnities to civil servants over the legal retirement age/length of service; and (b) supporting relevant reform and rehabilitation plans for Ministries of Environment, Agriculture, Rural Development, Budget and Finance. Decision Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P122229. US$ 80.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Public Service, Democratic Republic of Congo; Ministry of Budget, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Second Governance: The objectives, same as the parent project, are to: (a) scale-up successful activities; (b) finance new PFM and PSM activities; and (c) offset price increases for IT and cost increases for implementation activities in conflict areas. Bank Approval scheduled for 25 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P12615. US$ 67.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Interior, Boulevard Colonel Tshatshi, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-99) 290-5743, E-mail: prcgrdc@gmail.com, Contact: Popaul Kizungu Chihiza, Project Coordinator.

Urban Development FY13: The objectives are to: (a) support institutional performance of targeted cities; and (b) increase access to basic infrastructure, services for the inhabitants of targeted cities. Decision Meeting scheduled for 24 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123715. US$ 100.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Multi-Modal Transportation Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve transport connectivity in DRC to support national economic integration; (b) restore Societe Nationale des Chemins de Fer du Congo’s financial and operational viability; and (c) implement a sector wide governance plan and strengthen transport state-owned enterprises operational performance. Bank Approval scheduled for 25 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129594. US$ 180.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Societe Nationale des Chemins de Fer (SNCC), 115, Place de la Gare, BP 297, Lubumbashi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-991) 008-004, Fax: (243-23) 41-170, E-mail: sncd@yahoo.fr and vts@vecturis.com, Contact: Dr. Shreeranjan, Joint Secretary.; Ministry of Transport, 117, Blvd. 30 Juin, Blg SCTP Ex-ONATRA, Kinshasa 1, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-81) 691-4754, Fax: (243-408) 868-5973, E-mail: ptmrdct@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Shreeranjan, Joint Secretary.; Régie des Voies Fluviales (RVF), 2357, Route des Poisots Lourds, Kinshasa N’Dolo, Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-81) 053-1031, E-mail: registresdesvoisfluviales@yahoo.fr, Contact: Dr. Shreeranjan, Joint Secretary.; Autorité de l’Aviation Civile, 911, Avenue le Marinel (imm. SOFIDE), Kinshasa Gombe, Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-81) 223-76-02, E-mail: aacrd@yahoo.fr and Nyarichardkas42@gmail.com, Contact: Dr. Shreeranjan, Joint Secretary.

Republic of Congo

Education

(R) Professional Skills Development: The objectives are to: (a) assist the Government to strengthen the effectiveness of a skills development system and (b) improve the qualifications of the labor market. Appraisal scheduled for 21 February 2013. Environmental
Assessment Category B. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning, Brazzaville, Republic of Congo.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Statistics for Governance: The objective is to support the improvement of statistics in the Republic of Congo to produce reliable and timely data for policy formulation and evaluation. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Cote d’Ivoire

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Pesticides Management: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen institutional and regulatory frameworks; (b) systemize a registered pesticides and a database on pesticide imports and use; (c) remEDIATE contaminated sites; (d) promote alternatives to chemical pesticides; (f) inventorize POPs pesticides; and (g) safely dispose obsolete pesticide stocks and associated waste. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 6 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 5.0 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

Productive Social Safety Net: The objective is to set the foundations of an effective and productive type of safety net system capable of responding to the country’s needs both in normal times and during times of crisis. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

Agriculture Sector Support: The objective is to promote commercialization and diversification of the Ivorian agriculture sector. The precise activities and commodity systems have yet to be defined, and will be based on the upcoming National Agricultural Investment Program (PNIA). Decision Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P119308. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Cote d’Ivoire Territorial Governance and Local Development: The objectives are to contribute to rural/urban development and poverty reduction through: (a) supporting provision of priority public goods and services at the commune level; and (b) promoting good local governance through decentralized and deconcentrated participatory local governance systems at the commune and provincial/district levels. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P119308. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Poverty Reduction Support Grant: The objective is to support policy reforms in public sector management, economic governance, and key economic sectors. Appraisal scheduled for 13 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P127449. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Ethiopia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Pastoral Community Development Project III: The objectives are to: (a) enhance growth and stability of incomes; (b) increase asset base; and (c) improve access to public services among pastoral communities through the operationalization of demand driven models of investment and service delivery throughout Ethiopia’s pastoral and agro-pastoral woredas. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0/90.0 (IDA Credit/IFAD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second Sustainable Land Management Project: The objectives are to: (a) reduce land degradation in agricultural landscapes; and (b) improve the agricultural productivity, incomes and resilience of small holder farmers. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sustainable Land Management Project: The objectives are to: (a) reduce land degradation in agricultural landscapes; and (b) improve resilience of small holder farmers. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 13.0 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

General Education Quality Improvement II: The objective is to improve the quality of general education (grade 1-12) throughout the country. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P129828. US$ 80.0/20.0/156.9/100.0/27.0 (IDA Credit/AID/DFID/EFAF/FINN). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second Protection of Basic Services Phase Additional Financing: The objective is to support the expanding access and improve the quality of basic services in education, health, agriculture, water supply and sanitation, and rural roads delivered by sub-national governments, while continuing to deepen transparency and local accountability in service delivery. Bank Approval completed on 22 February 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127127. US$ 173.4/246.6/110.0/19.2/2.6 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/AFDB/DFID/KFW). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, PO Box 1037, Addis Ababa, Uganda, Tel: (251-11) 551-0114, Fax: (251-11) 156-8377, E-mail: info@mofed.gov.et, Contact: Ato Melaku Kifle, Coordinator.

Energy and Mining

Halele-Werabesa Hydropower: The objectives are to: (a) expand the populations’ access to electricity and (b) improve the quality of supply to existing consumers. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 11 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ethiopian Electric Power Corporation, PO Box 1233, Degea Square/ Pi-azza, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-11) 156-0028, Fax: (251-11) 156-0028, E-mail: mahretdebebe@yahoo.com, Contact: Ato Abdul Mohammed, Process Officer.

Health and Other Social Services

Health MDG Support Operation: The objectives are to: (a) support the implementation of the Health Sector Development Plan with a priority of helping the country to reach the Health related MDGs; and (b) adopt a results-based financing approach and improve a set of essential and high-impact health services. Appraisal scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, PO Box 1234, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-11) 551-6376, Fax: (251-11) 551-9366, E-mail: moh@ethionet.et, Contact: Mengistu Wolde, Coordinator.

Productive Safety Nets Program (APL III) Additional Financing: The objective is to support the Government to launch an effort to transform its existing humanitarian programs into an effective safety net system. Bank Approval completed on 29 March 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126430. US$ 370.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, PO Box 6247, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-11) 520-636, Fax: (251-11) 503-686, E-mail: maord-nr@ethionet.et, Contact: HE Said Baragoita, Minister.

Industry and Trade

Competitiveness and Job Creation Project: The objective is to support job creation, enhance competitiveness and increase investments within selected industrial zones in Ethiopia that are expected to be supported as part of the Bank’s new operation. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 9 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Ethiopia Local Government Development Project II: The objective is to support the planning, delivery, and sustained provision of priority municipal services and infrastructure. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Second Transport Sector Project to Support the Fourth Road Sector Development Program: The objective is to upgrade selected trade corridors and road links. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 414.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) cost overrun incurred in the course of implementation caused by an un-anticipated design change; and (b) the water supply and sanitation improvement intervention. Bank Approval completed on 31 May 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129174. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Water and Energy, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-11) 662-5226, Fax: (251-11) 661-0885, Contact: Ato Yohannes Gebre Medhin, Director, Water Supply and Sanitation Directorate.

Gabon

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Support to Critical Wetlands Ecosystems: The objective is to increase the knowledge base and to strengthen capacities of national entities to sustainably manage critical wetlands ecosystems. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 23 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143914. US$ 7.4 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry, Gabon, Tel: (241) 778-948.

Energy and Mining

Electricity Sector Development: The objectives are to: (a) develop a least cost sector development plan; (b) establish a Rural Energy Fund and financing of pilot projects; (c) facilitate transmission network rehabilitation and extension in Libreville; and (d) implement energy efficiency measures. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Water Resources, Gabon, Tel: (241) 778-948.

Finance

Economic Diversification and Competitiveness: The objectives are to: (a) establish a “One Stop Shop” for assistance to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and investors along the line; and (b) expand upon the Maison de l’entreprise concept. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Finance, Libreville, Gabon, Tel: (241-05) 087-284.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

CAB4 E-Government Applications Project: The objectives are to: (a) scale-up the e-government strategy; and (b) create an action plan to leverage the new connectivity. This E-gov Applications project will support selected eGovernment and flagship ICT applications. Identification scheduled for 29 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

The Gambia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Commercial Agriculture and Value Chain Management: The objectives are to: (a) increase agricultural productivity in selected value chains through improved input and output markets access and technology; (b) increase private investment in commercial agriculture, agricultural processing and marketing industries; and (c) improve market linkages between small-holders and larger commercial entities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 14.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, The Quadrangle, Banjul, The Gambia, Tel: (220) 422-9817, Fax: (220) 422-4278, E-mail: aaajobe@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Abdou Rahmone Jobe, Permanent Secretary.

Education

(R) Results for Education Achievement and Development Project: The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality of teaching; (b) increase access for hard to reach children; and (c) enhance system monitoring. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 29 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 12.7/6.9 (IDA Grant/EFAF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, Willy Thorpe Place Bldg Banjul, The Gambia, Tel: (220) 422-8522, Fax: (220) 422-5066, E-mail: sherifymus@yahoo.com.

Health and Other Social Services


Ghana

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Sustainable Land and Water Management Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve sustainable land and water management practices to reduce land degradation and enhance maintenance of biodiversity in selected micro-watersheds; and (b) strengthen spatial planning for identification of linked watershed investments in the Northern Savannah region of Ghana. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 19 December 2012. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 8.7 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment Science and Technology, Ghana, Contact: Nicholas Iddi, Project Coordinator.

Natural Resources and Environmental Governance Technical Assistance: The objective is to provide targeted technical assistance to conceptualize, plan and implement institutional actions and policy reforms that will promote growth and poverty reduction through sustainable, inclusive and socially responsible natural resource management. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129769. US$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology, PO Box M 232, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-24) 863-9270, Fax: (233-30) 268-8913, E-mail: fredua_agyeman@yahoo.com, Contact: Fredua Agyeman, Technical Director.; Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Ministries, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-24) 436-2510, E-mail: majaumuk@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Musah Abu-Juam, Technical Director.

Education

Education For All GPEF: The objective is to improve the quality of education, particularly in deprived districts. Bank Approval completed on 10 October 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129581. US$ 75.5 (EFAS). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 231-664, E-mail: yawkris@yahoo.com, Contact: Chris Koromoah, Financial Controller.

Finance

Ghana Financial Sector Support Project: The objective is to support the continue the development of Ghana’s financial sector and the implementation of Ghana’s Financial Sector Strategic
Plan II’ by addressing key issues in priority areas such as banking and pensions. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Insurance and Nutrition: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the financial and operational management of the National Health Insurance Scheme; and (b) finance activities related to community-based health and nutrition services for children under the age of two and pregnant women in the entire Ghana population. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Youth Employment: The objective is to enhance the employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for youth, especially disadvantaged youth, through intermediary services for job training and start up schemes provided by the private and public sector. Decision Meeting scheduled for 3 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

Ghana Competitiveness: The objective is to support improved competitiveness of high potential sub-sectors of Ghana’s economy, particularly manufacturing. Identification scheduled for 22 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and Communications

Ghana ICT for Social Transformation: The objective is to support ICT applications to transform strategic government agencies and improve citizens’ access to information. Project Concept Note scheduled for 26 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 78.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Macro Stability for Competitiveness and Growth in Ghana:
The objectives are to support: (a) the need for macroeconomic stabilization and greater executive efficiency; and (b) transparency and accountability to provide the adequate providing for the reduction of poverty by improving resource allocation efficiency and setting an environment more supportive of a competitive economy. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Sector Reform:
The objective is to support the Government’s priorities for: (a) job creation and (b) food production, distribution and processing. Preparation scheduled for 1 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127452. US$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Statistics Development Program:
The objective is to modernize and streamline the Ghana National Statistical System to ensure that it is sufficiently equipped in terms of human resources, essential tools and infrastructure to produce and disseminate reliable and timely statistics. Bank Approval completed on 25 August 2011. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P118858. US$ 30.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/SRTF). Consultants will be required. Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA), Private Mail Bag, Airport, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-30) 251-8401, Fax: (233-30) 251-8405, E-mail: info@cwsa.org, Contact: Adetokunbo Abiru, Finance Commissioner.

Second Small Towns Water Supply and Sanitation Additional Financing: The objective is to increase access to sustainable water supply and sanitation services in small towns in six regions of the recipient. Bank Approval completed on 12 May 2009. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P115065. US$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA), Private Mail Bag, Airport, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-30) 251-8401, Fax: (233-30) 251-8405, E-mail: info@cwsa.org, Contact: Adetokunbo Abiru, Finance Commissioner.

Guinea

Energy and Mining

(R) Mineral Governance Support (Cr. H8040-GN):
The objective is to support the Government to improve its governance in the mining sector along the EITI++ value chain. Signing scheduled for 19 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122816. US$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Mines and Geology, Conakry, Conakry, Guinea, Tel: (224-30) 455-5228, E-mail: pism@mirinet.net.gn, Contact: Seyfu Ketema, Executive Director.

Electricity Sector Efficiency Enhancement Additional Financing:
The objective is to support the Government to improve its governance in the mining sector along the EITI++ value chain. Signing scheduled for 19 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122816. US$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Electroite De Guinea, EDG Head Office, Conakry, Guinea, Tel: (224-6) 208-9780, E-mail: abdoulrachid@hotmail.com, Contact: HE Said Baragoita, Minister.

Industry and Trade

Development Corridor Growth: The objective is to contribute to private sector development in Guinea by: (a) creating conditions for improved competitiveness, enterprise development, investment promotion; and (b) supporting selected value chains. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Urban Water Sector Performance Improvement: The objective is to increase sustainable access to water services in Conakry through: (a) financing physical investments in the water supply system; and (b) improving the commercial and financial performance of the urban water utility, especially by addressing governance and accountability issues within the utility. Preparation scheduled for 11 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P110327. US$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Guinea-Bissau

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Emergency Food Security Support Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve food security for the most vulnerable population, including children; and (b) increase smallholder rice production in project areas. Appraisal scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 7.0 (GFDR). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Rui de Principe, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 205-904, E-mail: Rdjata@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Rui Nene Djata, Project Coordinator.

Education

Education for All Fast Track Initiative Program: The objective is to improve the delivery of basic education services with a focus on greater and more equitable access, better quality and improved local governance. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Proj-
Energy and Mining

Emergency Electricity and Water Rehabilitation Additional Financing: The objective is to assist the Government of Guinea-Bissau in the rapid restoration and improvement of electricity and water services in the capital city of Bissau. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P1255374. US$ 2.2 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Regional Integration, 37 Ave. Amilar Cabral, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 320-7286, Fax: (245) 320-4846, E-mail: hembalo@hotmail.com, Contact: Luis Alberto Gomes, Coordinator.

Industry and Trade

Agribusiness Development and Private Sector Rehabilitation: The objectives are to: (a) improve investment climate and entrepreneurship development; and (b) support cashew agribusiness development. Negotiations scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 4.0/4.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Regional Integration, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 320-7286, Fax: (245) 320-4846, E-mail: pmri@orange-bissau.com.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Development Policy Loan: The objective is to promote good governance and to accelerate private sector-led growth. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P121711. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 30007-00100, Nairobi, Uganda, Tel: (254-20) 338-111, Fax: (254-20) 228-861, E-mail: pfinance@treasury.go.ke, Contact: Patrick Nyoike, Permanent Secretary.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Electricity and Water Supply: The objective is to meet the electricity and water supply needs of the country in an economically and environmentally sustainable manner in order to contribute to economic growth and well-being of the population of Guinea-Bissau. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P120917. US$ 7.0/9.0 (IDA Credit/ZMUL). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Av A. Cabral. No 67, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 666-6668, Fax: (245) 320-5156, E-mail: jocava@hotmail.com, Contact: Carlos Casimiro, Secretary of Treasury and Accounting.

Kenya

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Agriculture Drought Recovery: The objective is to improve access to crop and livestock technologies for drought recovery to targeted pastoralists and agro-pastoralists in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs). Decision Meeting scheduled for 24 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 45.0/30.5 (IDA Credit/ECDF). Consultants will be required for project design components and supervision. Ministry of Agriculture, Kilimo House, PO Box 30028, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-020) 718-870, Fax: (254-020) 271-1149.

Energy and Mining

(R) Menengai Geothermal: The objectives are to: (a) develop geothermal resources in the Menengai field and make them available for electricity generation; and (b) establish transmission lines to connect Menengai to the national grid. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 115.0/170.0/120.0/40.0/36.0 (IDA Credit/AFDF/AFDB/CIF/EUIB). Consulting services to be determined. Geothermal Development Company (GDC), Taj Tower, Upper Hill PO Box 100746-00101, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 242-7516, E-mail: md@gdc.co.ke, Contact: Dr. Silas M. Simiyu (R) Power System Development: The objective is to ensure that access to reliable, cost effective, and high quality supply of electricity is sustained to business enterprises and households. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 198.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Lake Turkana Wind: The objectives are to: (a) increase power generation capacity; (b) contribute to the diversification of the fuel mix; and (c) increase the capacity of clean electricity generation in Kenya through the Lake Turkana Wind Project (LTWP). This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P128163. US$ 76.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Energy Hub, PO Box 30982-00100, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (250-20) 310-112, Fax: (254-20) 222-8314, E-mail: p.nyoko@kenya.go.ke, Contact: Patrick Nyoko, Permanent Secretary.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

National Integrated Safety Net Program: The objective is to support the Government to: (a) scale-up existing cash transfers in a coordinated way; (b) increase harmonization of existing programs through the establishment of core operational systems; and (c) develop a strong governance and accountability framework for the sector. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131305. US$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Gender, Children and Social Development, PO Box 16936-00100, NSSF Building, Block A, Eastern Wing, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 272-7980, Fax: (254-20) 273-4417, E-mail: information@gender.go.ke.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Water Towers Sustainable Management Program: The objective is to assist the Government in enhancing integrated water resources management and increasing bulk water supply with enhanced reliability through new water resources infrastructure development in support of economic growth, poverty reduction and drought/flood resilience. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P117635. US$ 139.6/19.8 (IDA Credit/KFW). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Maji House, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 271-6103, E-mail: ewscr-project@water.go.ke, Contact: R. K. Gaita, Director, Irrigation, Drainage and Water Storage.

Kenya Urban Water and Sanitation OBA Fund for Low Income Areas: The objective is to increase the number of people in low income areas with access to improved water supply and sanitation services in Kenyan towns and cities. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 11.8 (GPBA). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Lesotho

Health and Other Social Services

Maternal and Newborn Health Performance Based Financing: The objective is to improve the quality and increase the uptake of maternal and newborn health services. Negotiations scheduled for 19 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 12.0/4.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Maseru, Lesotho, Tel: (226) 2231-4404, Contact: Malefetsane Masasa, Director of Health Planning.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Public Financial Management Reform Support Program: The objectives are to: (a) improve public expenditure efficiency; and (b) effectiveness by strengthening the internal controls, accounting, reporting and oversight of government finances at the
central and decentralized levels in MDAs and districts in Lesotho. Project Concept Note scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

First Poverty Reduction Support Credit: The objective is to support the reform program of the Government of Lesotho geared towards: (a) poverty reduction, (b) inclusive growth and (c) improving public service delivery. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Liberia

Energy and Mining

Liberia Accelerated Electricity Expansion Project (LACEEP): The objective is to increase access to more cost-effective, reliable and higher quality electricity services for households and business in Liberia through: (a) increase of electricity supply; (b) expansion of the distribution network; and (c) strengthening of the institutions involved in the sector. Decision Meeting scheduled for 1 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133445. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Systems Strengthening: The objective is to strengthen the institutional foundations of the health sector in an effort to achieve tangible improvements in health outcomes, through a more responsive decentralised system. Decision Meeting scheduled for 7 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128909. US$ 10.0/5.0 (IDA Credit/HRBP). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, Monrovia, Liberia, Fax: (253) 679-0895, E-mail: wtugeniale@mhoh.gov.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Fifth Reengagement and Reform Budget Support: The objectives are to: (a) support the Government reforms to strengthen governance; and (b) improve the environment for private sector-led inclusive growth. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Minister of Finance, Liberia, Tel: (253-886) 578-921, E-mail: nagafuan@yahoo.com.

Transportation

Second Road Asset Management: The objective is to cover the cost overruns and finance additional activities which would constitute a project restructuring, as part of the additional financing. Bank Approval completed on 20 September 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129654. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Public Works, South Lynch Street, Monrovia, Liberia, Fax: (253) 679-0895, E-mail: wtugeniale@mhoh.gov.

Madagascar

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Irrigation and Watershed Management: The objective is to establish a viable basis for irrigated rice production and natural resources management in selected irrigation sites and their surrounding watersheds. Bank Approval scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128891. US$ 12.7 (PHRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Madagascar, Tel: (261-2022) 474-385, E-mail: cnpbpi@blueine.mg, Contact: Lantonirina Ramaroson, National Coordinator.

Irrigation and Watershed Management: The objective is to contribute to inclusive rural growth through the promotion of intensification and diversification in three regions with high potential for agricultural development, while promoting sustainable use of infrastructure and soil and water resources. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: Po88887; US$ 5.9 (GEFU). No consultants are required. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Bureau BVPI, Nanisana, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 222-478-385, Fax: (261-20) 222-6561, E-mail: cnpbpi@blueine.mg, Contact: Lantonirina Ramaroson, National Coordinator.

Education

Education For All GPEF: The objective is to improve access to, and quality of, education especially in vulnerable areas. Decision Meeting scheduled for 5 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 85.4 (FTIE). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education for Growth: The objective is to introduce governance and financing reforms in the education system to make it more demand oriented and encourage employer participation, modernize the curricula and teaching methods to meet labor market needs and encourage innovation and increase equitable access to post-primary education. Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P111120. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Second Power/Water Sectors Recovery and Restructuring APL: The objective is to lay the foundation for the sustainable expansion of a commercially-oriented utility in a most cost-efficient way by investing in strategically important areas: (a) HV interconnections of the main load-centres; (b) preparation of the next large scale hydro facility; and (c) investments and TA necessary. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 13 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 50.0/64.0/70.0 (IDA Credit/AFDB/ZBIL/ZPCO). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Human Development Multisector Operation (Cr. 51860-MG): The objective is to prevent further deterioration in access to basic education and health services. The credit was signed on 3 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131945. US$ 65.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Unite de Gestion des Programmes de Sante - UAT-EPT, Immeuble Santa Antaninena, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 222-8295, E-mail: uat_ept@moov.mg, Contact: Josiane Rabetokotany, National Coordinator.; Unite de Gestion des projets d’Appui au Secteur Sante - UG, Lot III M 39 Bloc 2 Anosy, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 225-5323, Fax: (261-20) 225-6973, E-mail: cmugpe@ugsante.mg, Contact: Remi Rakotomalala, National Coordinator.; Programme National de Nutrition Communaute-ONN-PNCC-SEECALINE, Lot III M 39 Anosy, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-34) 021-1183, E-mail: dn@onn.mg, Contact: Jean Rakotosalama, National Director.

(R) Sustainable Health System Development-Phase II: The objective is to strengthen the health system and increase its capacity to provide the necessary production, financing, delivery and management support for delivery of services necessary to meet the eventual objectives of reducing child and maternal mortality; controlling illnesses due to malaria, sexually transmitted diseases, and HIV/AIDS. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P106675. US$ 45.0/19.5 (IDA Credit/FRDE). No consultants are required. Cellule d’Execution de Programme, Ministry of Health and Family Planning, Nouvel Immeuble ARO, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 226-6667, E-mail: ugpereasan@simicro.mg, Contact: Docteur Rakotomalala Remi, Coordonnateur National du Project PDSSP.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Growth and Infrastructure: The objectives are to: (a) consolidate and deepen the impacts in the three existing sub-regions (growth poles); and (b) extend the interventions to adjacent sub-regions with high growth potential to establish growth corridors. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
Transportation

(R) Adaptation to Climate Change Least Developed Countries Fund: The objective is to strengthen the ability of poor rural households in the arid communities of southern Madagascar to adapt to the effects of climate change and climate variability on their immediate livelihoods. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 7 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 7.0 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Emergency Infrastructure Preservation and Vulnerability Reduction (Cr. 51870-MG): The objectives are to: (a) prevent further deterioration in access to infrastructure; and (b) improve livelihoods. The credit was signed on 3 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132101. US$ 102.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Fonds d’Intervention pour le Développement (FID), Lot III M 369 Ouest Ambobijanahary, BP 8291, 101 Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 223-6191, Fax: (261-20) 223-3606, E-mail: dirgen1@fid.mg, Contact: Ratsima Rasendra, Directeur Général; Cellule de Prévention et de Gestion des Urgences, Maison des produits des HA, 4eme étage, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 222-1169, E-mail: cpugl_prime@mel.mcoo.mg, Contact: Mamy Razakanaina, Secretary General; Autorité Routière de Madagascar, Rue Kanaivo Paul, près du Stade d’Alarob, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 252-9523, E-mail: autoroute.m.10@arin.mg, Contact: Jean Pascal Ramahamihazana, Directeur Général; Bureau National, Bassins Versants Perimètres Irrigues, Route d’Ambatobe, face Ouest Direction, du Genie Rural a Nanisana, Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 247-4385, E-mail: conbpi@blueine.mg, Contact: Lantonirina Ramaroson, National Coordinator.

Malawi

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Shire Valley Irrigation Support: The objectives are to: (a) raise agricultural productivity and profitability for agricultural producers, including small-holders, in the Lower Shire Valley; and (b) broaden Malawi’s export base by establishing market-driven productive ventures and providing efficient and sustainable irrigation services. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 90.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Higher Education and Skills Development: The objectives are to: (a) develop a skilled and flexible labor force including engineers, technicians, basic artisans and business leaders; (b) create and disseminate new ideas and technologies; and (c) enhance capacity to access existing stores of global knowledge and adapt this knowledge to local use. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Financial Reporting and Oversight Improvement (FROI): The objective is to improve the internal controls, accounting, reporting and oversight of government finances at the central and decentralized levels in MDAs in Malawi. Negotiations scheduled for 18 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P130878. US$ 8.0 (PFEM). Consultants will be required during implementation to support internal and external audit and Integrated Financial Management Information Systems. Request for Expression of Interests for consultancies in Internal and External Audit have been published in January. Ministry of Finance, Debt and Aid, Mali, Contact: Twalib Ali, Deputy Director, PFEM Unit.

First Development Policy Operation: The objective is to support the Government to: (a) consolidate fiscal discipline and sound macroeconomic management; (b) enhance the business environment, competitiveness and productivity; (c) strengthen public finance management; and (d) enhance human capital and reduce vulnerabilities. Decision Meeting scheduled for 1 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 50.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Malawi Fourth Social Action Fund API. III (MASAF IV): The objective is to improve and reform MASAF into the National productive safety net program for direct cash and other safety nets benefits in the country. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 25.0/25.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Agricultural Development Program Support Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the effectiveness of investments aimed at food security and sustainable agricultural growth. Bank Approval completed on 22 March 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128576. US$ 0.0/45.9 (IDA Credit/FSCO). No consultants are required. Ministry of Transport and Public Works, Capital Hill, Lilongwe, Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 789-497, E-mail: rai@ra.gov.mw, Contact: Elias Sisya, Roads Authority Engineer; Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Capital Hill, Lilongwe, Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 203-899, E-mail: agriculture@agriculture.gov.mw, Contact: Wilfred Lipita, Coordinator.

Mali

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Natural Resources Management in a Changing Climate: The objective is to expand the adoption of sustainable land and water management practices in targeted Communes in Mali. Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129516. US$ 8.4 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. AEDD, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223-20) 235-867, E-mail: mgkou@yahoo.fr.

Rural Community Development Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the livelihoods of those rural communities in terms of: (a) access to basic socio-economic services; and (b) sustainable increase in incomes, while promoting basic improved natural resources management practices. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

Education For All Initiative Fast Track Initiative Grant: The objective is to support the Government’s Education Sector Program to: (a) improve access and equity in basic education (including literacy programs); (b) improve quality, efficiency, and relevance of basic education; and (c) strengthen sector management through decentralized management of basic education services. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 41.7 (EFAF). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Higher Education Development: The objective is to support the creation of conditions that enable the higher education sub-sector to evolve into a diversified and financially viable quality system. Negotiations scheduled for 16 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P122015. US$ 38.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

Social Protection and Employment: The objective is to establish a sustainable social safety net system and scale-up programs that increase income and consumption of the poor and vulnerable households through cash transfers and short term employment. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127328. US$ 70.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Agricultural Competitiveness and Diversification Additional Financing: The objective, same as the parent project, is to support the improvements in the performance of supply chains for a range of agricultural, livestock and fishery products. Appraisal
scheduled for 23 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Competitiveness and Growth: The objectives are to: (a) build on the experience of projects supporting growth pole and value-chain development; and (b) address constraints to private sector growth and competitiveness to promote industrialization and commercial agriculture in the regions with highest potential in Mali (e.g. Bamako, Office du Niger, Mopti and Sikasso.) Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice
Sixth Development Policy Loan: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen institutional health and social protection framework and build resilience to internal and external shocks; (b) strengthen financial governance; and (c) improve the policy environment to promote competitiveness and employment opportunities. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P122866. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, PO Box 234, Bamako, Mali, Tel: (223) 222-5726.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection
(R) Bamako Water Supply: The objective is to support the Government’s efforts to increase access to sustainable water services in Bamako. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122826. US$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. SOMAPEP, Bamako, Mali, E-mail: atdiarra6@yahoo.fr.

Mauritania
Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry
Agriculture Development and Food Price Response: The objectives are to: (a) support farmers’ capacity to enhance agricultural and livestock productivity; and (b) provide increased food access to vulnerable groups in targeted areas. The project will be designed as additional financing to the PDIAIM, using the FPCR funds and the IDA allocation. Bank Approval completed on 2 August 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122894. US$ 5.0/5.0 (IDA Grant/GFCR). Consultants will be required. Ministère du Développement Rural, Rue 23072 KSAR (II C), Lot N 075, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Tel: (222) 525-1266, Fax: (222) 452-91043, E-mail: claa@toptechology.mr, Contact: Dr. Shreeranjan, Joint Secretary.

Mauritania Irrigation Project: The objective is to support the Government to: (a) prepare the project concept note package; and (b) jointly adopt a detailed preparation timetable including steps, activities, costs and responsibilities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 6.6 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education
Second Education for All Fast Track Initiative: The objective is to improve access to and quality of basic education, maintain equity and improve learning outcomes. Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126902. US$ 12.4 (EFAF). Consultants will be required. Direction des Projets Education et Formation (DPEF), BP 6541, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Tel: (222) 525-2063, Fax: (222) 525-1513, E-mail: chrif@dpef.mr, Contact: Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud Ould.

Energy and Mining
(R) Gas-to-Power Project: The objective is to assist the Government through a World Bank Group compact of risk coverage and financing blended with technical assistance and knowledge transfer. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P143742. US$ 80.0/170.0/705.0 (IBRD/ZMUL/ZPDI). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy, BP 199, Rond-Point Sekhka, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Tel: (222-46) 431-537, Fax: (222-44) 297-456, E-mail: kane@acces.mr, kane@hydraulique.gov.mr, Contact: Mamadou Amadou Kane, Directeur General de l’Electricite.

Gas to Power: The objective is to use natural gas discovered offshore for a power station to be built near Nouakchott. Regional Review scheduled for 31 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 60.0/20.0 (GUAR/GUID). Consultants will be required. Abou Nehme and Robert Robelus will be working as consultants on the project preparation Ministry of Energy, BP 199, Rond-Point Sekhka, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Tel: (222-46) 431-537, Fax: (222-44) 297-456, E-mail: kane@acces.mr, kane@hydraulique.gov.mr, Contact: Mamadou Amadou Kane, Directeur General de l’Electricite.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice
Local Development and Youth Employment: The objective is to make decentralization more effective and its contribution to youth employment more important, by strengthening Local Governments particularly through setting up a set of tools, including a sustainable fiscal transfer mechanism, institutional and efficient capacity building, and strong monitoring and control. Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Cellule de Coordination du Programme Urbain, BP 5150, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Tel: (222-42) 290-593, Fax: (222-45) 290-601, E-mail: cpp@pdur.mr.

Transportation
Nouakchott Port Development: The objective is to secure the extension of the port of Nouakchott to face its growth perspectives, while improving the environmental impact of the port’s initial construction and development. Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P108554. US$ 50.0/55.0 (IBRD/ZPCO). Consultants will be required. Port Autonome de Nouakchott (PANPA), BP 5103, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Tel: (222) 525-3859, Fax: (222) 251-794, Contact: Ahmed Ould Moeart, Directeur General.

Mauritius
Industry and Trade
(R) Second Private Sector Competitiveness Development Policy Loan: The objective, same as the parent project, is to strengthen the policy and institutional environment for enhancing competition and innovation in the private sector. Decision Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P132510. US$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ground Floor, Government Centre, Port Louis, Mauritius, Tel: (230) 2012-339, E-mail: vbsant@mail.gov.mr, Contact: Bassant Dutt Vishnu, Director, Development Cooperation.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice
(R) Second Public Sector Performance DPL: The objective is to support the Government to improve public sector performance by: (a) strengthening services to support and empower the most vulnerable; (b) streamlining trade regulation and processes; and (c) improving human resource management in civil service and monitoring of SOE performance. Decision Meeting completed on 17 December 2012. Appraisal scheduled for 28 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P128140. US$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ground Floor, Government Centre, Port Louis, Mauritius, Tel: (230) 2012-339, E-mail: vbsant@mail.gov.mr, Contact: Vishnu Dutt Bassant, Director, Development Cooperation.

Transportation
(R) Infrastructure Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) scale-up activities and extend the project’s impact and development effectiveness; and (b) meet the explicit request of the client’s stimulus package of the Authorities, in response to their declining fiscal performance, as a result of external economic events. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IBRD).
Road Asset Management and Safety: The objectives are to: (a) reduce the user’s cost on the priority sections of the primary and secondary road network; (b) improve the institutional framework for road safety; and (c) strengthen asset management in the road sector. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129015. US$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Mozambique

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Agricultural Growth and Productivity Enhancement in the Zambezi Valley: The objective is to enhance connectivity to agricultural, economic and social services for rural communities in areas with high agricultural potential. Decision Meeting completed on 8 January 2013. Appraisal scheduled for 21 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P1239489. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Climate Change Development Policy Operation: The objectives are to support the Government of Mozambique in its efforts to address climate change by adopting policies and strengthening institutional capacity to promote climate resilient and lower carbon intensity development in selected sectors such as water, energy and health. Bank Approval scheduled for 24 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P1228434. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning and Development, Av. Ahmed Sekou Toure, 21, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 490-006, Fax: (258-21) 492-708

Conservation Areas for Biodiversity and Development: The objective is to support the development and management of Mozambique’s Conservation Areas system in order to improve biodiversity conservation, economic growth and sustainable livelihoods. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 70.0 (IDA Credit), Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Conservation Areas for Biodiversity and Development-GEF: The objective is to support the development and management of Mozambique conservation areas’ system in order to improve biodiversity conservation, economic growth and sustainable livelihoods. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.2 (GEFU), Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Tourism, Av. 25 de Setembro, 942, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-48) 2303-8955, E-mail: lbernardete@yahoo.com.br

Education

Early Child Development and Nutrition: The objective is to assist the Government to: (a) pilot various types of community-based ECD interventions; (b) include provision of nutrition services for pregnant mothers and young children; and (c) create an ECD unit within the Ministry of Education. Bank Approval completed on 1 May 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P124729. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Government of Mozambique, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 480-700, Fax: (258-21) 490-979, Contact: HE Said Baragoita, Minister.

Technical and Vocational Education and Training Additional Financing: The objective is to facilitate the transition of the existing Technical and Vocational Education system to a demand-led training system and provide the beneficiaries with more market relevant skills and improve job opportunities. Bank Approval completed on 12 July 2011. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125283. US$ 37.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Education, PO Box 34, Avenida 24 de Julho, No. 167, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 480-700, Fax: (258-21) 490-979, E-mail: minesgov@gov.mz, Contact: H.E. Zeferino Martins, Minister of Education.

Finance


Health and Other Social Services

Community Nutrition Enhancement: The objective is to support the implementation of Mozambique’s multisectoral nutrition action plan to reduce chronic malnutrition. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P125477. US$ 37.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Health, Av. Eduardo Mondlane, 1008, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 427-131, Fax: (258-21) 427-133, E-mail: gbminsa@tropical.co.mz, Contact: Prof. Garrido Paulo Ivo, Project Manager.

Social Protection: The objectives are to: (a) the Government in consolidating and making operational a social safety net system to protect the poorest and most vulnerable from chronic poverty and seasonal and unpredictable shock; and (b) supporting the implementation of the productive social action strategy. Negotiations scheduled for 4 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129524. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. National Institute of Social Action (NANS), Avenida 25 de Setembro, 942, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-48) 2303-8955, E-mail: Ibernardete@yahoo.com.br

Industry and Trade

(R) Integrated Growth Poles: The objective is to support the preparation of the growth poles operation that will promote broad based and integrated growth in specific sub-regions in Mozambique, especially in Tete and Nampula. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Ninth Poverty Reduction Support Credit: The objective is to continue to assist the Government of Mozambique to implement key policy actions outlined in its 2011-2014 Action Plan for the Reduction of Poverty (known as PARP), which supports a subset of objectives from the PARP results matrix focusing on improving public financial management systems and adopting growth enhancing reforms. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 110.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, 929, Rua da Marginal, Chokwe, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 315-013, Fax: (258-21) 313-747, E-mail: roda@mpd-moz.net

Economic Governance: The objectives are to: (a) promote the efficiency, transparency and accountability in the use of public resources through improving public financial management and national statistics systems; and (b) enhance the effectiveness of the justice system to improve the investment climate. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Mining and Gas Technical Assistance: The objective is to strengthen the capacity and governance systems of key institutions to manage the mining and hydrocarbon sectors in Mozambique. Bank Approval scheduled for 24 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129847. US$ 50.0/8.2 (IDA Credit/DFID). Consultants will be required. MIREM (EITI Secretariat), Mozambique

Transportation

(R) Roads and Bridges Management and Maintenance Program Phase III: The objective is to improve access of the population to all-season roads through maintenance, rehabilitation and upgrading of the classified road network. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required for the preparation of design, bidding documents and EIA. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
**Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection**

**Climate Resilient Growth-Transforming Hydro-Meteorological Services:** The objectives are to: (a) lower the climate related risks to local communities; and (b) strengthen hydrological and meteorological information systems and services to deliver reliable and timely information that increases climate resilience. Appraisal scheduled for 21 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131049. US$ 10.0/5.7 (CSCF/NDF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Greater Maputo Water Supply Expansion:** The objectives are to: (a) increase the production and treatment capacity of water to assist in meeting the water demand in the Greater Maputo Area; and (b) promote the sustainable operation of the existing water supply system. Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125120. US$ 178.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Namibia**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

**Coast Conservation Phase 2:** The objective is to implement an integrated coastal zone management approach (ICZM) for the development of the Namibian Coast. Signing scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125511. US$ 1.9 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Capital Center Bldng, 6, Levinson Arcade P/Bag 13346, Windhoek, Namibia, Tel: (260-61) 284-2333, Fax: (260-61) 229-936, E-mail: tnghitila@yahoo.com, Contact: Theofilus Nghitila

**Education**

**(R) Skills Development for Growth:** The objectives are to: (a) support the Government in its efforts to improve the quality and labor-market relevance of training programs; and (b) strengthen the institutional environment for a more effective and efficient skills development system, with a focus on select institutions and economic sectors. Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Basic Education Support:** The objective is to support the Government’s Education Sector Program for the period of 2013-2016 by improving equitable access to and learning outcomes in basic education. Appraisal scheduled for 30 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132405. US$ 82.7 (FTIE). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) Second Shared Growth Credit:** The objectives are to: (a) enhance Niger’s business environment; (b) strengthen institutions for agricultural research and irrigation; and (c) strengthen public financial management. **Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 19 December 2012. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 50.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning, Regional, and Community Development, Niger, Tel: (227-9) 666-6613, E-mail: yacoubousani@yahoo.fr**

**Transportation**

**(R) Transport Sector Program Additional Financing:** The objectives are to: (a) improve the physical access of rural population to markets and services on selected unpaved sections of the national road network; and (b) strengthen the institutional framework, management and implementation of road maintenance in Niger. Negotiations completed on 15 January 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 19.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required.

**Nigeria**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

**(R) Erosion and Watershed Management-GEF:** The objective is to support the Government to promote vegetative land management practices by establishing conservation set asides along erosion-prone waterways and vegetation corridors. Signing scheduled for 1 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P126549. US$ 8.6 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Environment, Federal Secretariat, Phase 1, 7th Floor, Garki, Nigeria Tel/Fax: (234-9) 523-4119, E-mail: sumojekwu@yahoo.com, Contact: Stella U. Mojekwu, Project Coordinator.

**Commercial Agricultural Development Additional Financing:** The objective, same as the parent project, is to increase: (a) growth rates in targeted commodities in each state; (b) value processing and commercialization of targeted commodities; and (c) farm and non-farm incomes among project beneficiaries. Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Irrigation and Water Resources Management:** The objective is to improve the performance and financial sustainability of irrigation service delivery and water resource management in pilot States. Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P123112. US$ 400.0/100.0 (IDA Credit/FRDE). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Selected States.

**Education**

**(R) State Employment and Expenditure for Results Project:** The objectives are to: (a) enhance employment and access to socio-economic services; and (b) reform the public financial management systems, processes and institutions in the participating states. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 110.0 (ECD). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Finance, Central Area, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 8366-6661, E-mail: turakibatta@
State Education Programmatic Investment: The objective is to support selected States to improve governance in the education sector. Negotiations scheduled for 28 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122124. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Federal and State Ministries of Education.

Energy and Mining

Electricity and Gas Improvement Additional Financing: The objective is to continue to support the Government to enable unconstrained transmission of power generated from power plants where PRGs are guaranteeing gas supply. Bank Approval completed on 19 June 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126182. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Power Holding Company of Nigeria, Plot 441 Zamba Crescent, Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 413-6684, Fax: (234-9) 413-6685, E-mail: maganiyu@nepapmu.org, Contact: Mansuru A. Ganiyu, Project Manager.

Electricity and Gas Improvement Additional Financing-GUID: The objective is to continue to support the Nigeria Electricity and Gas Improvement project to power three of the NIPP plants in Sapele, Olomu and Ajafo. Bank Approval completed on 19 June 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126190. US$ 200.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Power Holding Company of Nigeria, Plot 441 Zamba Crescent, Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 413-6684, Fax: (234-9) 413-6685, E-mail: maganiyu@nepapmu.org, Contact: Mansuru A. Ganiyu, Project Manager.

Power Sector Guarantees: The objective is to guarantee payment for electricity generated and delivered to the national grid (public sector entity) by the Independent Power Plant (private sector) at Obite-OML 58. Appraisal scheduled for 20 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P120207. US$ 1000.0 (GUID). Consultants will be required. Nigeria Bulk Electricity Trading PLC.


Finance

Housing Finance Development Program: The objective is to address key barriers to developing accessible and affordable housing in Nigeria. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Youth Employment and Social Support Operations: The objective is to support the Government’s response to the challenge of youth unemployment and human capital development of the poor in Nigeria. Appraisal completed on 7 January 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 11 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126964. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Finance, Central Area, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 8336-6661, E-mail: turakhbatta@hotmail.com.

Polio Eradication Support: The objective is to help finance the procurement of additional Oral Polio Vaccine (OPV) in support of Nigeria’s final efforts to eradicate poliomyelitis. Bank Approval completed on 12 July 2012. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P130865. US$ 95.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. National Primary Health Care Development Agency, Port Harcourt Crescent, Garki, Abuja, ABUJA, FCT, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 314-2925, Fax: (234-9) 314-2924, E-mail: info@npchda.gov.ng, Contact: A. JG. Muhammad, Executive Director.

States Health Program Investment: The objectives are to improve the delivery of high impact maternal, child, and reproductive health interventions. Bank Approval completed on 12 April 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P120798. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Finance, Shehu Shagari Way, Central Business District, Abuja, Nigeria, E-mail: uzedgefyo2005@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: M. A. Alao, Director, IER Department; Federal Ministry of Finance, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-8) 3592-3281, E-mail: NA, Contact: Haruna Mohammed, Director.

Industry and Trade

Third National Fadama Development Project Additional Financing: The objective is to support the Government to scale-up the competitive and profitable farming systems and enhanced rural livelihoods through: (a) better yield (competitive output), (b) remunerative prices from increased value addition, (c) higher disposable income, (d) asset accumulation, and (e) improved household food security. Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) First Horizontal Multi-State Development Policy Operation: The objective is to support a program of policy and institutional reforms in public financial management being implemented by a number of Nigerian state level governments selected through a competitive process. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 400.0 (IDA Credit).

Edo State First Development Policy Operation: The objective is to support a policy and institutional reform program being implemented by the State of Edo. Bank Approval completed on 29 March 2012. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P123353. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Edo State Government, Contact: John Inegbedion, Commissioner of Finance.; Ministry of Finance, 4th Floor Palm House, Sapele Road, Benin City, Nigeria, Tel: (234-803) 852-8562, E-mail: johnosagie02@yahoo.com, Contact: Wilfred Lipita, Coordinator.

Second Lagos State Development Policy Credit: The objective is to support the policy and institutional reforms being implemented by the Lagos State Government. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Lagos State Government, Nigeria.

State Employment and Expenditure for Results: The objective is to enhance opportunities for youth employment and access to socio-economic services, while improving public expenditure management system in the participating states. Bank Approval completed on 6 March 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P121455. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Finance, Shehu Shagari Way, Central Business District, Abuja, Nigeria, E-mail: uzedgefyo2005@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Tunde Lawal, National Project Coordinator.

State and Local Governance Reform Project: The objectives are to support the (a) public financial management reforms in participating states; and (b) local governance in each state. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 73.1 (ECD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Second Rural Access and Mobility (Cr. 51540-NG): The objective is to support the improvement of rural access and mobility in the participating States by: (a) providing improved all-weather access road networks in selected and prioritized rural development areas; and (b) supporting the institutional reform in the transport sector in the states to improve management of the state-wide road network. Signing scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P095003. US$ 170.0/60.0 (IDA Credit/FRDE). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Michael Okpara Way, Wuse Zone 5, Nigeria, Tel: (234-09) 523-8463/66, Contact: Dr. Shreeranjan, Joint Secretary.
(R) Urban Transport: The objectives are to: (a) support the Government to increase the availability and patronage of the public transport service networks; (b) improve traffic management; and (c) improve the capacity of governments at different levels to formulate and implement appropriate policies governing urban transport, and ensure their compliance. Appraisal scheduled for 21 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 158.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public/Private Partnership Adaptable Program Loan-Phase II: The objective is to continue to assist the Government with the binding constraints to firm productivity improvements and employment generating growth. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Finance, Central Area, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 8336-6661, E-mail: turakibatta@hotmail.com, Contact: T. Urakibatta

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection Erosion and Watershed Management: The objectives are to: (a) enable a framework for erosion and watershed management; and (b) reduce erosion in targeted areas of the South of Nigeria. Signing scheduled for 1 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P1249905. US$ 500.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Environment, Federal Ministry of Environment, Mabushi, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 523-3611, E-mail: info@environment.gov.ng, Contact: Mallam M Bashar, Permanent Secretary.

Ibadan Emergency Floods and Infrastructure Rehabilitation: The objectives are to: (a) improve urban infrastructure services delivery; and (b) mitigate the negative environmental impact of floods in Ibadan Metropolitan area. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Third Urban Water Sector: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to piped water networks in selected States; and (b) improve reliability and financial viability in selected States. Decision Meeting scheduled for 23 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123515. US$ 350.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Participating States, Nigeria.

Regional Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry (N) Forest Investment Program: The objective is to increase forest stocks and reduce deforestation and forest degradation in Ghana by supporting reforms and investments on forest related policies and practices. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 15.0/29.5 (IDA Credit/CSCF). Consultants will be required. The type of work required for project preparation includes: 1-Detailed project analyses and consultations. 2-Baseline data collection and monitoring and evaluation framework development. 3-Safeguard documents preparation (e.g. ESIA, RPF, EMP). 4-Operational manual preparation. 5-Communication strategy. Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, PO Box M 212, Accra, Ghana, E-mail: majaumuk@yahoo.co.uk.

(R) Africa Stockpiles Programme Supplementary Funds for Disposal: The objectives are to: (a) eliminate and/or safeguard the Publicly-Held Obsolete Pesticide stocks and Associated Waste; and (b) implement measures to reduce future accumulations of pesticides. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 3.2 (GEFU).

(R) Southern Africa Development Community Agriculture: The objective is to generate and disseminate improved technologies in the participating countries top priority areas that are aligned with the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) regions. Appraisal completed on 20 December 2012. Negotiations scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P094183. US$ 89.4/0.6 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. FARA Secretariat, PMB CT 173, Cantonnements, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233) 2177-2823/9421, Fax: (233) 2177-3767, E-mail: mjones@fara-africa.org; Southern Africa Development Community, Private Bag 0095, SADC House, Khatama Crescent, Gaborone, Botswana, Tel: (267) 395-1863, Fax: (267) 397-2848, E-mail: pta- wonezvi@sadc.int.

(R) West Africa Mauritania Fish APL: The objective is to sustainably increase the overall wealth generated by the exploitation of the marine fisheries resources of West Africa and the proportion of that wealth captured by West African countries. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 7.0 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Fourth Comprehensive Agricultural Development: The objective is to support the creation of a regional institution for Southern Africa with the mandate to support and coordinate regional programs in agricultural research, agricultural extension, and agricultural training and education. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P113629. US$ 25.0 (CDP4). Consulting services to be determined. FARA Secretariat, PMB CT 173, Cantonnements, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233) 2177-2823/9421, Fax: (233) 2177-3767, E-mail: mjones@fara-africa.org, Contact: Dr. Monty P. Jones, Executive Secretariat., Southern Africa Development Community, Private Bag 0095, SADC House, Khatama Crescent, Gaborone, Botswana, Tel: (267) 395-1863, Fax: (267) 397-2848, E-mail: ptawonezvi@sadc.int, Contact: Dr. Patrick Tawonezvi, Coordinator.


Second African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS) Multi-Donor Trust Fund: The objective is to provide support to AFAAS to enable it to carry out its Strategic and Operational Plan. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 6.2 (CDP4). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth: The objective is to increase the shared benefits from economic growth based on sustainable fisheries and coastal marine resources. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132123. US$ 3.0/35.0 (IBRD)/IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth: The objective is to increase the shared benefits from economic growth based on sustainable fisheries and coastal marine resources. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 15.5 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

West Africa Regional Fisheries Program APL C1: The objective is to sustainably increase the overall wealth generated by the exploitation of the marine fisheries resources of West Africa, and the proportion of that wealth captured by West African countries to include the coastal nations from Mauritania through Ghana. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125773. US$ 30.0/12.0/7.0 (IBRD)/IDA Credit/GFIA). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education African Centers of Excellence: The objective is to support efforts to build centers of excellence and knowledge networks in tertiary education (science, technology, engineering, mathematics or STEM, health, and agriculture) in Africa, leveraging regional collaboration. Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 March 2013. En-
environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126974. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Energy and Mining**

(R) Adjarala Hydroelectric West Africa Power Pool APL Phase 3: The objectives are to: (a) establish a well-functioning, cooperative, power pooling mechanism for West Africa; and (b) increase access for the citizens of ECOWAS to reliable and stable electricity at affordable costs. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 120.0/150.0/80.0 (IDA Credit/ZBIL/ZMUL), Consultants will be required. Communauté Electrique du Benin (CEB), Rue de la Kozah, BP 1368, Lome, United States, Tel: (228) 221-6132, Fax: (228) 221-3764, E-mail: dg@cebenet.org, Contact: Djibril Salifou, Managing Director.

(R) Inga 3 Development TA: The objectives are to support the cost-effective development of Inga 3 and mid-size hydropower projects under balanced public-private partnerships in the areas of: (a) Government of DRC; (b) key complementary studies (including feasibility studies and safeguards assessments); and (c) capacity building and institutional development. Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131027. US$ 43.0/20.0 (IDA Grant/AFDB), Consulting services to be determined. DRC Ministry of Energy, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.

(R) Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Program (NEL-SAP): Regional Rusumo Falls Hydroelectric and Multipurpose: The objective is to build a dam (15 m in height and 470 million m3 in reservoir capacity) and hydropower plant (60-80 MW) as well as transmission lines (360 km estimate) linked to all three countries (i.e. Burundi, Rwanda and Tanzania). Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 7 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P150591. US$ 406.0/40.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/AFDB/ZBIL), Consultants will be required. Ministere de l’Energie et des Mines, Bujumbura, Burundi, Tel: (257-22) 222-9552, Fax: (257-22) 222-3337, E-mail: dge@cbnf.com, Contact: Ili Buhanga Pressadi, Directeur General.; REGIDESO, BP 660, Bujumbura, Burundi, Tel: (257-22) 222-3412, Fax: (257-22) 222-6563, Contact: Celestin Nduwamungu, Managing Director.; Ministry of Infrastructure Kigali, PO Box 24, Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: (250) 0890-1890, Fax: (250) 585-7555, E-mail: olibak@yahoo.fr, Contact: Alexis Karani, Director of Planning.; Ministry of Energy and Minerals, 754/33 Samora Avenue, PO Box 2000, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 212-9455, Fax: (255-22) 211-1749, Contact: Eng. Bashir J. Mrindoko, Commissioner Energy and Petroleum.; Electrogaz, PO Box 537, Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: (250-788) 307-149, Contact: Yves Muyange, Directeur General.

(R) Regional Eastern Africa Power Pool APL1 (CR. 51490-ET, Cr. 51480-KE): The objective is to improve the supply of competitive, clean energy in the sub-region through cross border transmission interconnections and by fostering a sustainable optimal expansion and operation of an integrated regional power market. The credit was signed on 14 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125679. US$ 684.0/354.3/118.0 (IDA Credit/AFDB/GFRC). Consultants will be required. Kenya Electricity Power Transmission Company (Ketraco), Nyayo House, 23rd Floor, PO Box 30582, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 315-202, Fax: (254-20) 240-910, E-mail: githinji.en-heights@gmail.com, Contact: John N. Githinji, Project Manager.; EEPCo, Dembel City Center, 10th Floor, PO Box 1233, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-11) 551-7220, Fax: (251-11) 515-5671, E-mail: ethken@ethionet.et, kassayek67@yahoo.com, Contact: Esuabalew Kebrab, Project Coordinator for Ethiopia; Project Coordinator.

(R) Southern Africa Power Pool and Regional Electricity Regulators Association of Southern Africa Regional Energy: The objectives are to: (a) promote regional trading through lending operations for several major transmission and generation projects; and (b) provide assistance to create and enforce the technical, economic and regulatory “rules of the road” for the regional interconnected grid. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Niger Basin Water Resources Development and Sustainable Ecosystems Management 2A:** The objective is to enhance regional coordination, development and sustainability of water resources management in the Niger Basin under Phase 2A of the Water Resources Development and Sustainable Ecosystems Management (WRD-SEM) APL Program. Bank Approval completed on 2 October 2012. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P130174. US$ 200.0/0.0/10.0/124.4/10.0/52.3/92.5/20.0/15.0/20.0/46.2 (IDA Grant/IDA Grant/AFDA/AFDB/WRD-SEM/FRDE/ISDB/ KFAPE/OPAC/SAUD/WADB), Consultants will be required. The Niger Basin Authority (NBA), Niamey, Niger, Tel: (277) 724-595, E-mail: see-executive@abn.net, Contact: Collins R. U. Ikehire, Major General Rtd Executive Secretary.

**Regional Transmission Development Adaptable Program Loan:** The objective is to support the development of the transmission backbone linking Tete Province with the south of Mozambique. Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P108934. US$ 150.0/30.0 (IDA Credit/GUID), Consulting services to be determined. Electricidade de Moçambique (Electricity of Mozambique), Av. Zedequias Manganhela, N-267, Predio Zat, 4th Floor, PO Box 938, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 304-407, Fax: (258-21) 328-233, E-mail: cymu@edmzipla.co.mz, Contact: Mr. Carlos Yum, Director and Project Coordinator.

**Finance**

**Regional Financial Sector Regionalization Phase 2:** The objective is to support the East African Community Secretary (EAC) institutions to implement the financial sector integration strategy with the ultimate goal of broadening and deepening the EAC single market in financial services. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125018. US$ 10.0 (ACGF). Consulting services to be determined. Economic Community of West African Countries (ECOWAS), Africa, Tel: (226-20) 975-775, Fax: (226-20) 975-772, E-mail: pcardoso@wahooas.org, Contact: Dr. Placido M. Cardoso, Managing Director.; IGAD Secretariat, Avenue George Clemenceau, PO Box 1096A, Arusha, Tanzania, Tel: (255-27) 250-4253/4/5/6, Fax: (255-27) 250-4255, E-mail: mutambingwa@eachq.org.

**Health and Other Social Services**

(R) West Africa Disease Surveillance and Response: The objective is to develop a modern multi-disease surveillance and response network in West Africa. Project Appraisal Document scheduled for 13 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125018. US$ 10.0 (ACGF). Consulting services to be determined. Economic Community of West African Countries (ECOWAS), Africa, Tel: (226-20) 975-777, Fax: (226-20) 975-772, E-mail: pcardoso@wahooas.org, Contact: Dr. Placido M. Cardoso, Managing Director.; IGAD Regional HIV/AIDS Partnership Program: The objectives are to: (a) increase preventative action and reduce misperception of cross border and mobile populations; and (b) establish a common and sustainable regional approach to supporting the population in the IGAD member states. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 7.8 (AFRH). Consulting services to be determined. IGAD Secretariat, Avenue George Clemenceau, PO Box 2653, Djibouti, Djibouti, Tel: (253) 2135-4050, Fax: (253) 2135-6994, E-mail: mahboub.maalim@igad.org, Contact: Eng. Mahboub Maalim, Executive Secretary.

**Industry and Trade**

**West Africa Road Transport:** The objective is to provide a regional budget support to those West African countries that jointly agree to common road transport reforms. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 76.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Information and Communications**

(N) Central Africa Backbone APL5: The objective is to ensure seamless regional connectivity or national links to deliver broadband Internet to all provincial capitals, leveraging infrastructure estab-
lished by other utilities such as power companies. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 13 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 65.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) West Africa Regional Communications Infrastructure Program APL 2: The objective is to increase the geographic reach of broadband networks and lower cost of communications in Mali and Togo. This project is part of West Africa Regional communications Infrastructure Program. Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123093. US$ 85.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) West Africa Regional Communications Infrastructure Program APL 3: The objectives are to: (a) increase the geographical reach of broadband networks; and (b) reduce costs of communications services in the territories of Guinea Bissau and Niger. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 10 December 2012. Preparation scheduled for 4 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 33.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Fifth Regional Communications Infrastructure Program APL: The objectives are to: (a) lower prices for international capacity and extend the geographic reach of broadband networks; and (b) improve the Government's efficiency and transparency through e-Government applications. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Regional Communications Infrastructure Phase 4: The objectives are to: (a) contribute to lower prices for international capacity; (b) extend the geographic reach of broadband networks (the connectivity development objective); and (c) contribute to improve Government efficiency and transparency through e-Government applications for Eritrea, Uganda and Zamb. Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P118213. US$ 22.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF) Regional Capacity Building Strategic Medium Term Plan (SMTP) III: The objective is to support the ACBF in the implementation of SMTP III during the period 2012-2016 in order to build sustainable human and institutional capacity for development in Africa. Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 65.0/10.0 (IDA Grant/ACBF). Consulting services to be determined. African Capacity Building Foundation (ACBF), PO Box 1562, Intermarket Life Towers, Cnr. Jason Moyo Ave, Sam Nujoma Street, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (263-4) 700-208, Fax: (263-4) 702-915, E-mail: f.leautier@acbf-pact.org, Contact: Frannie Leautier, Executive Secretary.

(R) East African Community Development Policy Operation: The objective is to support EAC to: (a) benefit from the global demand for manufactured goods; (b) promote employment; and (c) generate substantial demand for services and agricultural goods produced inland, amplifying the benefits of the customs union. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. East African Community, Arusha International Conference, Kilimandjaor Wing, 5th floor, Arusha, Tanzania, Tel: (255-27) 250-4253.

(R) Improved Investment Climate within the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa (OHADA) (Cr. H7990-3A): The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the OHADA regional and national institutions; and (b) improve specific aspects of the legal and institutional framework for commercial activities within OHADA member countries. The grant was signed on 25 October 2012. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P126663. US$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Secretariat Permanent OHADA, Face Ministere des Relations Exterieures, BP 10071, Yaounde, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 2221-0905, Fax: (237) 2221-6745, E-mail: dorothe.sossa@yahoo.fr, Contact: Prof. Dorothe Cossi Sossa, Secrétaire Permanent.

AUC Institutional Transformation and Capacity Building Program Support: The objective is to support the senior management to lead the internal transformation process of establishing a strategic and program results-based performance standards. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. African Union Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in East and Central Africa Multi-Donor Trust Fund: The objective is to enhance access and utilization of agricultural research technologies and innovations in the regional agricultural systems of Eastern and Central Africa. Grant Request scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.6 (CPD). Consulting services to be determined. Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA), Plot 15 John Babijha Road, PO Box 765, Entebbe, Uganda, Contact: Sefyu Ketema, Executive Director.

Enhancing Social Accountability at AUC through ECO-SOCC: The objective is to build strong external accountability relations between civil society organizations and the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOCC) and other organizations of the African Union. Decision Meeting scheduled for 5 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P125056. US$ 8.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. African Union Commission, PO Box 3243, Roosevelt Street, Addis, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-11) 551-3822, Fax: (251-11) 551-9321, E-mail: cido@africa-union.org, Contact: Dr. Jimmi Adisa, Director.

Transportation

(N) CEMAC Transport and Transit Facilitation - Phase II: The objective will complement the ongoing CEMAC Transport/Transit Facilitation Project to scale up the project’s impact and effectiveness along Cameroon’s section of the Douala - N’Djamena corridor. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Senegal River Basin Integrated Multimodal Transport: The objective is to restore the river transport vocation of the Senegal River and to enhance the latter by connecting it to a system that integrates all other types of ground transportation. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 186.0 (IDA Credit).

(R) Southern Africa Trade and Transport Facilitation: The objective is to enhance economic growth in Southern Africa by facilitating the movement of goods and people as well as fostering regional integration among Botswana, DRC, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Negotiations scheduled for 19 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P120370. US$ 210.0/5.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Eastern Africa Transport Links Improvement: The objective is to improve transport services along key trade corridors in Eastern Africa for Kenya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 90.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Africa Climate Risk Management for Green Growth: The objective is to build better capacity to effectively manage climate risk challenges. This will be done through capacity-building assistance at AU level to help selected sub-regional groups (e.g EAC, ECOWAS) with information, institutional, and investment activities related to systematically building resilience to climate risks. Preparation scheduled for 21 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122145. US$ 35.0/30.0 (IDA Credit/PHRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Nile Basin Climate Resilient Growth: The objective is to improve cooperative climate-resilient water resources management
and development in the Nile Basin. First Grant Funding Request Approval completed on 1 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130694. US$ 1.5/13.8 (CIWA/NBI). Consulting services to be determined. Nile Equatorial Lakes Subsidiary Action Programme (NELSAP-CU), Plot No. 6418, Kigali City Tower (KCT), Avenue Du Commerce, PO Box 1248, Kigali, Rwanda Tel/Fax: (250-08) 307-334, E-mail: asendama@nilebasin.org, Contact: Antoine Sendama, Regional Coordinator.; Eastern Nile Regional Technical Office (ENTRO), Dessie Road, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-11) 646-1130/32, Fax: (25-11) 645-9407, E-mail: entro@nilebasin.org, Contact: Dr. Yosif Ibrahim, Officer in Charge.; Nile Basin Initiative Secretariat (Nile-SEC), PO Box 192, Entebbe, Uganda, Tel: (256-417) 705-177, Fax: (256-414) 320-971, E-mail: nbissec@nilebasin.org, Contact: Dr. Wael Khairy, Executive Director.

(R) Second Senegal River Basin Multi-Purpose Water Resources Development APL: The objective, same as the parent project, is to enhance regional integration among the riparian countries of the Senegal River Basin through OMVS for multi-purpose water resources development. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 15 December 2012. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131232. US$ 90.0/20.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Senegal OMVS.

(R) Senegal River Basin Climate Change Adaptation: The objective is to improve the management of the Senegal River Basin’s land and water resources through: (a) climate change adaptation on environmental management in Guinea as a new riparian country to OMVS; and (b) ensuring sustainability of the water resources base which originates in Guinea. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 13 December 2012. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 4.0/12.0 (GEFU/LDC). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Decision Support Services Project for the Sahel and West Africa Program: The objective is to improve mutual learning and monitoring within the SAWAP portfolio on management of risks to natural resources from climate change, land degradation and natural disasters. Decision Meeting scheduled for 24 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 4.6 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sustainable Groundwater Management in SADC Member Countries: The objective is to support the sustainable management of groundwater resources within the SADC Member States and enhance resilience to climatic variability and change. Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127086. US$ 9.0/16.5 (GEFU/2MUL). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Zambezi River Basin Development Project: The objective is to strengthen cooperative management and development within the Zambezi River Basin to facilitate sustainable and climate resilient growth. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 6.0 (CIWA). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Rwanda

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Ninth Poverty Reduction Support Financing: The objective is to support the Government to implement its medium-term development strategy, the EDPRS, and the policy actions to increase private sector investment and ease constraints to broad based growth. Bank Approval scheduled for 21 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127114. US$ 125.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Boulevard de la Revolution, Opposite of, PO Box 138, KIGALI, RW, Rwanda, Tel: (250-252) 576-701, Fax: (250-252) 577-581, E-mail: mfin@minecofin.gov.rw, Contact: Dr. Shreeranjan, Joint Secretary.

Landscape Approach to Forest Restoration and Conservation (LAFREC): The objective is aligned with the Multi-Focal Area/Sustainable Forest Management’s core objective around a landscape approach which will bring the forest ecosystems into better management, including rehabilitation of degraded areas and generating multiple benefits. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.5/4.1 (GEFU/LDC). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Electricity Access Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) support the Government policy reform agenda that seeks to consolidate, enhance efficiency and effectiveness, and (b) expand coverage of its social protection system. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P131666. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, PO Box 158, Rwanda, Tel: (250-252) 577-494, Fax: (250-252) 577-581, E-mail: Ronald.nkusi@minecofin.gov.rw, Contact: Ronald Nkusi, Director, External Finance Unit.

Transportation

(R) Feeder Roads Development: The objective is to rehabilitate and construct selected feeder roads. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126498. US$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Rwanda Transport Development Agency, 4th floor, Kucukiko Pension Plaza, African Union Boulevard, Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: (250) 788-6-3410, E-mail: ericant007@yahoo.com, Contact: Eric Negengawa, Director of Planning.

Sao Tome and Principe

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Second Governance and Competitiveness Development Policy Operation: The objectives are to support the Government to: (a) strengthen economic governance in a transparent manner to monitor public and natural resources; manage and report public finances; promote fiscal stability; and strengthen public debt management; and (b) support broad-based growth by improving the business climate. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P13092. US$ 4.2 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Senegal

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Casamance Integrated Growth Pole: The objective is to provide key community economic infrastructures and basic social services to local communities while supporting the creation of jobs and skills for unemployed youth and women. Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125506. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Agence Regionale de Developpement (ARD), Rue 21 No.550 Santhiaba Ouest, Zigminchour, Senegal Tel/Fax: (221-33) 938-8290, E-mail: sonkos@hotmail.com.

(R) Food Security and Livestock Support: The objective is to improve food availability through increased food crops and livestock production in project areas. Appraisal completed on 14 January 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 4 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (GFCCR). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Programme de Développement
des Marchés Agricoles du Sénégal (PDMAS), Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221-33) 869-6262, E-mail: pdmas@pdmas.org; eawone@pdmas.org, Contact: El Hadji Amadou Wone, Directeur General.

Community-based Sustainable Land Management: The objectives are to: (a) support rural communities in areas vulnerable to desertification and land degradation through community based activities targeting women and through sustainable land management; and (b) pilot a climate smart agriculture and its potential to implement nationwide. Negotiations scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130271, US$ 6.0 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education
(R) Quality Basic Education: The objective is to improve early grade learning outcomes and equity in basic education (primary and junior secondary). Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133333, US$ 20.0/3.0/46.9 (IDA Credit/CIDA/EFAF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221-33) 821-0762, Contact: M. Djibril Ndiaye Diouf, Directeur de la Planification et de la Réforme de l’Educati.

Global Partnership Education for All: The objective is to improve the equity and management of the Senegal education system. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B, US$ 46.9 (EFAS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining
(N) Taiba Ndiaye Independent Power Producer Project: The objective is to increase electricity generation at a lower marginal cost through Independent Power Producer investments in Senegal. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 40.0/92.0/28.0 (GUID/ZMUL/ZPCI). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance
Agribusiness Development and Finance: The objective is to increase private investment in agribusiness in Senegal in specific sub-sectors. Negotiations scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P124018, US$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, BP 4005, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221-33) 849-7577, Fax: (221-33) 823-3268, E-mail: diop.sadibou@gmail.com, Contact: Cheikh Sadibou Diop, Directeur de Cabinet.

Health and Other Social Services
(R) Health and Social Financing: The objective is to improve efficiency and equity of the health and social care delivery system by: (a) strengthening accountability of health facilities and hospitals; (b) enhancing financial accessibility to health care services; and (c) improving the system for targeting the poorest households. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 4.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health and Prevention, Rue 7, Point E, PO Box 45001, Senegal, Tel: (221-33) 860-0109, Fax: (221-33) 864-3861, E-mail: ben@clm.sn, Contact: Abdoulaye Ka, Coordonnateur National de la CLM.

Safety Net Operation: The objective is to assist the Government develop building blocks of an efficient safety net system. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice
Sixth Development Policy Operation: The objective is to support the Government in strengthening the policy making and institutional capabilities’ to accelerate broad-based growth, to improve access to social services, and to foster good governance. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Rue Rene Ndiaye, BP 4017, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221-33) 889-2100, Fax: (221-33) 822-4195.

Sixth Poverty Reduction Support Credit: The objective is to support the implementation of the Government’s Third Economic and Social Development Paper that will strengthen the Government’s policy making and institutional capabilities. Bank Approval completed on 20 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P128284, US$ 55.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Rue Rene Ndiaye, BP 4017, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221-33) 889-2100, Fax: (221-33) 822-4195.

Seychelles
Public Administration, Law, and Justice
(R) Second Sustainability and Competitiveness DPL: The objectives are to: (a) improve fiscal sustainability; and (b) enhance private sector competitiveness for the Republic of Seychelles. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 7 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, PO Box 313, Victoria, Mahe, Seychelles, Tel: (248) 382-0004, Fax: (248) 225-893, E-mail: ps-finance@finance.gov.sc, Contact: Steve Fanny, Permanent Secretary.

Sierra Leone
Education
Revitalizing Education Development In Sierra Leone: The objective is to improve the quality of basic education service delivery in Sierra Leone. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 17.9 (EFAS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining
Energy Access: The objective is to improve energy access through generation and transmission and distribution investments. Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy Access Infrastructure Development Fund: The objectives are to: (a) increase the reliability and quality of electricity supply in the major load centers in Sierra Leone; and (b) improve energy access in rural areas. Bank Approval scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126180, US$ 16.0 (SLIN). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Power (MoEP), Electricity House, 36 Siaka Stevens Street, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232 22) 228-681, Contact: Dr. Abdul Rahim Jalloh, Project Management Unit Director.

Health and Other Social Services
(R) Reproductive and Child Health Phase 2 ACGF: The objective is to increase the utilization of essential health services by pregnant and lactating women and children under the age of five. The loan was signed on 27 September 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.6 (ACGF). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, George Street, Sierra Leone, Tel: NA, Fax: NA, Contact: Edmund Koroma, Financial Secretary.

(R) Sierra Leone Second Reproductive and Child Health Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) scale-up the performance-based financing mechanism, technical assistance for policy agenda agreed with the Government of Sierra Leone; and (b) improve the results focus through strengthening social accountability of the free health care initiative. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 8 February 2013. Environmental Assess-
ment Category B. US$ 7.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Sierra Leone Safety Nets Project**: The objective is to create a comprehensive, efficient, well targeted productive safety net system for the poor and vulnerable areas of the Sierra Leone population. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 1 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit); Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Information and Communications**

(R) **Sierra Leone ICT for Transformation Project**: The objectives are to: (a) capitalize on improving communications infrastructure, focusing on ICT to improve basic service delivery and accountability, in particular beyond the urban centers; and (b) support selected e-government applications that improve government’s efficiency, transparency and accountability. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

(N) **Public Financial Management Improvement and Consolidation Project**: The objective is to improve human resources and institutional capacity for a more efficient and transparent Public Financial Management (PFM). Project Concept Note prepared for 1 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 110.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ministerial Building, Siaka Stevens Stre, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232-22) 222-221.

**South Africa**

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

Large Cities Support Program: The objectives are to: (a) support the Government of South Africa’s Large Cities Support Program; and (b) strengthen the service delivery and management capacity and systems of selected South African cities. Appraisal scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. National Treasury, South Africa, Private Bag, Box 115, Pretoria, South Africa, Tel: (27-12) 315-5111, Fax: (27-12) 315-5230.

**South Sudan**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

Agricultural Sector Development: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to finance for SMEs in the transport sector; (c) create the body that will be responsible for the administration of the funds. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 455.0/60.0 (IDA Credit/ZBIL). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Sudan**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

Sustainable Land and Water Management: The objective is to expand Sustainable Land and Water Management (SLWM) practices in targeted landscapes and in climate vulnerable areas in Sudan. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 76.5 (EFAS). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of General Education (FMoGE), Sudan.

**Education**

Education Sector Strategic Plan and Preparation of FTI Application: The objective is to support the Government of the Republic of Sudan (GoS) towards the development of an Education Sector Strategic Plan (ESSSP, 2012-2016), which will form the basis for preparing an application to finance the Education for All Fast Track Initiative (EFA-FTI) secretariat. Bank Approval scheduled for 18 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 76.5 (EFAS). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Education (FMoGE), Sudan.

**Finance**

(R) **Pre Arrears Clearance**: The objective is conditional on international support to allow IDA engage with Sudan during the debt workout period to develop new IDA operations/finance emergency priority expenditures. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 50.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Tanzania**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

(R) **Accelerated Food Security Additional Financing**: The objective is to support the expansion provision to input subsidy vouchers for seeds and fertilizer for smallholder producers of maize and rice in Tanzania. The credit was signed on 11 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132780. US$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives, Kilimo I, PO Box 9192, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 286-2595, E-mail: psk@kilimo.go.tz, Contact: Seyfu Ketema, Executive Director.

**Agricultural Sector Development**: The objectives are to: (a) enable farmers to have better access to and use of agricultural knowledge, technologies, marketing systems and infrastructure; and (b) promote agricultural private investment based on an improved regulatory and policy environment. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 280.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives, Kilimo I, PO Box 9192, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 286-2595, E-mail: psk@kilimo.go.tz; Prime Minister Office - Regional Administration and Local Government, Tanzania, Tel: (255-71) 344-8835, E-mail: elikayanda@yahoo.co.uk.

**Conservation and Management of Kihansi Ecosystem**: The objective is to contribute towards achieving an output of 2.2 of GEF BD 2, which links mainstreaming of biodiversity conservation with sustainable land and water use and energy production under changing climate. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 5 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 6.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Vice President’s Office, PO Box 5380, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-3857, Fax: (255-22) 211-3856, Contact: Julius Ningu, Director of Environment.

**Southern Agriculture Growth Corridor SME SAGOT**: The objective is to support increased access to finance for SMEs in the SAGOT area and explore innovative financing instruments to fi-
nance SMEs in agribusiness, which could include venture capital support, collateralization through warehouse receipts, and charter banks. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125728. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-1174, Fax: (255-22) 211-0326, Contact: Ramadhani M. Khijjah, Permanent Secretary.

Tanzania Regional Fisheries: The objective is to improve regional coordination and management of tuna and other fisheries, together with nationally-focused activities to promote the sustainable use and economic development of marine fisheries. Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Livestock Development, PO Box 9152, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 286-1910, Fax: (255-22) 286-1908.

Tanzania Regional Fisheries Project: The objective is to improve regional coordination and management of tuna and other fisheries, together with nationally-focused activities to promote the sustainable use and economic development of marine fisheries. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Livestock Development, PO Box 9152, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 286-1910, Fax: (255-22) 286-1908.

Third Agricultural Sector Development Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) enable farmers to have better access to and use of agricultural knowledge, technologies, marketing systems and infrastructure; and (b) promote agricultural private investment based on an improved regulatory and policy environment. Bank Approval completed on 23 October 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132838. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives (MAFC), Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 286-2064, E-mail: psk@kilimo.go.tz, Contact: Seyfu Ketimes, Executive Director.

Energy and Mining
(N) Energy Development Policy Operation: The objective is to support the Government’s effort to reform Tanzania’s energy sector. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 125.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Madaraka Avenue, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-1174/6.

Energy Sector Capacity Assistance: The objectives are to: (a) assist the Government to strengthen its capacity to manage development of its natural gas resources in an efficient, transparent, accountable and sustainable manner; and (b) enhance the Government’s capacity to implement large and complex power generation projects on a PPP basis. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126875. US$ 21.5/13.5 (IDA Credit/CIDA). No consultants are required. Ministry of Energy and Minerals, PO Box 2000, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-2793, Contact: David Jairo, Permanent Secretary.


Singida Wind Power: The objective is to improve the environment for private sector investment, thereby increasing investment in Tanzanian climate-friendly wind generation capacity. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126432. US$ 100.0/200.0 (GUID/ZPCD). Consultants will be required. Wind EA, Contact: Mark Gammens.

Finance
Pension and Health Finance Reform Development Policy Credit: The objectives are to: (a) support a reform of the Tanzania pension system; and (b) reform the health finance system. Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P117731. US$ 120.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-1174, Fax: (255-22) 211-0326, Contact: Mr. Joseph Massawe, Director, Strategic Planning and Performance Review.

Industry and Trade
Private Sector Competitiveness Project: The objective is to support the development of private sector enterprises in Tanzania, to build on the results of the current Private Sector Development project. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Tanzania.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice
(R) Tenth Poverty Reduction Support Credit: The objective is to support the country's policy reform agenda by improving: (a) regional and global competitiveness of the economy; and (b) the poor's income opportunities. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, PO Box 9164, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-2854, Fax: (255-22) 211-7900, Contact: Ngosha S. Magonya, Commissioner External Finance.

Dar es Salaam Metropolitan Development: The objectives are to: (a) improve municipal and metropolitan management; and (b) deliver urban services in the three Municipal Councils that make up Dar es Salaam. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123134. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. DAR City Council, PO Box 9084, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 213-3346, Fax: (255-22) 212-5589, Contact: Mr. Bakari Kingobi, Director.

Eleventh Poverty Reduction Support Credit: The objective is to support the country's policy reform agenda by raising: (a) regional and global competitiveness of the economy; and (b) the poor's income opportunities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, PO Box 9111, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-2856/1025, Fax: (255-22) 211-7790, E-mail: ps@mof.go.tz, Contact: Ngosha S. Magonya, Commissioner External Finance.

Transportation
(R) Central Transport Corridor Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) cover for cost overrun under the Bus Rapid Transit; and (b) scale-up the intervention in the improvement of the Zanzibar Airport component to enhance the project’s impact and development effectiveness. Bank Approval completed on 15 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P124114. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. TANROADS, PO Box 11364, Maktaba Complex Building, Bibi Titi Moha, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 215-0932, Fax: (255-22) 215-0022, E-mail: tanroads@tanroads.org, Contact: Ephraim Mrema, Chief Executive Officer.

Railway Revitalization: The objective is to create an efficient intermodal transport system and strengthen logistics organization by developing an intermodal land-bridge between the Dar-es-salaam port and Isaka. Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127241. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Reli Assets Holding Company (RAHCO), Railways Street Corner, Sokoine Drive, PO Box 76959, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-2856/1025, Fax: (255-22) 211-7790, E-mail: tanroads@tanroads.org, Contact: Ephraim Mrema, Chief Executive Officer.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection
Second Water Sector Support: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to urban and rural water supply and sanitation services; and (b) reform and strengthen the performance of water sector institutions. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water and Irrigation, PO Box 9153, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22)
213-1192, Fax: (255-22) 232-1888, Contact: Christopher Saji, Permanent Secretary.

**Togo**

**Health and Other Social Services**

**(N) Health Service Malaria Project:** The objective is to improve health outcomes and health sector performance in Togo by focusing on solutions to some key factors impeding progress in the sector, notably on improving governance, health care quality, equity of access and the availability of human resources for health. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) Sixth Economic Recovery and Governance Credit:** The objective is to continue to support the Government reforms to improve public financial management as well as structural reforms in cotton, energy, telecommunications, transport, mining and banking. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 16 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 14.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Imeuble CASEF, BP 387, Lome, Togo, Tel: (228) 221-5444, Fax: (228) 221-0905.

**Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection**

Emergency Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Energy Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to infrastructure and urban services in Lome and (b) support the Government’s efforts to demonstrate concrete improvements in the lives of its citizens, a critical step for sustaining social and political stability in the country. Appraisal scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 14.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Uganda**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

Forestry and Natural Resources Management: The objective is to improve management of critical forest and other natural resources in selected areas of Uganda. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water and Environment, Plot 21/28 Port Bell, Luzira, PO Box 20026, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-414) 505-945/029, Fax: (256-414) 505-941, Contact: David Obong Omara Oleke, Permanent Secretary.

**Education**

**(R) Global Partnership for Education Project:** The objective is to enhance the learning environment in primary schools in order to facilitate improvements in learning outcomes and increase completion rates towards the MGD of universal completion of primary education. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 13 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 100.0 (EFAF). No consultants are required. Ministry of Education and Sports, Embassy House, PO Box 7063, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 425-7038, Fax: (256-41) 427-4920, E-mail: flubanga@education.go.ug.

**Energy and Mining**

Energy for Rural Transformation APL Phase 2 Additional Financing: The objective is to finance the construction of a 132kV transmission line between Lira-Gulu-Nebi-Arua in the Northern part of the Country. Appropriate Technical Assistance will be included in the project design. There will be room for some cofinancing from other development partners. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Kampala Road, PO Box 7270, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 434-9342, E-mail: info@energy.go.ug.

Northern Power Transmission Project: The objective is to support the construction of a 132kV transmission line between Lira-Gulu-Nebi-Arua in the Northern part of the Country. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Amber House, Room B202, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 423-3331, Fax: (256-41) 423-0220, E-mail: info@energy.go.ug.

**Oil Regional Development**

The objectives are to: (a) improve infrastructure and public services; (b) boost economic development opportunities; and (c) enhance management of the Albertine ecosystem for the benefit of communities affected by early oil development in Hoima and Buliisa Districts of Uganda. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 7 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of State for Bureaucracy Affairs, Office of the Prime Minister, Contact: Pius Bigirimana, Permanent Secretary.

**Partial Risk Guarantee Hydropower Project:** The objective will provide support for counterpart risk guarantee to cover the payment risk from Uganda Electricity Transmission Company. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (GUID). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Kampala Road, PO Box 7270, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 434-9342, E-mail: info@energy.go.ug.

**Third Energy for Rural Transformation APL Phase:** The objective is to build on the implementation experience of the ERT-II and will be based on the reform measures that are being developed under the Uganda Accelerated Rural Electrification project (UAREP). Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Kampala Road, PO Box 7270, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 434-9342, E-mail: info@energy.go.ug.

**Health and Other Social Services**

**(N) Reproductive Health Voucher Project:** The objectives are: (a) provide subsidized vouchers to vulnerable and poor pregnant women to access a package of safe delivery services; (b) support project management functions and build national capacity to mainstream; and (c) scale-up implementation of the safe delivery voucher scheme in the health sector. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 13.3 (GPBA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, PO Box 7272, Lourdel Road, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 450-872, Fax: (256-41) 231-584, E-mail: ps@health.go.ug.

**Industry and Trade**

**(R) Sector Competitiveness III:** The objectives are: (a) improve access to financial services, business registration, regulation and licensing procedures; and (b) scale-up the land registry reform, stimulate the export of non-traditional commodities and increase youth employment. Preparation completed on 7 January 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Plot 2-12, Apollo Kaggwa Road 1, PO Box 8147, Shimoni Road, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 423-2095, Fax: (256-41) 423-0163, E-mail: finance@finance.go.ug.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) Second Kampala Institutional and Infrastructure Development Project:** The objectives are: (a) extend coverage and quality of service delivery; and (b) deepen institutional reform. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consultants will be required. Kampala Capital City Authority, Sir Apollo Road, Plot 1-3, PO Box 7010, Kampala, Uganda.

**(R) Tenth Poverty Reduction Support Credit:** The objective is to continue to support the Government of Uganda’s Poverty Eradication Action Plan by: (a) enhancing public infrastructure, (b) promoting human capital development and (c) supporting good governance and accountability. Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P122092.
US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Finance Building, Nile Ave PO Box 8147, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 232-095, Fax: (256-41) 343-023, E-mail: NA, Contact: Chris Laker, Project Coordinator.

Second Financial Sector Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the development of the market for term finance, with a focus on the reform of the public pension system and deepen the access to financial services. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Bank of Uganda, Plot 37/43 Kampala Road, PO Box 7120, Kampala, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 230-051, Fax: (256-41) 258-515, E-mail: jbagyenda@bou.or.ug.

Transportation

(R) Second Transport Sector Development: The objective is to support the Government with urban transport and rehabilitation of national roads on critical road corridors. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 160.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Uganda National Road Authority, Plot 11, Yusuf Lule Road, PO Box 28487, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 434-2931, Fax: (256-41) 423-2814, E-mail: fesam@unra.ug.

Support to Municipal Infrastructure Development: The objectives are to: (a) improve the provision of basic infrastructure and services in the municipalities of Uganda; and (b) strengthen the capacity of the MoLHUD and the municipalities for physical planning and own source revenue mobilization for improved operations and maintenance of municipal infrastructure. Bank Approval scheduled for 14 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P178786. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development (MoLHUD), Century House, Parliamentary Av PO Box 7096, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 434-2931, Fax: (256-41) 423-0891, Contact: Sam Mabala, Assistant Commissioner Urban Development.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Water Management and Development: The objective is to help the Government to: (a) strengthen capacity and build institutions for water sector development and management; (b) invest in priority urban water supply, sanitation infrastructure, protect and secure water sources for future expansion; and (c) operationalize integrated water resource investment plans into one Water Management Zone. Bank Approval completed on 26 June 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123204. US$ 135.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water and Environment, Plot 21/28 Port Bell, Luzira, PO Box 20026, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 505-945/029, Fax: (256-41) 505-941, Contact: David Obong Omara Oleke, Permanent Secretary.

Zambia

Energy and Mining

(R) Electricity Distribution Rehabilitation: The objective is to rehabilitate the electricity distribution infrastructure in Lusaka and Copperbelt regions. Decision Meeting scheduled for 5 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133184. US$ 100.0/65.0 (IDA Credit/EUIB). Consulting services and implementing agencies to be determined.

Finance

(R) Zambia Access to Finance for SMEs: The objective is to broaden and deepen access to medium- and long-term finance of small and medium enterprises in Zambia, with a view to ultimately contribute to increased productivity and job creation. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 20 December 2012. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Zambia.

Transportation

(R) Strengthening Climate Resilience PPCR Phase II: The objective is to mainstream climate change issues in the Sixth National Development Plan and other strategies in order to ensure sustainable economic development towards the attainment of the country’s Vision 2030. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127954. US$ 5.0/31.0 (CSCC/CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Finance House, Chimanga Road, PO Box 50062, Lusaka, Zambia, Tel: (260-211) 251-105, Fax: (260-211) 251-078, E-mail: Mr. David Kaluba, dk@metro.gov.zm.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Water Resources Development: The objective is to support the development of an infrastructure platform and water management framework that: (a) improves water allocation efficiencies; (b) increases the reliability of water available for productive purposes; and (c) strengthens community resilience to climate variability. Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Water Development, Sheki Sheki Road, Light Industrial Area, PO Box 50288, Ridgeway, Lusaka, Zambia, Tel: (260-211) 243-543, Fax: (260-211) 248-304, Contact: Adam Hussen, Director.

Zimbabwe

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Hwange-Sanyati Biological Corridor Environmental Resource Management and Conservation: The objective is to develop the technical and institutional tools for the sustainable management of HSBC. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P124625. US$ 6.4 (GEFU). Consultants will be required for establishing biodiversity, land degradation and socio-economic baseline data for HSBC; identification and development of criteria for selection of livelihood activities and feasibility studies, among others. World Wildlife Fund Zimbabwe, PO Box CY 1409, Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (236-4) 703-902, Fax: (236-4) 252-533, E-mail: e.shumba@wwf.org.zw, Contact: Enos Shumba, Interim Director.

East Asia and Pacific

Cambodia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Community Based Agricultural Productivity: The objective is to improve the productivity of diversified smallholder rice based production systems: agriculture, livestock and fisheries, increase volume and quality of export surpluses. Appraisal scheduled for 18 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P117642. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit/IFAD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, 200, Norodom Blvd Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855) 1722-7746, Fax: (855) 2321-7320, E-mail: prak.amida.dsg@maff.gov.kh, Contact: Mr. Amida Thaveak Prak, Deputy Secretary General and Deputy Chair of CBAPP.

Health and Other Social Services

Livelihood Enhancement and Association of the Poor in Siem Reap: The objectives are to increase incomes and improve livelihoods of the rural poor in select communes in Siem Reap province by: (a) creating and strengthening self-sustaining institutions of the poor, (b) providing them access to finance, and (c) linking them to markets and key value chains. Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P097682. US$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Interior, 275 Norodom Blvd Sangkat Tonle Bassac, Chamkar Mon, Phnom Penh, Cambodia Tel/Fax: (855-23) 721-791, E-mail: mrdngyep@forum.org.kh, cmgy@interior.gov.kh, Contact: H.E. Ngy Chanphal, Secretary of State.
Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Local Governance and Development Program: The objective is to assist the Royal Government of Cambodia in its implementation of the National Program for Sub National Democratic Development in both local governance and local development objectives. Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P096505. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. NCDD Secretariat, Ministry of Interior, 275 Norodom Boulevard, Sangkat Tonle Bassa, Khan Chamcar Mon, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 362-175, 720-038, Fax: (855-23) 726-092, E-mail: info@ncdd.gov.kh; Ngan.chamroeun@ncdd.gov.kh, Contact: HE Ngan Chamroeun, Project Manager and Deputy Director General.

Public Financial Management and Accountability Additional Financing: The objective is to scale-up the capacity building and systems implementation for accounting, financial management and procurement reform including the provision of funding for the Independent Procurement Agent. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127775. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Agriculture, Guangdong Province, 135 East Xianlie Rd, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China, Tel: (86-20) 3728-8910, E-mail: evonne_zheng@yahoo.com.cn, Contact: Zhenghui Chen, Deputy Director General.

China
Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry
(R) Guangdong Non-Point Pollution Control: The objective is to reduce rural and agricultural pollution by promoting source reduction, commercial utilization of agricultural wastes, and sound management and treatment of rural wastes. Pre-appraisal completed on 3 December 2012. Appraisal scheduled for 18 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127775. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Agriculture, Guangdong Province, 135 East Xianlie Rd, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China, Tel: (86-20) 3728-8910, E-mail: evonne_zheng@yahoo.com.cn, Contact: Zhenghui Chen, Deputy Director General.

(R) Guangdong Non-Point Pollution Control-GEF: The objective is to reduce rural and agricultural pollution by promoting source reduction, commercial utilization of agricultural wastes, and sound management and treatment of rural wastes, which will reduce land-based pollution to the large marine ecosystems of East Asia Seas. Pre-appraisal completed on 3 December 2012. Appraisal scheduled for 18 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.1 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Agriculture, Guangdong Province, 135 East Xianlie Rd, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China, Tel: (86-20) 3728-8910, E-mail: evonne_zheng@yahoo.com.cn, Contact: Mr. Chen Zhenghui, Deputy Director General of Guangdong Dept of Agriculture.

(R) Guizhou Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation: The objective is to improve rural incomes and living standards in poor mountain areas through piloting the development of agricultural enterprises and farmer cooperatives that are based on modern technology, operate in environmentally friendly and economically sustainable ways, and can be scaled up for effective rural poverty reduction. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Hunan Forest Ecosystem Restoration and Development (Ln. 82150-CN): The objective is to demonstrate the sustainable forest management approach to enhance the forest carbon stocks and adaptation to climate change. Bank Approval scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125021. US$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Hunan Provincial Forestry Bureau, 356 Ziyuan Road, Changsha, Hunan Province, China, Tel: (86-731) 8555-3306, E-mail: liyihua@yahoo.ca, Contact: Mr. Shuming Li, Project Management Office Director.

(R) Poverty Alleviation and Agriculture Development Demonstration in Poor Areas: The objective aims to improve rural incomes and living standards in poor mountain areas through piloting the development of agricultural enterprises and farmer cooperatives that are based on modern technology, operate in environmentally friendly and economically sustainable ways, and can be scaled up for effective rural poverty reduction. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Integrated Modern Agriculture Development: The objective is to modernize agricultural sector in six provinces of China with positive effects on productivity, resources conservation and resilience to climate change. Negotiations scheduled for 11 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125496. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Sanlinke Road, Beijing, China Tel/Fax: (86-10) 6855-3312, E-mail: socad_wly@126.com, Contact: Ms. Lanying Wang, Division Chief, SOCAD.

Qinghai Xining Environment Management: The objective is to improve the environment of Xining Municipality by: (a) construction of wastewater treatment plants, (b) watershed management, and (c) capacity building. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 11 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Tiger Habitat Conservation: The objective is to restore tiger habitat in selected areas of northeastern China for the benefit of the tiger population, the local inhabitants and the environment. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 3.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. State Forestry Administration, 18 East Street, Hepingli, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8423-9030, Fax: (86-10) 6421-7796, E-mail: pmcsfa@forestry.gov.cn, Contact: Weisheng Wang, Director.

Energy and Mining
(R) Beijing Rooftop Solar PV Scale-Up Sunshine Schools: The objective is to scale up rooftop PV systems in public schools in Beijing. Negotiations scheduled for 24 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125022. US$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Project Management Office, No. 16, Minwang South Alley, Hepingli, Dongcheng District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8228-9550, Fax: (86-10) 8228-9557, E-mail: bjpmoshaspa@163.com, Contact: Gao Yun, Deputy Governor.

(R) Concentrated Solar Power (CSP): The objective is to construct a 50 MW CSP power plant in Inner Mongolia that will include solar field, thermal energy storage, and a power plant. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126957. US$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. China Datang Corporation Renewable Power Co. Ltd A-1002, Building No. 6, Fenghua Haoying, Guanganmennei Street, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8351-1372 Ext. 810, Fax: (86-10) 8351-1372 Ext. 888, E-mail: dxnywyd@163.com, Contact: Yan Changhui, Deputy Director General.

(R) Green Energy Schemes for Low-carbon City in Shanghai: The objective is to pilot green energy schemes for a low-carbon city in Shanghai, with a focus in Changning District, thereby reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Negotiations scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 4.4 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Changning District Government (Shanghai), 599 ChangNing Road, China, Tel: (86-21) 2205-1503, Fax: (86-21) 2205-1521, E-mail: gaoyun34@ sina.com, Contact: Gao Yun, Deputy Governor.

(R) Shanghai Green Energy Schemes for Low-carbon: The objective is to pilot green energy schemes for a low-carbon city in Changning District, Shanghai, to reduce the GHG emissions, by adopting a framework approach to: (a) finance activities to retrofit EE in existing buildings; (b) pilot new near zero-emission build-
ings; and (c) identify renewable energy and natural gas supply for power and heating. Negotiations scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P127033. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Changning District Government (Shanghai), No. 599 Changning Road, Shanghai, China, Tel: (86-21) 2205-1503, Fax: (86-21) 2205-1521, E-mail: gaoyuncn@ sina. com, Contact: Mr. Gao Yun, Deputy Governor.

(R) Shanxi Coal Bed Methane Utilization: The objectives are to: (a) construct two CBM-fired combined heating and power stations; and (b) expand city gas networks in five cities in Shanxi province. Identification completed on 7 December 2012. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Urban Scale Building Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: The objective is to support the scale-up of energy efficiency and renewable energy in urban built environment through city pilots/demonstrations and national replication/dissemination. Appraisal completed on 4 December 2012. Negotiations scheduled for 25 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130786. US$ 12.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. International and local consultants of the following specialties are expected to be needed for project preparation: architect, building energy specialist, renewable energy specialist, and urban planner. Ministry of Housing, Urban and Rural Development, No. 9 Sanlihe Road, Haidian District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 5893 4535. E-mail: tongch@mail.cin.gov.cn, Contact: Guichan TONG, Deputy Director.

Establish M&V system for Energy Efficiency in China: The objective is to establish Measurement and Verification (M&V) system and pilot market-based mechanism, to support the government to achieve 12th Five-Year Plan energy saving targets in a cost-effective way. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 18.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, No. 9, San Li He Lu, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 6855-1129, Fax: (86-10) 6855-1151. Contact: Zhongjing Wang, Deputy Director General.

Hebei New Energy Development in Rural Areas: The objective is to generate rural energy for local farmer households/communities by: (a) developing large-scale bio-gas facilities and (b) efficiently using local straw and other wastes in rural areas. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Renewable Energy Scaling-Up Program Phase II: The objective is to support the Government's 12th Five-Year Plan to enable continued and sustainable scale-up of commercial renewable energy development through cost reduction, efficiency improvement, and smooth integration to the grids, thereby contributing to government's target of reduction in carbon intensity. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127033. US$ 27.3 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. New and Renewable Energy Division, No 38 Yuetan Nan Street, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, Fax: (86-10) 6850-1443. Contact: Mr. Shi Lishan, Deputy Director General.

Shandong Renewable Energy: The objective is to contribute towards achieving Shandong Province’s renewable energy (RE) targets and demonstrate the potential contribution of the private sector in RE development. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123225. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required to support the project preparation and appraisal. Shandong Chengkou Salt Chemical Company, Mashanzi Town Wudi County, Shandong, China Tel/Fax: (86-543) 507 1505, E-mail: kong-lq@163.com, Contact: Kong Lingquan, Deputy General Manager.

Industry and Trade

(R) Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) Phase-Out Stage I: The objective is to reduce HCFC production and HCFC-141b consumption in the foam sector, to contribute to the Government of China's endeavor to comply with its Montreal Protocol phase-out obligations for HCFCs by 2015, as well as to reduce emissions of GHG from the production and foam sectors to contribute to climate benefits. The loan was signed on 28 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P115561. US$ 95.0 (MPIN). Consultants will be required. Foreign Economic Cooperation Office of Ministry of Environmental Protection, 5 Houyingfang Hutong, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8265-8801, E-mail: wen.wurui@mpfeeco.org.cn, Contact: Wen Wurui, Director General.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Guangdong Social Security Integration and Migrant Training: The objective is to support rural-urban integration by: (a) developing a social security system that promotes social equity and labor mobility by enhancing coverage, integration and portability; and (b) contributing to migrant labor force that is more productive and able to upgrade skills during their working lives. Negotiations scheduled for 23 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P117596. US$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, No. 3, Nan San Xiang, San Li He, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 6855-1174, Fax: (86-10) 6855-1125, E-mail: wangwei19@gsf.gov.cn, Contact: Wei Wang, Acting Director.

Transportation

(R) Anhui Yellow Mountain New Countryside Demonstration: The objective is to help accelerate economic development in selected districts of the Huangshan region by: (a) improving the rural infrastructure; (b) preserving and protecting the cultural property and the natural environment; and (c) enhancing the livelihoods of rural households. Preparation scheduled for 21 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129563. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Huangshan Municipality Development and Reform Commission, No. 5 Building, New Administrative Area, Huangshan District, Huangshan, China, E-mail: hsshxmb@126.com, Contact: Shi Li Ding. Deputy Director.

(R) Fujian Fishing Ports: The objectives are to: (a) improve the fishing port infrastructure facilities to mitigate the impact of wind and wave; (b) improve disaster protection; and (c) promote regional economic and social development. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Fujian Meizhou Bay Waterways: The objectives are to: (a) improve the capacity of the main navigation channel; and (b) enhance the management capacity of Meizhou Bay Harbor Administration Bureau. Negotiations completed on 17 December 2012. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P124848. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Fujian Provincial Transport Department, 7th Floor Communication Dept. Building, No. 18 Dongshui Road, Fuzhou, China, Tel: (86-591) 8707-7709, Fax: (86-591) 8707-7710, E-mail: fjttshb@163.com, Contact: Wang Zhaofei, Deputy Director General.

(R) Guiyang Rural Roads: The objectives are to: (a) provide improved transport accessibility in Guiyang through upgrading and rehabilitation of selected priority rural roads from the sector development plan; and (b) build the maintenance capacity of Guiyang. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 8 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129401. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Guiyang Project Management Office, Er Qiao Road No. 42, Shi Ji Xin Yuan Building 1, 4th Floor, Guiyang City, China, Tel: (86-851) 477-0713, Fax: (86-851) 477-0714, E-mail: gjpmo@vip.163.com, Contact: Xiang Zhang, Director.

(R) Hubei Xiaoan Logistic Infrastructure: The objective is to support the development of logistic infrastructure in Hubei Province, advance the development of a modern logistic industry and facilitate the formation of a new logistic terminal for central China, potentially of national significance. Identification scheduled for 25 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Xiaoan Urban Construction Investment Corporation, Jiaotong Da Dao 391, Xiaoan, China, Tel: (86-712) 232-8319, E-mail: 290849858@qq.com.

(R) Jiangxi Shangrao Sanqingshan Airport Development: The objective is to improve airline connectivity in Northeastern
Jiangxi Province and demonstrate the environment sustainability of the development and operation of the Shanghang Sangingshan Airport. Negotiations scheduled for 11 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A: Project: P123729. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Shanghang Sangingshan Airport Construction Office (PMO), No. 7 Xinyang Road, Shanghang, China Tel/Fax: (86-793) 8222-9791, E-mail: sqsaairport@sina.com, Contact: Yu Xiaohin, Director of Project Management Office.

(R) Jiangxi Small Town Infrastructure Development Demonstration: The objective is to improve priority infrastructure in the project counties and establish demonstrations for small town development in Jiangxi Province. Negotiations scheduled for 24 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B: Project: P126853. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Jiangxi Development and Reform Commission (JDRC), 12th Floor, General Building, Jiangxi DRC, No. 3, Beijing West Road, Nanchang, China, Tel: (86-791) 621-2873, Fax: (86-791) 885-8576, E-mail: jaffo@126.com; huangjing07@21cn.com, Contact: Jinhua Li, PMO Director. Development and Reform Commission (JDRC), 12th Floor, General Building, Jiangxi DRC, No. 3, Beijing West Road, Nanchang, China, Tel: (86-791) 621-2873, Fax: (86-791) 885-8576, E-mail: jaffo@126.com; huangjing07@21cn.com, Contact: Jinhua Li, PMO Director.

(R) Jiaozuo Safe and Green Transport Development in Transforming Economy: The objective is to focus on the development and improvement of a comprehensive transport system for the general public. The primary focus will be on system-wide safety and sustainability. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Jiaozou Finance Bureau, Jianshe East Road, Jiaozuo, China, Tel: (86-391) 312-1166, Fax: (86-391) 393-3243, E-mail: jzzwk@126.com, Contact: Zhang Lin, Department Chief.

(R) Large-City Congestion and Carbon Reduction: The objective is to help establish a policy framework to alleviate traffic congestion and reduce GHG emissions in large cities in China primarily through: (a) public transport development and travel demand management; and (b) implement such a policy framework in pilot cities to demonstrate its local and global benefits. Negotiations scheduled for 29 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B: Project: P127036. US$ 18.2 (GEPU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport, No. 4, Jiangoumennai Avenue, Beijing, China Tel/Fax: (86-10) 6529-2069, E-mail: xialhong@mot.gov.cn, Contact: Hong Xia, Executive Director.

(R) Liaoning Coastal Economic Belt Infrastructure and Environment: The objective is to strengthen the economic development in Liaoning coastal cities through the provision and upgrading of infrastructure services, thereby improving quality of life in targeted areas. Negotiations scheduled for 30 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B: Project: P126611. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Liaoning Provincial Development and Reform Commission, No. 13 Shisiewu, Heping District, China, Tel: (86-24) 2385-1807, Fax: (86-24) 2326-4851, E-mail: tfq6789@163.com; yaoleiyeh@hotmail.com, Contact: Teng Da, Director.

(R) Nanchang Urban Rail: The objective is to provide an effective urban mass rapid transit system of appropriate quality along the Line 2 Corridor from ZhangJiAnNanDaDun Station to XinHuAn Station. Pre-appraisal completed on 13 December 2012. Appraisal scheduled for 10 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A: Project: P132154. US$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Nanchang Urban Rail Group Co No. 1, Xiintianti, Ganzhou South Avenue, Hongjiaozhao, China, Tel: 86-791-8396-1897, Fax: 86-791-8389-2008, E-mail: 898547137@qq.com, Contact: Ms. Lin Jie, Vice General Accountant.

(R) Qinghai Xining Urban Transport: The objective is to enable Xining residents to travel between the CBD and the western part of the city in a fast, comfortable and safe manner, through strategic improvements to transport and urban development corridor. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 20 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B: Project: P127897. US$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Xining Municipal Government, No. 12, Xishan Yi Xiang, Qinghai Province, Xining, China Tel/Phone: (86-971) 613-3495, E-mail: xnxgf@163.com, Contact: Xu Guofeng, Division Director.

(R) Yunnan Highway Asset Management: The objective is to enhance Yunnan Government’s highway asset management, and to introduce good asset management practices in highway maintenance planning and budgeting process. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Yunnan Highway Management Bureau No. 1, Huancheng Xi Lu, Kunming, China, Tel: (86-671) 6718-1314, Fax: (86-671) 6718-1301, E-mail: hnzsszb@126.com, Contact: Lei Ailing, Director.

(R) Yunnan Highway Asset Management: The objective is to enhance Yunnan Government’s highway asset management, and to introduce good asset management practices in highway maintenance planning and budgeting process. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Yunnan Highway Management Bureau No. 1, Huancheng Xi Lu, Kunming, China, Tel: (86-671) 6718-1314, Fax: (86-671) 6718-1301, E-mail: hnzsszb@126.com, Contact: Lei Ailing, Director.

(R) Zhengzhou Urban Rail: The objective is to improve sustainable mobility in Zhengzhou by providing integrated and accessible public transport of suitable capacity and quality along the first phase of the Line 3 corridor. Appraisal scheduled for 25 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A: Project: P128939. US$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Zhengzhou Municipal Government, No. 233, Zhongyun West Road, Zhengzhou, China, Tel: (86-371) 6718-1314, Fax: (86-371) 6718-1301, E-mail: hnzsszb@126.com, Contact: Lei Ailing, Director.

Gansu Rural-Urban Integration Infrastructure: The objective are to: (a) improve transport accessibility in Gansu through upgrading and rehabilitation of selected priority rural roads from the sector development plan; and (b) build the maintenance capacity of Gansu. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 22 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Gansu Finance Department, West Dongguang Road, Lanzhou, China, Tel: (86-931) 889-1038, Contact: Lei Xin, Deputy Director.

Harbin-Jiamusi Railway: The objective is to respond to existing and anticipated transport demand along the Harbin-Jiamusi corridor by providing: (a) increased capacity for freight and passengers; and (b) faster travel time and increased frequency of services for passengers. Negotiations scheduled for 15 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A: Project: P137341. US$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Harbin-Jiamusi Railway Development and Reform Commission, 202 Zhongshan Road, Harbin, China, Fax: (86-451) 8262-8547, Contact: Wang Xiquan, Director.

Heilongjiang Cold Weather Smart Public Transportation System: The objective is to improve the management and service level of the bus system in the two extremely cold cities in Northern China, Harbin Municipality and Mudanjiang Municipality. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Heilongjiang Development and Reform Commission, 202 Zhongshan Road, Harbin, China, Fax: (86-451) 8262-8547, Contact: Wang Xiquan, Director.

Shaanxi Small Town Infrastructure: The objective is to assist Shaanxi province to improve access for sustainable infrastructure in selected cities and towns in the Guanzhong-Tianshui economic development corridor. Project Concept Note scheduled for 10 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Investment Promotion Office of Shaanxi Provincial Development and Reform Commission, Building No. 8, Xincheng Compound, Xi'an, China, Tel: (86-29) 8729-4627, Fax: (86-29) 8729-1248, E-mail: waidaiban@163.com, Contact: Zhengzhi Yu, Division Chief.

Sichuan Chongqing Cooperation: Guangan Demonstration Area Infrastructure Development: The objective are to improve the infrastructure of the Guan’an National Economy and Technology Zone and Linshui County by comprehensively improving the functions of a carrier to accept transferred industries from the Chongqing and coastal areas, and accelerate the development for the bridge head of Sichuan and Chongqing cooperation. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 26 February 2013. Environmental
Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Yunnan Honghe Prefecture Urban Transport**: The objective is to improve the transport infrastructures and traffic management system in Mengzi city and Jianshui county of Honghe Han and Yi Autonomous prefecture of Yunnan Province, China. Appraisal scheduled for 21 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Housing and Construction Bureau, No. 1 Huguo Road, Room 401, Honghe, China, Tel: (86) 1398-733-8689, Fax: (86-875) 373-6573, E-mail: 6418737@qq.com, Contact: Mr. Guocai Li, Director.

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(R) Anhui Xuancheng Infrastructure for Industrial Relocation from Coastal Area: The objectives are to: (a) build up and provide complete infrastructure facilities to support targeted industries transferred from the coastal region and sustain them in an ecological manner, while improving living conditions in urban and rural areas through better employment; and (b) help Xuancheng demonstrate sustainable investments. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 21 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Xuancheng Economic and Technological Development Zone, No. 49 Aofeng Zhonghu, Xuancheng, Anhui, China, Fax: (86-56) 3302-2782, E-mail: xzqzly@126.com, Contact: Liyong Zhang, Director.

(R) Chongqing Small Towns Water Environment Management: The objectives are to: (a) support the overall urban and rural integration program formulated by Chongqing Municipal Government through investment; and (b) enhance urban water environment facilities such as urban flood protection and river front landscaping in the selected counties in Chongqing city. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Consulting service will be required for FSR. EA and RAP on local client’s cost. Project Management Office, No. 248, Reminlu, Yuzhong District, Chongqing City, China, Tel: (86-23) 6389-7423, E-mail: cqpmo1993@163.com, Contact: Liyong Zhang, Director.

(R) Guangxi Liabin Water and Environment: The objective is to improve the integrated urban water management of the medium sized city of Liabin. Appraisal completed on 5 November 2012. Negotiations scheduled for 15 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126817. US$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Project Management Office, No.1 Remin Road, Liabin city, China, Tel: (86-772) 427-8778, E-mail: llshb@163.com, Contact: Mr. Gang Lu

(R) Jiangxi Wuxiok Integrated Flood Management: The objective is to reduce flood risk in the central urban area of Jingdezhen City through implementation of priority structural and non-structural measures. The project will help increase the flood protection level from twenty-year up to fifty-year flood, and contribute to the establishment of an integrated flood risk management for the City. Negotiations scheduled for 28 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P128867. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Project Management Office, No. 122, Yanjiangxiu Rd, Jiangdezhen City, China, Tel: (86-798) 267-0633, E-mail: jdzwxk@163.com, Contact: Mr. Xiao Aiguo, Director, PMO.

(R) Yan’an Urban Water Supply: The objective is to enhance water security in Yan’an City by increasing water supply. Appraisal completed on 10 January 2012. Negotiations scheduled for 16 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125458. US$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Yan’an WB Loan Project Management Office, Building 6, Water Supply Company, Shifan Road, Yan’an City, PO Box 76000, China, Tel: (86-611) 258-3969, E-mail: jdzwxk@163.com, Contact: Feng Renjie, Director.

**Guilin Integrated Environment Management**: The objectives are to: (a) ensure water supply security of the city; (b) improve waste-water treatment capacity; and (c) promote harmonious development of the city, tourism, and other industries. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Huainan Coal Mining Subsidence Area Rehabilitation**: The objective is to support the ecological restoration and utilization of coal-mining subsidence areas in Huainan City. Identification scheduled for 26 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Ma’anshan Chiu River Basin Improvement**: The objective is to assist the Government in their efforts to promote environmentally and socially sustainable abandoned mine closing options and reduce urban inundation by improving storm drainage management. Negotiations scheduled for 20 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126813. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ma’anshan Municipal Government, No.2008, Tai Bai Road, Yu Shan District, Ma’anshan, China, Tel: (86-555) 835-5629, E-mail: masfgwxx@126.com, Contact: Mr. Wei Yao, Vice Mayor.

**Municipal Solid Waste Management-GEF**: The objective is to strengthen the legislative and institutional framework and demonstrate in three municipalities the application of best available techniques to reduce the release of unintended persistent organic pollutants from municipal solid waste disposal areas and incinerators. Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P126832. US$ 12.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environmental Protection, 157 Xidihumen Nanxianjie, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8226-8807, Fax: (86-10) 8220-0510, E-mail: yu.liben@gemfeco.org.cn, Contact: Ding Qiong, Department Head.

**Ningbo Municipal Solid Waste Collection and Recycling Demonstration**: The objective is to upgrade and modernize the infrastructure and management systems for municipal solid waste collection and recycling. Negotiations scheduled for 8 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123323. US$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ningbo Project Management Office, 1506/R F15 Tianning Tower, 138 West Zhongshan Road, Ningbo, China, Tel: (86-574) 8279-0430, E-mail: yuhai@fesa.org.cn, Contact: Haifeng Yu, Deputy Executive Director.

**Zhejiang Rural Area Wastewater Management**: The objective is to improve the quality of the environment in Anji County, Fuyang City, Tiantai County and Longcun County of Zhejiang Province through construction of rural domestic wastewater treatment systems. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Fiji**

**Information and Communications Telecommunications**: The objective is to stimulate growth and competitiveness by: (a) facilitating and enabling infrastructure and services in disadvantaged areas; and (b) stimulating a vibrant and equitable telecommunications/ICT sector. Preparation scheduled for 1 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P113187. US$ 2.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Industry, Tourism, Trade and Communications, Naibati House, 9 Goodenough Street, Suva, Fiji, Tel: (679) 330-5411, Fax: (679) 330-2617, Contact: Mr. P. Wise, Permanent Secretary.

**Indonesia**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

(R) Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Management Program Phase III: The objective is to improve the management of ecologically and economically critical coral reef resources in Indonesia, sustain productivity of these ecosystems, and improve livelihoods of dependent coastal communities. Appraisal scheduled for 15 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127813. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry for Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF), Indonesian Institute of Science (LIPI), PHKA, Jl. Medan Merdeka Timur No. 16, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 351-9070, Fax: (62-21) 352-2560, Contact: Suseno Sukayono, Director.

(R) Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Management Program III: The objective is to provide communities with the capacity and incentives to co-manage their coral reefs sustainably, by supporting:
(a) more effective local governance; (b) livelihoods development and business innovation based on coral reef ecosystem goods and services; and (c) knowledge creation, dissemination, and regional networking. Negotiations scheduled for 27 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 10.2 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF), Jl. Medan Merdeka Timur No. 16, Jakarta Pusat, Tel: (62-21) 351-9070, Fax: (62-21) 352-2560/2045, E-mail: truchimat@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Tony Ruchimat, Director, Coasts and Small Islands.

(R) Forest Carbon: The objective is to develop good practice in finance-incentive payments to reduce deforestation and forest degradation. Appraisal is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 6.8 (TF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Forestry, Manggala Wanabakti, Jl Gatot Subroto, Jakarta, Indonesia Tel/Fax: (62-21) 572-0227, E-mail: cites@dphet.go.id, Contact: Ir. Dadori, MM, Director General.

Sumatra Wildlife Biodiversity: The objective is to improve the management of the remaining critical habitat for key wildlife in Sumatra. Particularly, the Sumatran Tiger to conserve key species at risk of extinction and prevent the loss of essential habitat biodiversity. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 9.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Forestry, Manggala Wanabakti, Jl Gatot Subroto, Jakarta, Indonesia Tel/Fax: (62-21) 572-0227, E-mail: cites@dphet.go.id, Contact: Mr. Agus Budi Sutito, Head of Species and Genetic Conservation Division.

Education (R) Research and Innovation in Science and Technology: The objectives are to: (a) create an enabling environment for research and development in science and technology; and (b) strengthen the human resources and performance incentives of key public science and technology institutes in Indonesia. Negotiations scheduled for 12 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P211842. US$ 95.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Science and Technology Network, Gendung II BPPT LI.7, Jl. MH. Thamrin No.8, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 310-2062, Fax: (62-21) 310-2046, E-mail: fpzen@ristek.go.id, Contact: Prof. Freddy F. Zen D. Sc Deputy Minister.

Energy and Mining (R) Chiller Energy Efficiency: The objectives are to: (a) capture the significant potential for energy efficiency of new non-CFC chillers through an acceleration of the replacement of the existing stock of CFC-based chillers; and (b) contribute to a market transformation to more energy conscious decision-making by chiller owners. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P211003. US$ 3.7/1.0 (GEFU/MPIN). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Jl. D.I Panjaitan Kav. 24, Building A, 6th Floor, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 851-7164, Fax: (62-21) 8590-2521, E-mail: ozon@menlh.go.id, Contact: Sulistyawati M.M, Asst. Deputy Minister for Climate Change.

Matenggeng Pumped Storage Hydro-Electrical: The objectives are to: (a) increase the peaking capacity of the power generation system in Java- Bali in an environmentally and socially sustainable way; and (b) strengthen the institutional capacity of the project implementing entity (PLN) in hydropower planning, development and operation. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 3 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 500.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. PLN (Persero), Jl. Trunojoyo Blok M1/135, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 722-1332, Fax: (62-21) 726-3119, E-mail: murtaqi@pln.co.id, Contact: Murtagi Synamuddin, Director.

(R) Partnership for Market Readiness: The objective is to create and/or improve the conditions in Indonesia for use of carbon market instruments in the regulation and mitigation of GHG emission. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.7 (PMR). Consultants will be required. National Climate Change Council, Jalan Medan Merdeka Selatan No. 13, Lantai 18, Jakarta, Indonesia, E-mail: info@dnpl.go.id, Contact: Dicky Edwin Hindarto, Head.

(R) Second Power Transmission Development: The objective is to meet growing electricity demand and increase access to electricity in selected parts of Java-Bali, East and West Indonesia through strengthening and expanding the capacity of the power transmission networks in these areas in a sustainable manner. Negotiations scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123994. US$ 325.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara (Persero, PLN) National Power Co. Ltd Jl. Trunojoyo Blok M 1/135, Kebayoran Baru, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 725-1234, Fax: (62-21) 722-7042, E-mail: imadero@pln.co.id, Contact: I. Made Rosiayu, Division Head.

Energy Efficiency Financing: The objective is to finance energy efficiency projects in Indonesia’s manufacturing sub-sector to reduce energy intensity and related GHG emissions. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Industry, Jen. Gatot Subroto, 16 FL. Kav. 52-53, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 525-5509 Ext. 4063, Fax: (62-21) 525-3582, E-mail: harjantom@kemenperin.go.id, Contact: Mr. Harjanto, Director of Int. Indust Coop for Regl and Multi.

Geothermal Energy Upstream Development: The objective is to increase the utilization of clean geothermal-based electricity in order to reduce pollution and improve the environment. Identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 206.0/75.0 (IBRD/2ZBL). Consulting services to be determined. Pertamina Geothermal Energy (PGE), Menara Cakrawala Lantai, 15th Floor, Jl. MH Thamrin No. 9, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 3983-3222, Fax: (62-21) 3983-3230, E-mail: info@pgeindonesia.com, Contact: Narendra Widjajanto, Finance Director CFO.

Renewable Energy for Electrification: The objective is to support the Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN) to prepare, finance, and implement the 1,000 islands electrification program. Specifically, the proposed project would focus on grid connected renewable energy development and electricity access scale-up. Appraisal scheduled for 5 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128568. US$ 150.0/150.0 (IBRD/KFW). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance (R) Financial Sector Development Policy Loan (Ln. 82060-ID): The objective is to promote the development of a sound, efficient and inclusive financial sector in order to support the GoI in achieving its medium-term growth and poverty reduction objectives. The loan was signed on 23 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P13050. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Database and Accounting Division, 15th Floor, Jl. Lapangan Banteng Timur No. 2-4, Jakarta 10710, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 350-0841, Fax: (62-21) 384-6653, E-mail: r_waluyanto@mono.or.id, Contact: Rahmat Waluyanto, Director General for Debt Management.

Lampung Water Supply Guarantee: The objectives are to: (a) expand coverage of piped water connections to residents of Lampung not currently served by the water utility; and (b) mobilize private financing for bulk water treatment and construction of the transmission and distribution network for expanded capacity of the water supply system. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (GUID). Consultants will be required. Perusahaan Daerah Air Minum Way Rilau, Jl. P Emir M. Noer No. 11A, Bandar Lampung, Tel: (62-21) 487-823, Fax: (62-21) 384-0611, E-mail: penugustimo@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. H. AZP Gustimido, Director.

Health and Other Social Services (R) National Program For Community Empowerment in Rural Areas Healthy and Bright Generation (PNPM Generasi): The objective is to improve access and utilize the health and education services in poor, rural sub-districts through empowerment of local communities and improved community capacity to foster enhancements in service delivery. Project Concept Note scheduled for 4 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132585. US$ 31.7 (IDPN). No consultants are required. Directorate General of Community and Village Empowerment, Jl.
Raya Pasar Minggu km 19, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 799-0349, Fax: (62-21) 7919-6118, E-mail: ppkmud@yahoo.com, Contact: Sapto Supano, Director of Empowerment of Community Social and Cultural Ins.

**National Community Empowerment Program:** The objective is to help ensure the urban poor in participating kelurahan benefit from improved local governance and living conditions. Bank Approval completed on 20 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 235.0 (IDPN). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works (MPW), Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Kebayoran Baru, Indonesia Tel/Fax: (62-217) 279-6155, E-mail: budiyuwono@pu.go.id, Contact: Mr. Budi Yuwono, Director General.

**Industry and Trade**

(R) Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) Phase-out in the Foam Sector: The objective is to reduce the consumption of HCFC-141b in the foam sector in Indonesia in order to contribute to the government’s efforts to comply with its phase-out obligations for HCFCs under the Montreal Protocol. Negotiations scheduled for 5 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 2.7 (MPIN). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Otomotif Batam Building A 6th Floor, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 858-0107, Fax: (62-21) 8590-6678, E-mail: gempur@menlh.go.id, Contact: Mohd. Gempur Adnan, Deputy Minister for Environmental Pollution Control.

(R) Second Support for Poor and Disadvantaged Areas: The objectives are to support: (a) participatory pro-poor district planning; (b) improved service delivery responsive to community priorities; (c) access to justice for poor villagers; (d) capacity development, including for conflict resolution; and (e) improvements in business investment climate. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123907. US$ 85.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State Ministry for Development of Disadvantaged Areas, Jalan Abdul Muis 7, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 344-1295, E-mail: eshari@yahoo.com, Contact: Ir. Andjar Koentjoro, M.Sc, Act. Deputy Minister for Specific Areas Development.

**South Lombok Economic Development and Infrastructure:** The objective is to promote private sector development in the tourism industry in Indonesia and at the same time contribute to sustainable preservation, development, and management of Indonesia’s prime tourism assets. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 6 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

(R) Food Access Program (DPL-DDO): The objective is to provide a mechanism through which international development partners can support Indonesia’s aim to proactively ensure affordable access to key staples should food prices once again rise sharply in world markets. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 200.0 (IBRD).

**Metropolitan and Urban Development:** The objective is to improve planning and investment in participatory cities in projects that will be economically and ecologically sustainable. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P129406. US$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Bappenas, Jl. Taman Surapati No. 2, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 392-3462, Fax: (62-21) 392-3463, E-mail: pohan@bappenas.go.id, Contact: Dr. Max Pohan, Deputy Minister.; City Government of Makassar, Jl. Jend. Ahmad Yani No. 9, Makassar, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 317-007, Fax: (62-21) 317-720, E-mail: walkikota@makassar.go.id, Contact: Mr. Ilham Arief Sirajuddin, Mayor of Makassar.; City Government of Balikpapan, Jl. Jend. Sudirman No. 1, Balikpapan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-542) 421-420, Fax: (62-542) 422-941, E-mail: walkikota@balikpapan.go.id, Contact: Mr. Rizal Effendi, Mayor of Balikpapan.; City Government of Surabaya, Jl. Taman Surya No. 1, Surabaya, Indonesia, Tel: (62-31) 534-5689, Fax: (62-31) 531-2144, E-mail: walkikota@surabaya.go.id, Contact: Ms. Tri Rismaharini, Mayor of Surabaya.

**Strengthening DAK Transfers to Local Governments:** The objective is to support the Government to promote greater transparency and quality in the delivery of outputs in the infrastructure sectors by: disbursing results and policy actions specified in the DLIs that will be structured around the Government’s regulations on DAK transfers. Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Jl. Dr. Wahidin No. 1, Jakarta, Indonesia Tel/Fax: (62-21) 386-6120, E-mail: herusubiyantoro@depkeu.go.id, herusubiyantoro@gmail.com, Contact: T. Lumban Tobing, Deputy Director for Funds.

**Transportation**

Fourth National Program for Community Empowerment in Urban Areas Program Nasional Pemberdayaan Masyarakat: The objective is to assist the Government to ensure that the urban poor benefit from improved socio-economic and local governance conditions through the institutionalization of elected representative community organizations. Signing scheduled for 16 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P124506. US$ 266.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 7279-6158, Fax: (62-21) 7279-6155, E-mail: winda.purnama7@yahoo.co.id, Contact: Budi Yuwono, Director General of Human Settlements.

**Ports Modernization:** The objective is to assist in the pre-investment stage of the port development program and assist the Ministry of Transport to implement considerable improvements in their capacity for port infrastructure development, management and financing. This project is on hold for potential delivery in FY14. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 67.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport, Jl.Merdeka Barat No. 8, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 381-1308, Fax: (62-21) 345-1657.

**Road Asset Preservation:** The objective is to improve the usage (execution, effectiveness, and delivery of outputs) of the sub-national roads. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Home Affairs, MOHA, Jl. Medan Merdeka Utara No. 7, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 345-0038.

**Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection**

(R) Fifth National Program for Community Empowerment in Rural Area (PNPM RURAL V) (Ln. 82170-ID): The objective is to provide additional resources to the Government of Indonesia’s key community-based poverty alleviation programs for rural areas and the National Community Empowerment Program for Rural Areas, where over 60% of the Indonesia’s poor reside. Signing scheduled for 2 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128832. US$ 650.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Home Affairs, Jl. Raya Pasar Minggu Km 19, South Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 7919-1684, Fax: (62-21) 7919-6118, E-mail: ppkmud@yahoo.com, nuryanto@hadisucipto@yahoo.com, Contact: Drs. Nuryanti, Director of Community Institution and Training.

(R) Water and Sanitation Investment Facility: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to water supply and sanitation services by supporting the central government programs of capital, output-based grants and loans through program partner facilities; and (b) supporting central and local government capacity strengthening. Decision Meeting scheduled for 8 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0/30.0 (IBRD/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 7279-6158, Fax: (62-21) 7279-6155, E-mail: budi@yukono, Contact: Budi Yuwono, Director General of Human Settlements.; Indonesia Investment Agency, Graha Mandiri, 5th Floor, Jl Imam Bonjol, No. 61, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 3983-2091/94, Fax: (62-21) 3983-2055, Contact: Soritaon Siregar, CEO.

**Third Water Supply and Sanitation for Low-Income Communities (PAMSIMAS) Additional Financing:** The objectives are to support: (a) the sustainable access to improve water supply and sanitation facilities to an additional 5,000 villages; and (b) the Government’s program for achievement of the MDGs. Appraisal
scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0/50.0 (IBRD/AUSL). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 7279-6158, Fax: (62-21) 7279-6155, Contact: Budi Yuvono, Director General of Human Settlement.

Urban Solid Waste Management Program: The objective is to improve solid waste collection and disposal in selected participating municipalities through improvements in the operations, maintenance and cost recovery of the solid waste management systems in these municipalities. Preparation scheduled for 15 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127343. US$ 100.0/20.0 (IBRD/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia Tel/Fax: (62-21) 724-7564, Contact: Ir. Djoko Kirmanto, Minister.

Lao People’s Democratic Republic

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Scaling-Up Participatory Sustainable Forest Management: The objective is to support scaling-up the Participatory Sustainable Forest Management (PSFM) in designated Production Forest Areas (PFAs). Appraisal scheduled for 16 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P130222. US$ 15.0/12.8 (IDA Credit/CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lantaxiang Avenue, PO Box: 811, Vientiane, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-21) 219-561, E-mail: dofadmin@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Oupakone Alounsavath, Head of the Planning Division.

Strengthening Projection and Management Effectiveness for Wildlife and Protected Areas: The objective is to increase capacity for effective protected area management, wildlife conservation and control of illegal wildlife trade. Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128392. US$ 7.4 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-20) 5569-9461, E-mail: b_phan.thavong@yahoo.com, Contact: Bouaphanh Phanthavong, Director.

Strengthening Protection and Management Effectiveness for Wildlife and Protected Areas: The objective is to increase capacity for effective protected area management, wildlife conservation and control of illegal wildlife trade. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128393. US$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Tel: (856-20) 5569-9461, E-mail: b_phan.thavong@yahoo.com, Contact: Bouaphanh Phanthavong, Director.

Finance

(R) Small and Medium Enterprise Access to Finance: The objective is to assist in providing access to finance in Laos by providing technical assistance to financial intermediaries and the Government implementing agency. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P128072. US$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Nong Bone Road, PO Box 474, Vientiane, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-21) 414-065, Fax: (856-21) 263-590, E-mail: simmyxai@smepdo.org, Contact: Mr. Somdy Inmyxai, Director General.

Industry and Trade

(R) Second Trade Development Facility (Cr. H18190-LA): The objective is to support the implementation of Government’s trade and integration priorities outlined in the 2012 DTIS Action Matrix, and in particular to improve export competitiveness and the expansion and diversification of exports. Signing scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P130512. US$ 4.0/10.0 (IDA Grant/TF). Consultants will be required. IF NIU, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Phonxay Road, Vientiane, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-21) 415-930, E-mail: info@laosft.org, Contact: Phouvieng Phongsav, Director.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Lao Ninth Poverty Reduction Support: The objectives are to: (a) support the policies; and (b) institutional reforms that enable the sustainable management of increasing revenues from the natural resource sectors to deliver improved public services. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, 23 Singha Road, PO Box 46, Vientiane, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-21) 911-611, Fax: (856-21) 412-142, E-mail: chanthavongs.t@gmail.com, Contact: Thipphakone Chanthavongs, Director General.

(R) Public Financial Management Strengthening: The objective is to provide financing to improve budget planning and execution, financial reporting and auditing, and strengthening external oversight functions. Decision Meeting scheduled for 7 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 25.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Nong Bone Road, PO Box 474, Vientiane, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-21) 414-065, Fax: (856-21) 263-590, E-mail: simmyxai@smepdo.org, Contact: Mme Sifong Oumavong, Public Financial Management Strengthening Unit.

Statistics for Results Program: The objective is to modernize and streamline the National Statistical System to ensure that it is sufficiently resourced in terms of human resources, essential tools and infrastructure to produce and disseminate reliable and timely statistics in a cost effective manner. Bank Approval scheduled for 15 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 8.0 (SKTF). Consultants will be required. Department of Planning and Investment, Luang Prabang Road, Vientiane, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-51) 251-179, Fax: (856-51) 251-178, E-mail: pxaykosy@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Samaychanch Boupha, Director General.

North Pacific Energy

Energy and Mining

North Pacific Energy: The objective is to support the Government to: (a) review Marshalls Energy Company (MEC) and Kwa-jalein Atoll Joint Utility Resource (KAUR) electricity operations; (b) review MEC’s Petroleum Operations; and (c) assess scope for Rural Electrification initiatives and review the potential for greater reliance of renewable energy sources. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P122618. US$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, PO Box D Cabinet Building, Majuro, Marshall Islands, Tel: (692) 625-7017, E-mail: fnsec@ntamar.net, Contact: Alfred Alfred, Secretary of Finance.

Information and Communications

(R) Telecommunications and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Development: The objective is to support improved access to telecommunications and ICT in the Marshall Islands. Bank Approval scheduled for 12 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P128013. US$ 3.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, PO Box D Cabinet Building, Majuro, Marshall Islands, Tel: (692) 625-7017, E-mail: fnsec@ntamar.net, Contact: Alfred Alfred, Secretary of Finance.

Mongolia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Third Sustainable Livelihoods: The objective is to institutionalize appropriate mechanisms utilized in phase I and II of the Sustainable Livelihoods Program to reduce the vulnerability of rural communities throughout Mongolia. Negotiations scheduled for 15 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/SWTZ). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Khuvsgalchii Avenue 38, State Building No 7, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 322-465, Fax: (976-11) 328-107, E-mail: support@mob.gov.mn, Contact: A. Khashitseulg, Project Director.
Health and Other Social Services

(R) E-Health Project: The objective is to establish the foundations, in the software and institutional capacity for an e-health information system (internet and mobile technology) by: (a) improving the ease of access, completeness, and timeliness of health information to strengthen performance monitoring; and (b) enhancing continuity of care and minimize inappropriate treatment. Appraisal scheduled for 20 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131290. US$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Government Building 8, Olimpce Street 2 Sukhbaatar District 142, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 320-916, E-mail: dr_jargal_d@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Jargal Saikhan, Director.

Industry and Trade

(R) Integrated Livestock-based Livelihoods Support: The objectives are to: (a) link farmers to markets; (b) raise livestock productivity and quality to improve livestock productivity and quality, to enhance access to domestic and regional markets; and (c) strengthen donor coordination. Negotiations scheduled for 12 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125964. US$ 11.0 (GAFS). No consultants are required. Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry, Government Building No.9, Peace Avenue 16A, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 262 853, E-mail: erdenejargal@mofa.gov.mn, Contact: L. Choi-lish, Director General, Strategic Policy and Planning.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent Government (SMART): The objective is to focus on leveraging Mongolia’s well developed ICT infrastructure for accountable, responsive, and transparent government through the implementation of e-Government and m-Government applications and open government data initiatives. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Information, Communications Technology and Post Authority, Sq. Sukhbaatar-1, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 330-790, Fax: (976-11) 330-780, E-mail: info@ictpa.gov.mn.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Third Ulaanbaatar Urban Service Improvement: The objective is to support the Municipality of Ulaanbaatar in prioritizing infrastructure investments in selected ger areas through an integrated District level planning system and targeted investments. Negotiations scheduled for 30 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122535. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Second Ulaanbaatar Service Improvement Project, Floor 6, Azmon Center, Peace Avenue-50, Khoro No1, Sukhbaatar District, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia Tel/Fax: (976-11) 321 674, E-mail: usip2@magicnet.mn, Contact: Mrs. L. Badamkhorloo, Director.

Myanmar

Finance

Reengagement and Reform Support Program: The objectives are to: (a) facilitate the clearance of Myanmar’s arrears to IDA; and (b) support a program of institutional and policy reforms that the Government is undertaking to establish a strong foundation on which Myanmar can attain its growth potential, create jobs, and reduce poverty. Bank Approval scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P133706. US$ 440.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Building Number (26), Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, Tel: (95-67) 410-532, E-mail: sisipyone@gmail.com, Contact: Si Si Pyone, Director of Budget, External Debt.

Transportation

(R) National Community Driven Development (Cr. HS1440-MM): The objective is to improve access to and use of basic rural infrastructure and services through a people-centered approach by: (a) financing community-identified priority rural infrastructure investments; (b) strengthening the capacity of communities in part-nership with local authorities; and (c) emphasizing participation of the poor and vulnerable. The grant was signed on 14 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132500. US$ 80.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Department of Rural Development, Office No. 14, Station Street, YanAung (2) Quarter, Pyinmana, Myanmar, Tel: (95-67) 409-026, Fax: (95-67) 409-358, E-mail: skko.ida@gmail.com, Contact: U Soe Ko Ko, Director General.

Papua New Guinea

Energy and Mining

Energy Sector Development: The objective is to provide approximately 500,000 households with access to electricity and a number of small hydros which would support a transmission grid, providing electricity to Eastern Highlands, Chimbu, Western Highlands, Southern Highlands, Sepik and Madang Provinces. Bank Approval scheduled for 21 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P101578. US$ 7.3 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Department of Petroleum and Energy, PO Box 1993, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (675) 322-4200, Fax: (675) 322-4222, E-mail: davideteric@petroleum.gov.pg, Contact: David Eteric, Executive Officer.

Health and Other Social Services

Rural Service Delivery and Local Governance Preparation and Support: The objective is to pilot a successful Community Driven Development (CDD) platform in PNG that would be adopted by Government as a way to improve the access, quality and management of basic public services delivered in rural communities in PNG. Bank Approval scheduled for 30 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126157. US$ 3.8 (F7BK). Consultants will be required. Department of Provincial and Local Government Affairs, PO Box 1287, BOROKO NCD, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (675-3) 301-1002, Fax: (675-3) 325-6533, E-mail: mznuruoc@dpnga.gov.pg, Contact: Honorable Job Pomat, MP, Minister for Intern-Government Relations.

Philippines

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Philippine Rural Development Program: The objective is to develop a more market-oriented and climate resilient agriculture and fishery sector in the targeted program areas. Decision Meeting completed on 19 December 2012. Appraisal scheduled for 21 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132317. US$ 501.3 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for identification of activities, eligible expenditures, and implementation arrangements. Department of Agriculture, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (632) 920-4369, Fax: (632) 929-8183, Contact: Proceso J. Alcala, Secretary.

(R) Rural Development Program: The objective is to develop a more market-oriented and climate resilient agriculture and fishery sector in the targeted program areas. Decision Meeting completed on 19 December 2012. Appraisal scheduled for 21 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132242. US$ 7.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required for identification of activities, eligible expenditures, and implementation arrangements. Department of Agriculture, 2/F Department of Agriculture, Elliptical Road, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (632) 920-4369, Fax: (632) 929-8183, E-mail: spja_osvec@yahoo.com.

Gearing Rural Organizations for Wealth Creation Towards Household Income Improvement (GROWTH): The objective is to raise farm productivity and household income of agrarian reform beneficiaries and smallholders by: (a) empowering the beneficiaries and their organizations; (b) facilitating and scaling-up the development of livelihood and agribusiness opportunities; and (c) improving access to critical infrastructure and key support services. Appraisal scheduled for 20 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131622. US$ 95.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for identification of project target areas and institutional analysis as initial step in project preparation. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Government of the Philippines, Elliptical Road,
Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 453-1826, 928-7031, Contact: Jerry Paburan, Undersecretary.

**Education**

(R) DepED Learning, Equity and Accountability Program Support: The objective is to improve the quality and coverage of basic education in the Philippines through: (a) raising reading and numeracy outcomes; (b) developing effective approaches to improve access; (c) strengthening performance accountability and incentives; and (d) improved targeting of lagging schools. Decision Meeting completed on 20 December 2012. Negotiations scheduled for 19 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P18004. US$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Education, Meralco Avenue Extension, Pasig City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 631-2527, Fax: (63-2) 633-7302, E-mail: fmvaleraa68@yahoo.com, Contact: Yoland Quijano, Sr. Assistant Vice President.

**Energy and Mining**

Renewable Energy Development: The objective is to support the renewable energy generation and distribution efficiency projects. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P118994. US$ 140.0/50.0/40.0 (IBRD/CCT/GFAQ). Consulting services to be determined. Development Bank of the Philippines, Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue, Corner Makati Avenue, Makati City, Philippines, Tel: (632) 818-0511/9512/9611, Fax: (632) 893-4748, E-mail: pdlazaro@devbankphil.com.ph, Contact: Paul Lazoro, Sr. Assistant Vice President.

**Health and Other Social Services**

National Sector Support for Kasulsagan Pangkalahanan (Universal Health Care): The objective is to increase effective coverage under the National Health Insurance Program (NHIP) and access to quality health services for all Filipinos with a major focus on underserved populations identified through the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR). Bank Approval scheduled for 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P191966. US$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Health, Department of Health Compound, Rizal Avenue, Manila, Philippines Tel/Fax: (63-2) 711-9502, E-mail: etona@co.doh.gov.ph, Contact: Mr. Enrique T. Oña, Secretary.

Social Welfare and Development Reform Additional Financing: The objective, same as the parent project, is to reinforce the support for the Government’s CCT program that undergoes a substantial geographical scale-up. Bank Approval completed on 11 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P122702. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Social Welfare and Development, Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills, Quezon, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 931-7916, Fax: (63-2) 931-8191, E-mail: dinky@dswd.gov.ph, Contact: Ms. Corazon Soliman, Secretary.

Industry and Trade

(R) Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) Phase-out: The objective is to assist the Philippines in meeting its HCFC phase-out obligations to the Montreal Protocol. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 23 December 2016. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (MPIN). Consultants will be required. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, 4/F DENR Main Building, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City, Tel: (63-2) 924-2672, Fax: (63-2) 924-2549, E-mail: osec@denr.gov.ph, Contact: Jose Atienza, Jr Secretary.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Land Administration and Management Additional Financing: The objective is to fast-track the national roll-out of the Land Administration and Management System (LAMS) in all sixteen regions in support of the land surveying and titling program being implemented through local government units (LGU) for LGU-led titling activities and also under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). Negotiations scheduled for 4 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 61.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, DENR Compound, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 928-1197, Fax: (63-2) 928-1195, E-mail: lamp@denr.ov.ph, Contact: Manuel D. Gerochi, Undersecretary for Staff Bureaus and Project Management.

Manila Bay Integrated Water Quality Management: The objective is to improve the quality of water in the Manila Bay, Pasig River and Laguna Lake system, through institutional mechanisms enabling integrated and comprehensive support for public and private initiatives, to address sources of pollution, sedimentation and flooding in key pollution hotspots. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 7 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 929-6626, Fax: (63-2) 926-8074, E-mail: tehanna08@gmail.com, Contact: Analiza R. Teh, Undersecretary.

National Community Driven Development Program: The objective is to empower local communities in targeted poor municipalities and urban areas in achieving improved access to basic services and more inclusive local government planning and budgeting. The proposed project would support KALAHI-CIDSS Program. Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P177741. US$ 535.0/20.0/400.0 (IBRD/ZBIL/ZMUL). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Social Welfare and Development, Constitution Hills, Batasan Complex, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 931-8101, Fax: (63-2) 931-8191, E-mail: dinky@dswd.gov.ph, Contact: Hon. Corazon Juliano-Soliman, Secretary.

Second Development Policy Loan: The objective is to help achieve sustained inclusive growth by: (a) maintaining a stable macro-economic environment; (b) improving Competitiveness and Increasing Infrastructure Investment; (c) improving Governance; and (d) developing the Human Capital of the Poor. Negotiations scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Finance, 5/F DOF Building, BSP Complex Roxas Boulevard, Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 529-4194, 496-6571, Fax: (63-2) 523-9216, E-mail: ideleon@dof.gov.ph, Contact: Rosalia V. de Leon, Under Secretary.

Transportation

(R) Cebu Bus Rapid Transit (BRT): The objectives are to: (a) improve passenger mobility and access in project corridors by providing an alternative that is safer, more secure, and generates fewer emissions; and (b) demonstrate effective public private partnership arrangements in the Philippines first BRT. Appraisal scheduled for 1 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P119343. US$ 110.0/52.0/25.0 (IBRD/AFD/CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Transportation and Communications, 17/F The Columbia Tower, Ortigas Ave, Brgy. Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 723-1507, 727-7960, Fax: (63-2) 726-7128, E-mail: renelimaconaco@yahoo.com, Contact: Rene Limaco, Under Secretary.

(R) Manila Urban Transport: The objective is to improve the overall performance of the urban passenger transport system along a few corridors in Metro Manila in terms of quality and level of service, affordability, safety, and environmental efficiency. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0/25.0 (IBRD/CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Transportation and Communications, 17/F The Columbia Tower, Ortigas Ave, Brgy. Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 723-1507, 727-7960, Fax: (63-2) 726-7128, E-mail: renelimaconaco@yahoo.com, Contact: Rene Limaco, Under Secretary.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Manila Bay Integrated Water Quality Management-GEFU: The objective is to contribute to the improvement of the quality of water in Manila Bay, Pasig River and Laguna Lake system through the establishment of institutional mechanisms and implementation of investments in priority pollution hotspots through public and private actions. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 7 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 7.4

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(R) Capturing Coral Reef Ecosystem Services (CCRES): The objective is to support targeted learning and innovation to promote an ecosystem-based approach to capturing value from the sustainable management of coral reef and associated mangrove ecosystem services in the East Asia/Pacific region. Pre-appraisal completed on 14 January 2013. Appraisal scheduled for 20 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 4.5 (GEFU). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation of the project. This will draw on the ecological, economic, social, and business sciences to: (a) scope out the project design, institutional arrangements and delivery mechanisms for the needed TA for each component; and (b) implement the project. Global Change Institute, Gehrmann Laboratories (60), Brisbane QLD 4072, Australia, Tel: (61-7) 3346-9942, Fax: (61-7) 3346-3299, E-mail: m.king4@uq.edu.au, Contact: Melanie King, Deputy Director.

(R) Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program: The objective is to sustainably increase the economic benefits captured by Pacific Island Countries from the ecosystem services provided by the Western Pacific Ocean. This abundant oceanscape, and the ecosystem services it provides, is a shared natural capital asset for the entire region. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.0/2.0 (IDA Credit/GFCO). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Pacific Regional Program-Identifying and Implementing Practical CCA and Related DRR Knowledge and Experience: The objective is to support and facilitate the dissemination and better utilization of local, national and regional knowledge and information on climate change adaptation (CCA) and related disaster risk reduction (DRR) to build and strengthen the capacity of Pacific Island countries to manage climate change risks to food security and critical infrastructure. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 6.1 (CSF). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

(R) Pacific Regional Risk Sharing Facility: The objective is to create jointly with the IFC a risk share facility that would promote finance for existing and emerging SMEs through formal financial intermediaries in selected countries in the Pacific Islands region. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and Communications

(R) Federated States of Micronesia/Palau Connectivity: The objective is to reduce the cost and increase the availability of international bandwidth for participating countries, and thereby facilitate the development of a wide range of ICT applications to support social and economic development in the Pacific region, and to enhance the participation of these countries in the global economy. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 15.0/8.0/7.0 (IDA Credit/ASDB/AUSL). Consulting services to be determined. Solomons Oceanic Cable Company, Solomon Islands, Tel: (677) 749-5922, E-mail: robinrussell@bigpond.com.

Transportation

(R) Enhancing Climate Resilience for West Coast Road: The objective is to improve the climate resilience of the West Coast Road from Apia to the airport. Bank Approval completed on 18 December 2012. Signing scheduled for 17 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126504. US$ 14.8 (CSF). No consultants are required. Land Transport Authority, PO Box 1607, Samoa, Tel: (685) 26-740, Fax: (685) 26-739, E-mail: galuvao@lta.gov.ws, Contact: Leasi Galuvao, CEO.

(R) Pacific Aviation Investment: The objective is to improve operational safety and oversight of international air transport infrastructure. Identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 14.2/3.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/AUSL/EUIB). Consultants will be required for the design and supervision of investments, as well as for institutional strengthening activities. There will also be an assignment to develop an aviation strategy and master plan. Samoa Airport Authority, Private Bag, Faleolo International Airpo, Apia, Samoa, Tel: (685) 23-201, Fax: (685) 24-281, E-mail: hojerome@airportssamoa.ws, Contact: Magele Hoe Viali, Chief Executive Officer.

Solomon Islands Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Community Resilience to Climate and Disaster Risk in Solomon Islands: The objective is to implement climate adaption and disaster risk reduction priority measures. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.0/6.6/2.7 (GEFU/GFDR/PHRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Conservation, PO Box G13, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Tel: (677) 21-074, Fax: (677) 212-7852, E-mail: minister@mecm.gov.sb, Contact: Mr. Shadrack Fanega, Permanent Secretary.

Energy and Mining

(R) Tina River Hydropower Development: The objectives are to: (a) improve the affordability of electricity on Guadalcanal by switching energy production from very expensive, imported, diesel power to hydropower, a sustainable, lower cost, and renewable alternative; and (b) mobilize private financing for power generation to supplement limited public resources. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P114317. US$ 12.0/8.0 (EUIB/GUID). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification, PO Box G37, Lengakiki.
Ridge, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Tel: (677) 28-609/25-037, Fax: (677) 25-811, E-mail: douglas.alex800@yahoo.com, Contact: Alex Douglas, Permanent Secretary, Special Duties.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Development Policy Operation: The objectives are to improve the quality of public financial management, financial management of key State Owned Enterprises, and extractive industries revenue transparency. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 2.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Thailand

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry
Supporting Capacity Building, Law Enforcement, and Market Incentives for Wildlife Conservation: The objective is to support direct conservation activities, enforce wildlife conservation laws, and reduce pressures on forest resources that fits well with the goals of the GEF objectives in the biodiversity focal area. Appraisal scheduled for 2 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126225. US$ 7.3 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of National Resources and Environment, 61 Paholyothin Road, Lad Yao, Jatujak, Bangkok, Thailand, Tel: (66-02) 2561-4835, E-mail: chatw@dnp.go.th, Contact: Chatchawan Psdamkhun, Director of Wildlife Conservation Office.

Industry and Trade

(R) Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) Phase-out Phase I: The objective is to assist the Government to meet its obligations to HCFC consumption phase-out: (a) a freeze of HCFC consumption at the baseline level by 2013; and (b) 10% reductions from the baseline level by 2015 as per the Montreal Protocol through adoption of low-carbon alternative technologies, where possible, as replacement to HCFCs. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 25.0 (MPIN). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Works, 75/6 Rama VI Road, Ratchthewi, Bangkok, Thailand, Tel: (66-2) 202-4101, Fax: (66-2) 354-3390, E-mail: arthit.w@diw.mail.go.th, Contact: Mr. Arthit Wuthikaro, Director General.

Timor-Leste

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry
Coffee Sector Development: The objective is to improve livelihoods in coffee producing communities via partnerships that foster the sustainable production and marketing of coffee. Identification scheduled for 19 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 1.0/6.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consultants will be required to contribute at identification stage to focus on the following areas: (i) sustainable land management and polyculture practices for small holder coffee farms; (ii) management of land tenure issues under the project; and (iii) proper institutional arrangements for implementation. Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Fomento Building, Caixa, Dili, Timor-Leste, Tel: (670) 723-4215, Fax: (670-390) 325-120, E-mail: guterreso@yahoo.com.

Information and Communications

(R) Telecommunications and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Development: The objective is to facilitate increased access to a wide variety of reliable and affordable telecommunications services for the entire population of Timor-Leste through efficient and well-regulated competition. Appraisal scheduled for 1 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 7.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Infrastructure, Rua de Caikoli, Dili Timor, Timor-Leste, Tel: (670) 723-6746, Fax: (670) 333-1500, E-mail: jose.mstr@gmail.com, Contact: H.E. Mr. Pedro Lay, Minister of Infrastructure.

Transportation

Road Climate Resilience Additional Financing: The objective is to deliver sustainable climate resilient road infrastructure on the Dili-Ainaro corridor and adjacent districts. Bank Approval scheduled for 21 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P109075. US$ 30.0/10.0 (IBRD/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required for design and supervision of civil works (firm) and for PMU staffing (individual). Ministry of Public Works, Av. Martires da Patria, Dili, Timor-Leste, Tel: (670) 723-3938, Fax: (670) 331-1038, E-mail: pmu_tlrerp@yahoo.com, Contact: Fernando Da Rosa, Project and Finance Manager, PMU.

Tonga

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Road Map Implementation: The objective is to provide technical assistance to implement: (a) recommendations from the Petroleum Supply Chain Study; (b) institutional, legal, policy and regulatory updates for petroleum and electricity; (c) design of the proposed Tonga Green Incentive Fund; and (d) TPL investments for safety, data acquisition and improved efficiency. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122939. US$ 5.0/3.0/3.0 (IDA Grant/ZBIL/ZPCI).

Vanuatu

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) National Adaption: The objectives are to: (a) mainstream CCA and DRR at national, provincial and community levels; (b) strengthen capacity in date analysis, mapping and vulnerability assessments; and (c) implement climate resilience measures in targeted sectors. Signing scheduled for 29 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P112611. US$ 2.8/5.6/2.7 (ECEA/GEFU/GFDR). Consultants will be required. Vanuatu Meteorological Service, PMB 9054, Port Vila, Vanuatu, Tel: (678) 22-331, Fax: (678) 24-686, E-mail: jnapat@meteo.vu, Contact: Mr. Jotham Napat, Director.

Transportation

Pacific Aviation Investment: The objective is to improve operational safety and oversight of international air transport infrastructure. Identification scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Viet Nam

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Coastal Resources for Sustainable Development: The objective is to support improvements in the development and management of coastal and marine resources in Viet Nam. Negotiations scheduled for 22 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P124702. US$ 6.5 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), No. 2 Ngoc Ha Street, Ba Dinh District, Ha Noi, Viet Nam, Tel: (84-4) 3846-8160, Fax: (84-4) 3845-4319, E-mail: bnm@ftp.vn, Contact: Mme. Hoa Hoa, Head of the International Cooperation Department.

(R) Irrigation Efficiency: The objective is to increase water productivity by improving the efficiency in irrigation water use through technical, management reform and modernization processes. Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130045. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. MARD, 2, Ngoc Ha Street, Ha Noi, Viet Nam, Tel: (84-4) 3843-3400.

(R) Strengthening Regional Cooperation on Biodiversity Conservation in Protected Areas: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen regional cooperation on biodiversity conservation in protected areas and (b) reducing illegal wildlife trade. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Climate Change Development Policy II: The objective is to improve the management of marine and coastal resources in support of sustainable fisheries in selected coastal provinces of Viet Nam. Signing scheduled for 19 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P127201. US$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants
will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, 2 Ngoc Ha, Ba Dinh, Hanoi, Viet Nam, Tel: (84-4) 843-8688, Fax: (84-4) 843-8791, E-mail: cpowbb5@gmail.com, Contact: Dr. Nguyen Thi Tuyet Hao, The Head.

Poverty Reduction in Central Highlands: The objective is to improve the well-being (as measured by income/consumption, access to key services and satisfaction with support) of beneficiaries in targeted districts of the Central Highlands region. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128072. US$ 150.0/30.0 (IDA Credit/IFAD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning and Investment, No. 2 Hoang Van Thu Street, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi, Viet Nam, Tel: (84-4) 3845-5298, Fax: (84-4) 3823-4433.

Education
(R) Global Partnership for Education Viet Nam Escuela Nueva: The objective is to provide pre-primary and primary education program support to meet educational goals. GEF Council Approval scheduled for 18 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P120687. US$ 84.6 (PTIE). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Training, 49 Da Ai Viet Street, Hanoi, Viet Nam, Tel: (84-4) 869-2397, Fax: (84-4) 869-4085, E-mail: ttha@moet.gov.vn, Contact: Mr. Le Tien Thanh, Director General of Primary Education Department.

(R) School Readiness Promotion: The objective is to assist the Government’s early childhood education program with a particular focus on disadvantaged children. Negotiations scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P17393. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Training, 49 Da Ai Viet Street, Hanoi, Viet Nam, Tel: (84-4) 3868-4667, Fax: (84-4) 3869-4085, E-mail: Imha@moet.edu.vn, Contact: Ms. Le Minh Hien, Director of ECE.

(R) Science and Technology Innovation Fostering Innovation through Research, Science and Technology (FIRST): The objective is to focus on science and technology and innovation in Viet Nam, to support a more effective national innovation system conducive to higher productivity and growth. Decision Meeting completed on 20 December 2012. Negotiations scheduled for 15 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P117394. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Training, 57A Tran Phu Street, Hanoi, Viet Nam, Tel: (84-4) 3822-8874, Fax: (84-4) 3734 2091, E-mail: pdec.project@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Thach Can, Director General, International Cooperation Department.

Third Higher Education Development Policy Program: The objective is to support the Government’s implementation of its Higher Education Reform Agenda 2006–2020. Negotiations scheduled for 17 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P116354. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Training, 49 Da Ai Viet Street, Hanoi, Viet Nam, Tel: (84-4) 869-2397, Fax: (84-4) 869-4085, E-mail: ttha@moet.gov.vn, Contact: Ms. Tran Thi Ha, Director General of Higher Education Department.

Energy and Mining
(R) Viet Nam Climate Change Development Policy 3: The objective is to support the Government in its efforts to address climate change by adopting policies and strengthening institutional capacity to promote climate resilient and lower carbon intensity development. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 1 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Development, 2 Ngoc Ha, Ba Dinh, Hanoi, Viet Nam, Tel: (84-4) 843-8688, Fax: (84-4) 843-8791, E-mail: hong_vuthu@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Nguyen Thi Tuyet Hao, The Head.

Finance
(R) Inclusive Innovation: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen Viet Nam’s capacity for inclusive innovation, focusing on improving the lives of the Bottom of the Pyramid (BoP); and (b) enhance the technological capabilities of enterprises to improve competitiveness and productivity. Appraisal scheduled for 18 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 55.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning and Investment, No. 6B Hoang Dieu, Ba Dinh, Hanoi, Viet Nam, Tel: (84-4) 804-4948, Fax: (84-4) 734-2189, E-mail: hunghs@business.gov.vn, Contact: Bui Thu Thuy, Director, General Issues and Policy Division.

(R) Post Poverty Reduction Support Credits Development Policy Lending: The objective is to support the Government of Viet Nam to continue its reform process in the area of economic management, governance and poverty reduction. Appraisal completed on 14 December 2012. Negotiations scheduled for 23 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P122793. US$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. State Bank of Viet Nam, 47 Thai To Street, Kim Boi, Hanoi, Viet Nam, Tel: (84-4) 3934-3261, Fax: (84-4) 3825-0612, E-mail: doanhoaithinh@yahoo.com, Contact: Mrs. Doan Hoai Anh, Director General.

Health and Other Social Services
(R) Hospital Waste Management Support-GEF: The objective is to reduce the environmental degradation and potential risks for human health through the improved management of health care waste and reducing the releases of Persistent Organic Pollutants, mercury and toxic waste from the health care sector. Decision Meeting completed on 17 December 2012. Negotiations scheduled for 17 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health of Viet Nam, Lane 135, Nui Truc, Hanoi, Ba Dinh Ha Noi, Viet Nam, Tel: (84-4) 3736-8395, Fax: (84-4) 3736-8394, E-mail: huyngha2000@yahoo.com; huytphan@gmail.com, Contact: Nga Nguyen Huy, Director.

Healthy and Other Social Services
(R) North East and Red River Delta Regional Health System Support: The objectives are to improve the: (a) quality of health services at district and provincial level; (b) access of the poor and near-poor to health services; and (c) expansion of insurance coverage for the poor and near-poor population. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126269. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health of Viet Nam, Lane 135, Nui Truc, Hanoi, Ba Dinh Ha Noi, Viet Nam, Tel: (84-4) 3736-8395, Fax: (84-4) 3736-8394, E-mail: huyngha2000@yahoo.com; huytphan@gmail.com, Contact: Tuan Pham, Director.

(R) Social Protection System: The objective is to strengthen Viet Nam’s social safety net to alleviate chronic poverty, help vulnerable households deal with shocks, and help poor households invest in human capital for long-term poverty reduction. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 29 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Government of Viet Nam, 710B Lac Long Quan, Viet Nam, Tel: (84-4) 3710-0596, Fax: (84-4) 3710-0597, E-mail: nhoihone@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Van Hoi, Deputy Director.

Health Professions Education and Training (HPET): (formerly Human Resources in Health (HRH) Quality Improvement) The objective is to improve the quality assurance system of medical and nursing education and the competencies of Primary Health Care Teams at the grass root level. Decision Meeting scheduled for 3 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131825. US$ 135.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. MOH in accredited areas of medical programs, family health and management of human resources. Ministry of Health, 138A Giang Vo Street, Hanoi, Viet Nam, Tel: (84-4) 6273-2244, E-mail: dr_nguyen_cong_khan@yahoo.com, Contact: Prof. Nguyen Cong Khan, Director.
Transportation

(R) Ho Chi Minh City Green Transport: The objectives are to: (a) address urgent urban mobility demands (BRT and Bus Modernization); (b) maximize the impacts of major metro and road investments; and (c) strengthen institutions for HCMC’s future modern transport system. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 142.3 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. HCMC Department of Transport, 63 Ly Tu Trong, District 1, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, Tel: (84-8) 3930-2462, Fax: (84-8) 3930-6638, E-mail: anhpUncle@yahoo.com, thanhvh@gmail.com, haquoclinh@yahoo.com, Contact: Luong Minh Phue, General Director.

Cho Gao Canal Improvement: The objective is to remove a critical bottleneck to the efficient movement of inland waterway traffic along the main conjection between Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 120.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Mekong Delta Transport Infrastructure Development Additional Financing: The objective is to improve access to markets for businesses, farmers and the poor with lower logistics costs resulting from the alleviation of key physical and institutional bottlenecks of the main transport corridors in the Mekong Delta region. Bank Approval scheduled for 29 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P126605. US$ 156.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/PFSA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport, 80 Tran Hung Dao street, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3942-0198, Fax: (84-4) 3942-3291, E-mail: hangkh@mt.gov.vn, Contact: Hoang Dinh Phuc, General Director.; PMU1, 308 Nguyen Thi Minh Khai, Hoang Mai District, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3862-8987, Fax: (84-4) 3862-8984, E-mail: lamphmi@yahoo.ca, pmn3_pmu@yahoo.com, Contact: Nguyen Ngoc Thach, Director General.; PMU-SIW, 1041/80 Tran Xuan Soan, Tan Hueh Ward, District 7, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Tel: (84-8) 3775-1015, Fax: (84-8) 3775-1013, E-mail: pmu-siw@gmail.com, Contact: Nguyen Ngoc Thach, Director General.; PMU1, 308 Nguyen Thi Minh Khai, Hoang Mai District, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3862-8987, Fax: (84-4) 3862-8984, E-mail: lamphmi@yahoo.ca, pmn3_pmu@yahoo.com, Contact: Nguyen Ngoc Thach, Director General.; PMU-SIW, 1041/80 Tran Xuan Soan, Tan Hueh Ward, District 7, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Tel: (84-8) 3775-1015, Fax: (84-8) 3775-1013, E-mail: pmu-siw@gmail.com, Contact: Nguyen Ngoc Thach, Director General.

Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Pilots: The objective is to support the implementation of pilot PPP projects that will be passed through the PPP Financing Framework to demonstrate its added value to the government, and to learn early lessons from implementation. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 100.0/120.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Road Asset Management: The objective is to enhance road asset management capacity in Vietnam and ensure continued effective use of the national and provincial road network in support of the economic development, as well as to minimize negative impacts resulting from infrastructure development such as traffic safety, congestion, environmental and social issues. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123961. US$ 250.8 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Project Management Unit No. 2 (PMU2), 18 Pham Hung, Ward, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Tel: (84-8) 3686–0063, Fax: (84-8) 3686–0072, E-mail: pmu2@mt.gov.vn, Contact: Nguyen Ngoc Long, General Director.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) AusAid TA for Viet Nam Rural Water Supply and Sanitation PfOR: The objective is to support the implementing and related agencies of the Results-Based rural Water Supply and Sanitation Program under the National Target Program in order to strengthen their capacity. Signing scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 8.0 (VNAB). Consultants will be required. The implementing agencies are in the process of preparing ToRs to hire consultants to implement the activities corresponding to the different TA components. National Center for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation, 73 Nguyen Hong Street, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-43) 835-5821, Fax: (84-43) 776-0439, E-mail: cpow@ervass.org.vn, Contact: Mr. Le Thieu Son, Director.; State Audit of Vietnam, 111 Tran Duy Hung Street, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-46) 282-2188, Fax: (84-46) 282-2159, E-mail: hamyduang@sav.gov.vn, Contact: Ms. Ha Thi My Dung, Deputy Director.; Viet Nam Health Environment Management Agency (VIHEMA) - Ministry of Health, 135 Nui True Street, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-43) 3843-0040, Fax: (84-43) 736-8394, E-mail: huynhga2000@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Nguyen Huy Nga, Director.; National Target Program for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation. Standing Office, No. 2 Ngoc Ha, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-43) 846-8160, Fax: (84-43) 845-4349, E-mail: hangnamk@yahoo.com, Contact: Ms. Ha Thanh Hang, Director, National Target Program Standing Office (NTPSO).

(R) Danang Sustainable City Development: The objective is to help Da Nang become a more sustainable city that benefits all citizens by: (a) improving urban environment; and (b) increasing urban mobility in a clean, safe, inclusive and energy-efficient manner. Appraisal completed on 17 December 2012. Negotiations scheduled for 22 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123584. US$ 202.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Danang Priority Infrastructure Investment Projects Management Unit, Danang People’s Committee, 54 Thai Phien Street, Danang, Vietnam, Tel: (84-5) 1135-6277, Fax: (84-5) 1135-6278, E-mail: danganpiip@vnn.vn, Contact: Mr. Luong Thach Vy, PMU Director.

Second Ho Chi Minh City Environmental Sanitation: The objectives are to collect and treat waste water from Nhieu Loc-Thi Nghe Basin and District 2 in Ho Chi Minh City in an environmentally and financially sustainable manner by constructing wastewater interceptor with its corresponding sewer system and wastewater treatment plant. Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127978. US$ 250.0/200.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Ngoc Ha Street, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 8043-3434, Fax: (84-4) 3734-6794, E-mail: hangnamk@yahoo.com, Contact: Ms. Ha Thanh Hang, Director.

South Asia

Afghanistan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Afghanistan Agricultural Inputs Project (AAIP): The objective is to strengthen institutional capacity for safety and reliability of agricultural inputs and sustainable production of certified wheat seed. Appraisal scheduled for 13 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P120397. US$ 79.0 (ARTF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Jamal Mena, Karte Sakhi, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-97) 340-0730, 955-3544, E-mail: asif.rahimi@mail.gov.af, Contact: Jamil Qam, Project Director.

(R) Physical and Institutional Infrastructure for Strategic Grain Reserves: The objective is to improve food security for the poor and other food-insecure people in Afghanistan by creating the physical and institutional infrastructure required for the establishment and efficient functioning of a Strategic Grain Reserves (SGR) for emergency relief and limited price stabilization. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 30 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126288. US$ 12.0/12.0 (ARTF/JSDF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Jamal Mena, Karte Sakhi, Afghanistan.
National Horticulture and Livestock Productivity Project: The objective is to promote adoption of improved production practices by targeting farmers, with gradual rollout of farmer-centric agricultural services systems and investment support. Bank Approval completed on 11 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL), Jamal Mena, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-7) 9391-4064, E-mail: naseer.fayez@mail.gov.af.

Education

(R) Second Skills Development: The objective is to increase employability of a skilled workforce. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 55.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Naghlu Hydropower Rehabilitation Project: The objective is to increase the supply of least cost electricity to the Afghan power system in a safe and environmentally and socially sustainable way. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 35.0 (ARTF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

(R) Microfinance Sector Strengthening Additional Financing: The objective is to provide financial services to the majority of the Afghan population. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Sector Support: The objective is to assist the Ministry of Public Health (MOPH) in achieving the targets set forth in the Health Sector Strategic Plan 2011-2015 through: (a) sustaining and improving BPHS and EPHS services; (b) building systems and strengthening stewardship capacity of the MOPH; and (c) innovating and re-organizing health services. Negotiations completed on 7 January 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125663. US$ 100.0/270.0/8.0 (IDA Credit/ARTF/HRB). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Health, MOPH, Great Shah Massoud Road, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-70) 298-437

(R) Safety Net: The objective is to support the scale-up operation for the safety nets pilot. Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Martyrs and Disabled, Semet Khana Road, 1st Makorayan, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-7) 8650-0501.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Development Policy Program: The objective is to focus on reform in the following areas: (a) macroeconomic management and public financial management, (b) public administration, (c) social protection and pensions, and (d) power and mining. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P118027. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Kabul Urban Road Improvement Stage 2: The objective is to improve transport service efficiency on selected corridors. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 29 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 60.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Kabul Municipality, Kabul Municipality Building, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-20) 7002-85259, E-mail: arewahid@hotmail.com.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Kabul Municipal Development Program: The objectives are to: (a) expand access to basic municipal services for the poor; and (b) improve urban municipal management. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 29 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Urban Development Affairs, Afghanistan.

Bangladesh

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Agricultural Research and Technology Support Project: The objective is to improve agricultural productivity and farm incomes in the country. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133251. US$ 23.7 (FSCO). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 717-1602.

(R) Climate Resilient Participatory Afforestation and Re-forestation Project: (formerly Afforestation for Climate Risk Reduction) The objectives are to: reduce forest degradation and increase forest coverage through participatory planning/monitoring and to contribute in building the long-term resilience of selected communities in coastal and hilly areas to climate change. Negotiations completed on 27 December 2012. Bank Approval scheduled for 15 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127015. US$ 33.8 (BDCC). Consulting services to be determined. Bangladesh Forest Department, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 811-8671, E-mail: ccf-td@forest.gov.bd, Contact: Md. Yunus Ali, Chief Conservator of Forests.; Arannayk Foundation (AF), Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 987-3275, E-mail: info@arannayk.org.

Modern Food Storage Facilities Phase-I: The objectives are to: (a) establish facilities for the efficient storage of food grains at the public and household levels to meet post-disaster needs; and (b) improve the grain storage efficiency system, and monitoring and management of the food stock in the country. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 5 December 2012. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 275.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Food, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-181) 752-6902, E-mail: k.ahmedhossain@gmail.com.

Education

Reaching Out-of-School Children Additional Financing: The objective is to reduce the number of out-of-school children through improved access, quality and efficiency in primary education, especially for the disadvantaged children, in support of Government of Bangladesh’s Education For All (EFA) goals. Bank Approval completed on 4 May 2010. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P120804. US$ 35.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Primary and Mass Education (MoPME), Bangladesh Secretariat, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 861-2484, Fax: (880-2) 861-8871, E-mail: rose@dhaka.net, Contact: Adeotokunbo Abiru, Finance Commissioner.

Second Reaching Out of School Children: The objective is to improve equitable access, retention and completion of quality primary education for out-of-school children in under-served areas. Bank Approval completed on 2 October 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 130.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Primary and Mass Education, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 716-2484, Fax: (880-2) 716-8871, E-mail: scymopme@gmail.com, Contact: Dr. Shreeranjan, Joint Secretary.

Finance

Community Empowerment and Development Fund: The objective is to pilot a housing fund for slums to develop and empower the community to counter the problem of squatting, insecure tenure arrangements and uncontrolled growth of slums in Dhaka. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 August 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Housing and Public Works.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Community Climate Change: The objective is to enhance the capacity of selected communities to increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change. Bank Approval completed on 31 December 2012. Signing scheduled for 12 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125447. US$ 12.5 (BDCC). Consulting services to be determined. Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation
(PKSF), E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 914-0056, Fax: (880-2) 912-6244, E-mail: pksfe@pkssf-bd.org, Contact: Dr. Quazi Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Managing Director.

(R) Safety Nets Management and Registry: The objective is to improve the equity, efficiency and transparency of social safety net programs implemented by the Disaster Management and Relief Division (DMRD) of the Ministry of Food and Disaster Management by: (a) setting up a National Registry, (b) consolidating programs, and (c) strengthening service delivery. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122634. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Additional Financing of Public Procurement Reform Project II: The objective, same as the parent project, is to focus on the capacity development and e-GP for improving performance of the public procurement system in the specified sectoral organizations. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 38.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Enabling Open Government: The objectives are to: (a) support improved transparency and responsiveness in public sector management; and (b) enhanced financial resource mobilization to help ensure the delivery of quality services to people. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Cabinet Division, Room 802, Paribahan Pool Bhavan, Secretariat, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (88-02) 836-0635, Fax: (88-02) 831-6143, E-mail: nazrulmislam@gmail.com.

Transportation

(R) Municipal Governance and Services Project: The objective is to improve urban infrastructure and services provision through improved governance and strengthened institutional capacity of participating municipalities and city corporations. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Coastal Embankment Improvement: The objective is to increase the resilience of the coastal population to tidal flooding and natural disaster by upgrading and rehabilitating the embankment system. Project Concept Note scheduled for 12 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P128276. US$ 340.0/25.0 (IDA Credit/CIF). Consultants will be required. Bangladesh Water Development Board, Ministry of Water Resources, WAPDA Building, Motijheel C/A, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 955-1088, Fax: (880-2) 988-3456, E-mail: suraraf.khan@gmail.com.

Bhutan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Sustainable Financing for Biodiversity Conservation and Natural Resources Management: The objective is to improve the operational effectiveness and institutional sustainability of the Bhutan Trust Fund for Environment Conservation. Appraisal scheduled for 13 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127490. US$ 4.1 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Bhutan Trust Fund for Environment Conservation, Chang Lam, PO Box 520, Thimpu, Bhutan Tel/Fax: (975-2) 339-863, E-mail: info@bhutantrustfund.bt.

Industry and Trade

Second Private Sector Development Knowledge Society: The objective is to consolidate Bhutan PSD, ICA analysis and ensuing policy decisions analysis to unleash private sectors’ investments in the knowledge economy and partnership with donors/ IFC and others to implement a proactive policy dialogue in order to support Government’s middle income agenda. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 8.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Bhutan, Tel: (975) 232-4346, Fax: (975) 233-4994, E-mail: ndorji@mof.gov.bt.

India

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) AP Rural Inclusive Growth: The objective is to enable the existing institutional platforms to achieve inclusive growth by: (a) expanding and diversifying livelihoods opportunities; (b) improving livelihood development; and (c) promoting human development with focus on health and nutrition services and entitlements for the poorest households. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Integrated Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Services Improvement: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen institutional capacities for conservation of globally significant biodiversity; and (b) enhanced carbon sequestration and sustainable flow of ecosystem services in production forests of central Indian highlands and Western Ghats hotspot. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Under 2015 (GEFU). Consultants will be required in preparing the project to undertake specific background research, generating baselines and analyze policy framework. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2436-1727.

(R) Second Karnataka Watershed Development (Cr. 50870-IN): The objective is to demonstrate more effective watershed management through: (a) greater integration of programs related to rainfed agriculture; (b) innovative and science based approaches; and (c) strengthened institutions and capacities. Signing scheduled for 14 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122486. US$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Watershed Development Department, Government of Karnataka, 7th Floor, KHB Complex, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore, India, Tel: (91-80) 2212-9601, E-mail: Sujala@vsnl.net, Contact: M.S. Goudar, Commissioner.

Neranjchal National Watershed: The objective is to improve watershed management outcomes in rainfed agricultural areas through greater coordination and integration of on-going central and state programs. Preparation scheduled for 21 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132739. US$ 245.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2436-2396.

Sustainable Livelihoods and Adaptation to Climate Change: The objective is to focus on adaptation and transfer of environmentally sustainable and climate resilient technologies and socially resilient approaches in sustainable land management and agriculture. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 16 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 8.8 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi, India, Tel: (62-11) 4100-0472, Fax: (62-11) 4100-0475, E-mail: pkkatare@nic.in.

Uttar Pradesh Water Sector Restructuring Phase 2: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the institutional and policy framework for integrated water resources management for the entire State; and (b) enable farmers in targeted irrigated areas to increase their agricultural productivity and water use efficiency. Appraisal scheduled for 11 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P122770. US$ 360.4 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Government of Uttar Pradesh, Irrigation Department, 1st Floor, Pratap Das Bhavan, Lucknow, India, Tel: (91-522) 223-8461, Fax: (91-522) 223-6657.

Uttarakhand Decentralized Watershed Development Phase II: The objectives are to: (a) improve and sustain the productive potential of natural resources and rainfed agriculture, and (b) increase incomes of rural inhabitants in selected watersheds through socially inclusive, institutionally and environmentally sustainable approaches. Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131235. US$ 100.0
(IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Education**

**N** Enhancing Teacher Effectiveness through ICT in Bihar: The objective is to increase access to quality teacher education and continuous professional development for improved teacher performance and accountability. Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132665. US$ 217.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Energy and Mining**

**R** Network for Climate Technology Innovations: The objective is to convene different players to bring innovations that could help bring new technologies to the market. Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 10.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, Ministry of Power, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K Puram 110-066, India, Tel: (91-11) 2617-8316, Fax: (91-11) 2617-9699.

**Partial Risk Sharing Facility in Energy Efficiency:** The objective is to achieve energy savings by mobilizing the private sector in energy efficiency industries of India. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 25.0 (CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, Ministry of Power, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K Puram 110-066, India, Tel: (91-11) 2617-8316, Fax: (91-11) 2617-9699.

**Super Efficient Equipment Program:** The objective is to scale-up and spread up the rate of energy efficiency market transformation in the area of end-use appliances and equipment. Decision Meeting scheduled for 1 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0/50.0 (IBRD/CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, Ministry of Power, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K Puram 110-066, India, Tel: (91-11) 2617-8316, Fax: (91-11) 2617-9699.

**Luhuri Hydro Electric:** The objectives are to: (a) increase the supply of clean, renewable, low-carbon and peaking energy to India’s northern grid; and (b) enhance the reliability of the grid. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 14 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P102843. US$ 650.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. SJVN Limited, Himfed Building, New Shillma, India, Tel: (91-177) 267-0741/0064/0490, Fax: (91-177) 267-0642, E-mail: sjvncp@yahoo.co.in, cpsjvn@hotmail.com.

**National Mission on Enhanced Energy Efficiency:** The objective is to scale-up actions to implement energy efficiency improvements in some of the most energy-intensive large industries. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0/50.0 (IBRD/CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, Ministry of Power, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K Puram 110-066, India, Tel: (91-11) 2617-8316, Fax: (91-11) 2617-9699.

**North Eastern Region Power System Improvement:** The objective is to improve the availability and reliability of electricity supply through expansion and reinforcement of power systems in the participating states in the North Eastern Region. Appraisal scheduled for 10 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127974. US$ 425.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL), Lumjingshai, Short Round Road, Shillong, India, Tel: (91-364) 259-0289, Fax: (91-364) 259-1174, E-mail: cdsio@rediffmail.com, Contact: C D Saio, Director (Distribution); Electricity Department, Manipur, Keisampat, Imphal, India, Tel: (91-385) 245-0940, Fax: (91-385) 245-0972, E-mail: n.dwijen@gmail.com; Assam State Electricity Board, Bijullee Evening, Guwahati, India, Tel: (91-361) 273-7026, Fax: (91-361) 223-7026, E-mail: mpu_aseb@rediffmail.com; Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL), Bidyut Bhavan, Banamalipur, Agartala, India, Tel: (91-381) 231-8001, Fax: (91-381) 231-9427, E-mail: cme.tsecl@rediffmail.com; Power and Electricity Department, Ngu-r-Eng House, Tuikhuhatlang, Aizawl, India, Tel: (91-389) 231-1025, Fax: (91-389) 231-1070, E-mail: el_pachuan@yahoo.co.uk.


**Finance**

**R** Financing Affordable Housing: The objective is to increase access to creditworthy low-income and economically weaker families. Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P119039. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Health and Other Social Services**

**National AIDS Control Support Project (NACSP):** The objective is to increase safe behaviors among high risk groups in order to contribute to the national goal of reversal of the HIV epidemic by 2017. Negotiations scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130299. US$ 255.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. National AIDS Control Organization, MOHFW, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2355-1700, E-mail: nacoasg@gmail.com.

**Industry and Trade**

**Tamil Nadu and Puducherry Coastal Disaster Risk Reduction Project:** The objectives are to: (a) reduce the vulnerability of coastal communities to a range of hydro-meteorological and tsunami related natural hazards; and (b) develop sustainable fisheries and related livelihoods. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143282. US$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Project Implementation Agency, Puducherry, India, Tel: (91-413) 220-5775, Fax: (91-413) 220-3080, E-mail: pd_pia@pon.nic.in; Commissioner of Revenue Administration.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**R** Bihar Panchayat Strengthening (Cr. 51600-IN): The objective is to improve the autonomy, capacity and accountability of Panchayati Raj Institutions in select districts by: (a) implementing government anti-poverty schemes and undertake discretionary development initiatives that are responsive to community needs; and (b) improving the policy and administrative environment to enable PRIs function. Signing scheduled for 29 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P102627. US$ 84.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required for the entire set up in the Gram Swaraj Society at the state, district and block level. Government of Bihar, Bikas Bhawan, Patna, India, Tel: (91-612) 220-2229, Fax: (91-612) 220-0991, Contact: Girish Shankar, Principal Secretary.

**R** Bihar Social Protection: The objective is to increase the poverty reduction impact of social protection (SP) programs for the poorest and most vulnerable households in Bihar through systemic improvements and demonstrated innovations in SP program delivery. Negotiations scheduled for 14 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P118826. US$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**R** Second Development Policy Loan to Support Inclusive Green Growth and Sustainable Development in Himachal Pradesh: The objectives are to: (a) support Himachal Pradesh in the improved management of its natural resources across growth engines of the economy; and (b) promote inclusive green growth and sustainable development. Preparation scheduled for 15 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 100.0 (CCFT). Consultants will be required. Consultants will be required and will be mostly financed through parallel technical assistance program (P130854) Government of Himachal Pradesh, Room No. E-201B,
 Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Services: The objective is to support improvements in the policy and regulatory environment and modernization of bus services in selected Indian cities, aimed at sustainability and making these services more attractive and convenient, thereby leading to a modal shift in favor of public transport. Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 10.1 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second Bihar Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Government to promote rapid, inclusive, and sustainable development and improve the delivery of basic public services. Project: P130433. US$ 230.0 (IBRD). Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

west Bengal Secondary Cities Development and Management: The objective is to support urban renewal in Kolkata and expand the delivery of appropriately planned and effectively managed local and regional urban infrastructure in secondary cities by strengthened urban bodies through an improved urban institutional and financing framework. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 6 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Urban Development, Nagarayan, Sector 1, Block DF-8, Salt Lake, Kolkata, India, Tel: (91-33) 2534-9394, Fax: (91-33) 2534-7884, E-mail: psecy-ud-wb@nic.in, Contact: Debashis Sen, Principal Secretary.

Transportation

(R) Himachal Pradesh State Roads Additional Financing: The objective is to continue assisting the cost overrun associated with (a) increased costs of the upgrading works; (b) increased costs of resettlement and rehabilitation assistance; and (c) addition of institutional strengthening measures. Signing scheduled for 21 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P130616. US$ 61.7 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required. Shimla, India, Tel: (91-177) 262-0663, E-mail: pdsrp- hp@nic.in, Contact: Naresh Sharma, Project Director.

(R) National Highways Interconnectivity Improvement: The objectives are to: (a) improve connectivity in less-developed areas in project states by upgrading selected sections of the National Highway (NH) network, and (b) strengthen the sector capacity for development and management of NH network assets and road safety. Negotiations scheduled for 20 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P121185. US$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services will be required. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Bhavan, Parliament Street, New Delhi, India, Tel/Fax: (91-11) 2331-4352, E-mail: ashoknagpal1@yahoo.co.in, Contact: A. V. Sinha, Director General (Road Development) and Special Secretary.

(R) Second Gujarat State Highway: The objective is to improve the overall efficiency of the Gujarat state road sector. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P114827. US$ 350.0/225.0 (IBRD/SPF). Consultants will be required. Government of Gujarat, Block 4, 2nd Floor, New Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, India, Tel: (91-79) 2325-1801/02, Fax: (91-79) 2325-2509, E-mail: secnr@government.of.in.

(R) Second Kerala State Transport: The objective is to improve condition, traffic flow and road safety with a focus on vulnerable road users on Kerala's state's core road network. Decision Meeting scheduled for 5 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P130339. US$ 141.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Kerala Public Works Department, TC/339, JAGAD Buildings, Keston Road, Nananthode, Kavidiar PO, Thrivunanthapuram, Kerala, India Tel/Fax: (91-471) 231-8946, E-mail: ceprojects@pwd.kerala.gov.in, Contact: Joseph Mathew, Project Director.

(R) Second Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project: The objective is to assist the Highways Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu in improving the road services over its core road network (CRN) in terms of capacity enhancement, better maintenance and lower accident fatalities. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 10 December 2012. Preparation scheduled for 1 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Tamil Nadu, TNRS Project Implementation Unit, 48, Dr. Muthulakshmi Salai, Adyar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India, Tel: (91-44) 2446-4479, Fax: (91-44) 2446-4444, E-mail: tnrspl@gmail.com.

Rajasthan Rural Connectivity: The objective is to assist the Public Works Department, Rajasthan to improve the quality, connectivity, and management of its road network. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 280.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor: The objectives are to: (a) provide additional rail transport capacity, improved service quality and higher freight throughput on the 390 km Kanpur to Mughal Sarai section of the Eastern rail corridor; and (b) develop the institutional capacity of DFCCIL to build and maintain the DFC infrastructure network. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 1050.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited, 5th Floor, Pragati Maidan, Metro Station Building Complex, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2345-4601, Fax: (91-11) 2345-4701, E-mail: mdo@dfcc.in.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Informal Settlements Improvement: The objective is to provide support for Rajiv Awas Yojana, a centrally-sponsored program to pursue an agenda for slum free cities, to be led by the Ministry of Housing and Poverty Alleviation. Preparation scheduled for 29 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125928. US$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi, India.

(R) Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernization: The objective is to support the scale-up of the 24/7 pilot selected cities of Belgaum, Gulbarga and Hubli-Dharwad that will include physical investments. Other potential activities include those related to state wide sector reform issues, support to other cities on basic WSS reforms (e.g. billing systems, energy audits, GIS) and capacity building. Preparation scheduled for 12 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130544. US$ 190.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Rajasthan Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective is to increase access to improved, affordable and sustained water and sanitation services of urban and rural communities in Rajasthan. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 26 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 180.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Public Health and Engineering Department (PHED) and GWD (Ground Water Department), GoR, Secretariat Jaipur, Jaipur, India, Tel: (91-141) 222-7654, Contact: Dr. Purshottam Aggarwal, Principal Secretary.

(R) Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project for Low Income States: The objective is to improve piped water coverage and sanitation services through decentralized service delivery systems. Preparation completed on 8 January 2013. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132173. US$ 500.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Room No. 247, A Wing, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2306-2107, Fax: (91-11) 2306-2715, E-mail: secydws@nic.in.

(R) Third Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (Jalswarajya-II): The objectives are to: (a) improve the effectiveness of rural water supply and sanitation sector institutions in Maharashtra; and (b) demonstrate implementation models for addressing emerging sector challenges. Decision Meeting scheduled for 7 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 225.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Maharashtra, Water Supply and Sanitation Department,
Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, Tel: (91-22) 2756-5087, E-mail: jalswarajya_pm@hotmail.com.

Koshi Flood Rehabilitation Program Phase II: The objectives are to: (a) increase the State’s agricultural productivity; and (b) enhance access to markets and agricultural services in targeted areas by increasing resilience to floods and droughts and supporting the development of rural infrastructure. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127725. US$ 300.0/200.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Bihar, Patna, Bihar, India, Tel: (91-612) 221-5804, Fax: (91-612) 222-3983.

Northeast India Water Resources and Institutions Building: The objective is to support the eight Northeastern States of India to manage their water resources in an integrated and optimized manner for multi-purpose benefits. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 29 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Vigyan Bhawan Annex, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2302-2400/2401, Fax: (91-11) 2306-2754.

Maldives

Education

(R) Education Development: The objective is to strengthen the education sector to expand the human capital needed for future economic and human development which will support: (a) the expansion of equitable access to secondary education; and (b) improvement of the quality of the education system. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131331. US$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Maldives, Contact: Muna Fathimath, Director.

Health and Other Social Services

Pension and Social Protection Additional Financing: The objective is to support the Government to implement a system of old age income security and safety nets based on a combination of mandated savings and cash transfers to be administered by the Maldives Pension Administration Office and the Social Protection agency. Bank Approval completed on 2 June 2011. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P125700. US$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Government of Maldives, Hilaacee Magu, Male 20389, Maldives, Tel: (960) 330-9908, Fax: (960) 330-7759, E-mail: ceo@ pension.gov.mv, Contact: Mohammed Maniku, CEO.

Nepal

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Agriculture Commercialization and Trade Additional Financing: The objective is to support the Government of Nepal in developing the productivity of the agricultural sector and reducing rural poverty. Signing scheduled for 18 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128304. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture Development, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 4011-7767, E-mail: yognkrrk@yahoo.com, Contact: Yognendra Kumar Karki, Project Director.

(R) Nepal Agriculture and Food Security Project: The objective is to enhance food security of targeted vulnerable populations in selected regions of Nepal. Negotiations completed on 7 January 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 25 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128905. US$ 46.5 (GAFS). Consultants will be required during implementation for dissemination of various planned activities e.g. identification and mobilization for Farmer Field Schools, behavior change communication, nutrition and food security related messages etc. Ministry of Agriculture Development, Singha Durbar, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 421-1706, Fax: (977-1) 421-1935, E-mail: memoad@moad.gov.np, Contact: Dr. Ganesh Raj Joshi, Secretary.

Education

School Sector Reform Program Additional Financing: The objective is to continue to increase access to and improve quality of school education, particularly basic education (Grades 1-8) for children from marginalized groups. Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required to assist with Disbursement Linked Indicators and to update the parent project’s ISR. Department of Education, Sanothimi, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 663-1075, E-mail: doeplan@info.com.np.

Energy and Mining

(R) Kali Gandaki A Hydropower Plant Rehabilitation Project (KGAHPRP): The objective is to increase electricity generation capacity of the Nepalese power system by rehabilitating the existing 144MW Kali Gandaki A Hydropower Plant through improvements in civil and electro mechanical works. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132289. US$ 27.2 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA), Durbur Marga, PO Box 10020, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 415-3007, Fax: (977-1) 415-3009, E-mail: neamid@mos.com.np.

(R) Waste to Energy Project: The objective is to promote off-grid energy generation through harnessing of waste and combining it with appropriate technology solutions. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 8.0 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Alternative Energy Promotion Center, Khumaltar Heights, Lalitpur Sub Metropol, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 553-9390/91, Fax: (977-1) 553-9392, E-mail: govind.pokhare2@aepc.gov.np, Contact: Dr. Govind Raj Pokhrel


Finance

Financial Sector and Macroeconomic Stability DPL: The objective is to support Government’s effort to address financial sector and macroeconomic vulnerabilities. The first DPC focuses on urgent banking and macroeconomic stability issues, while the second aims at supporting the development of a robust and inclusive financial sector and maintenance of prudent fiscal management. Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Nepal.

Information and Communications

(N) National Identification Project: The objectives are to: (a) support the Government improve the design of the NID program; and (b) implement the identity management infrastructure in Nepal. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Poverty Alleviation Fund II Second Additional Financing: (formerly Poverty Alleviation Fund III) The objective is to improve living conditions, livelihoods and empowerment among the rural poor, with particular attention to groups that have traditionally been excluded by reasons of gender, ethnicity, caste and location and to integrate these groups into local government planning processes. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 17 December 2012. Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 70.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/IFAD). Consulting services to be determined. Poverty Alleviation Fund, Kathmandu, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 555-3671.

Governance and Institutional Reform: The objective is to improve services at subnational levels through institutional reforms, including e-governance interventions and human resource strengthening. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 5 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
Transportation  
(R) Second Rural Access Improvement and Decentralization: The objective is to continue to improve the transport infrastructure, services and benefit from enhanced access to social services and economic opportunities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 66.4 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection  
(R) Building Resilience to Climate Related Hazards: The objectives are to: (a) diminish the impacts of extreme climate-related events; (b) protect lives and assets; and (c) support agricultural livelihoods. Bank Approval completed on 15 January 2013. Signing scheduled for 12 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127508. US$ 31.0 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, Babarmahal, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 425-6193, E-mail: rashisharm@yahoo.com.

Pakistan  
Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry  
(R) Sindh Agricultural Growth Project: The objective is to improve agriculture productivity, value addition and marketing. Preparation scheduled for 30 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 155.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Sindh Department of Agriculture, Karachi, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 9921-1462, E-mail: secretary@sindhagrri.gov.pk; Sindh Department of Livestock and Fisheries, Karachi, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 9920-3291, Fax: (92-21) 9920-3290.

Education  
(R) Punjab Skills Development: The objective is to support the Government of Punjab in improving their training programs. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 13 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit), Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Giglital-Baltistan Education: The objective is to improve access to and the quality of education in Giglital-Baltistan. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 9 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Education, Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Gilgit, Pakistan, Tel: (92-91) 920-212, Contact: Ijaz Asad Rasool, Secretary.

Second Sindh Education Sector Additional Financing: The objective is to further support the provincial Government of Sindh to potentially enhance the impact and effectiveness of its medium-term, Sindh Education Sector Reform Program. Decision Meeting scheduled for 23 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125952. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Reform Support Unit, NJV Building, M.A. Jinnah Road, Karachi, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 3277-7923, E-mail: parvez-seehar@gmail.com, Contact: Parvez Seehar, Chief Program manager.

Energy and Mining  
Dasu Hydropower Stage 1: The objectives are to: (a) add hydropower generation to the total energy mix, (b) reduce electricity shortages, and (c) contribute to the institutional development of WAPDA Hydel which owns and operates the existing hydropower plants. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA), WAPDA House, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-995) 660-198, Fax: (92-995) 660-003, E-mail: tarbel4@het@ yahoo.com.

Power Sector Efficiency Improvement Project: The objectives are to: (a) increase output and availability of existing assets; (b) accelerate steps to import energy; (c) increase domestic gas supply; (d) develop least cost renewable energy to increase access or replace oil generation; and (e) prioritize investments for public financing and encouraging private investment through PPP. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services  
(R) Enhanced Nutrition for Mothers and Children: The objective is to assist Pakistan in improving coverage of effective nutrition interventions delivered through the health sector, with a focus on the poor and on marginalized groups, in order to improve the nutritional status of children under two years old and that of pregnant and lactating women. Appraisal scheduled for 20 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131850. US$ 410/170.0 (IDA Credit/PPIN). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Punjab Health Sector Reform: The objective is to strengthen health systems and improve health services, particularly for the poor through: (a) service delivery and management reforms; (b) systems development interventions including increased accountability; and (c) improved governance in the health sector and restructuring of the Department of Health. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 15 December 2011. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123394. US$ 100.0/100.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/DFID/HRBF). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Health, Government of Punjab, Civil Secretariat, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 9921-0749, Fax: (92-42) 921-1710.

Immunization Support: The objective is to improve the coverage, efficiency and quality of immunization services in Pakistan. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123508. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Expanded Program on Immunization, Ministry of Interprovincial Coordination, Cabinet Division, PM Secretariat, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-3248, Fax: (92-51) 920-7760, E-mail: secretaryipc@yahoo.com.

KP and FATA Emergency Recovery Credit: The objective is to assist Government of Pakistan/KP/FATA restore social protection through income transfers and cash for work opportunities to the most affected households and vulnerable groups in the areas affected by military operation against militants and floods. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P121394. US$ 250.0/35.0 (IDA Credit/PKNF). Consultants will be required. Provincial Relief Rehabilitation and Settlement Authority (PaRRSA), Pakistan, Tel: (92-91) 921-3855, Fax: (92-91) 921-4025, E-mail: shakeelqadir@pdma.gov.pk, Contact: Shakeeb Qadir Khan, Director General.

Industry and Trade  
Punjab Agricultural Competitiveness: The objective is to improve agriculture productivity, value addition and marketing. Project Appraisal Document scheduled for 27 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 155.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Strengthening KP’s Value Chains in Minerals and Horticulture Sectors: The objective is to support the efforts of GoKP to enhance the competitiveness, employment, and market linkages of the minerals and horticulture sectors by providing necessary assistance along their value-chains. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 9.0 (PKNF). Consultants will required for research, technical appraisal for PAD, stakeholders consultations, project preparation and support to GoKP for preparing their project documents. Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Peshawar, Pakistan, Tel: (92-91) 921-0516.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice  
(R) Revenue Mobilization Disbursement-Linked Indicator: The objectives are to build a modern tax system and a transparent, effective and results-oriented tax administration to facilitate and improve tax compliance with tax laws. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P128182. US$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Board of Revenue, Constitution Avenue, Shahra-e-Dastoor, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-3399, Fax: (92-51)
Punjab Governance Reforms for Service Delivery: The objective is to support public sector management to improve service delivery performance in selected sectors of the Government of Punjab. Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Punjab Land Records Management and Information Systems Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve the land records service delivery of the Province of Punjab, contributing to long-lasting tenure security and more efficient functioning of land markets; and (b) establish a basis for fuller integration of information associated with land rights. Signing scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131266. US$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Government of Punjab, 57-C-II Gulberg III, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 9926-8047, Fax: (92-42) 9926-8049, E-mail: dpd@puneb-zameen.gov.pk, Contact: Irfan Elahi, Project Director.

Regional

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Third Phase of the APL on Strengthening Regional Cooperation for Wildlife Protection in Asia: The objective is to assist the participating governments of India and others to build or enhance shared capacity, institutions, knowledge and incentives to collaborate in tackling illegal wildlife trade and other selected regional conservation threats to habitats in border areas. Negotiations scheduled for 19 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128275. US$ 16.0 (PKNF). Consultants will be required. Construction Supervision Works and Services Department, Works and Services Department FATA, FATA Secretariat, Peshawar, Pakistan, Tel: (92-91) 9211-1725, Fax: (92-91) 9211-1835, E-mail: c.engineer.fata@gmail.com, Contact: Daud Jan, Chief Engineer.

Sri Lanka

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Sri Lanka Secondary Cities Project: The objective is to enhance the capacity of the Government of Sri Lanka to lead and manage regional growth with inclusive development in the lagging regions through economic integration. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 23 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Skills Development Project: The objective is to support the Government of Sri Lanka to improve the quality and relevance of the skills development sector. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

(R) Sri Lanka Development Policy Loan: The objectives are to: (a) improve the institutional and firms’ productivity and competitiveness in Sri Lanka; and (b) review specific policies that constrain full private sector participation in the development of the economy in terms of increased investments (domestic and foreign). Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Second Health Sector Development: The objective is to support the modernization of the public sector health system by responding to the challenges facing it, especially regarding nutrition and non-communicable diseases. Appraisal scheduled for 22 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P118866. US$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Transport Connectivity: The objective is to provide lower costs of transport by: (a) reducing congestion and improving road condition; and (b) providing better connectivity of inter-urban transport. The project supports the overall strategy of developing public transport and managing motorization. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 325.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Road Development Authority, 9th Floor, Sethisiripaya, Battaramulla 10120, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-11) 286-2795, Fax: (94-11) 287-2272.
Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category C.

**Transportation**

(R) Results-based Road Maintenance and Safety: The objective is to support the Government of Albania to improve safety of the national road network through implementing the Albania National Transport Plan and Road Safety Action Plan by introducing and efficiently using a road asset management system and road safety principles and audits. *Identification scheduled for 17 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IBRD).* Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 225-6091.

**Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection**

(R) Water Resources and Irrigation (Ln. 82110-AL): The objectives are to support: (a) the integration of water resources management, strengthen sector’s legal, regulatory and institutional framework; (b) dam rehabilitation and dam safety; and (c) irrigation and drainage rehabilitation, strengthen capacities and institutions. *The loan was signed on 14 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P121186. US$ 40.0/5.0 (IBRD/SIDA).* Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Durrësi Street 27, Sheshi, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-42) 250-223, 425-9333, Fax: (355-42) 270-627, 422-3917, E-mail: arjan.madhi@moe.gov.al, Contact: Mr. Arjan Madhi, Director General.

(R) Water Sector Investment: The objectives are to: (a) improve the reliability of the water service and cost recovery in the Durrës region; and (b) support the Government’s efforts to implement its sector strategy, including meeting EU accession requirements, while supporting the broader reform agenda at the national level. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P102733. US$ 50.0/20.0 (IBRD/EUIB).* Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Rruga am Frasheri Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 225-6091, Contact: Edmond Ali, General Director.

**Armenia**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

(R) Second Community Agriculture Resource Management and Competitiveness: The objective is to improve Armenia agri-food sector competitiveness and market access by enhancing selected value chains in targeted communities. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 14.0/16.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit).* Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Government House 3, Republic Square, Yerevan, Armenia Tel/Fax: (374-10) 524-641, 422-3917, E-mail: arjan.madhi@moe.gov.al, Contact: Mr. Arjan Madhi, Director General.

(R) Second Irrigation Rehabilitation: The objective is to reduce the cost of water through reduction of energy cost and finding ways to efficiently use a water asset management system and irrigation and drainage rehabilitation, strengthen capacities and institutions. *The loan was signed on 14 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P121186. US$ 40.0/5.0 (IBRD/SIDA).* Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture, Durrësi Street 27, Sheshi, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-42) 250-223, 425-9333, Fax: (355-42) 270-627, 422-3917, E-mail: arjan.madhi@moe.gov.al, Contact: Mr. Arjan Madhi, Director General.

**Education**

Education: The objective is to support the Government in two main endeavors: (a) enhancing the quality of General Secondary Education and (b) supporting Tertiary Education reforms in the context of the Bologna Declaration. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 23 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Project Implementation Unit (PIU), 73 Vratsyan Street, 0070 Yerevan, Armenia, Tel: (374-10) 575-690, Fax: (374-10) 559-750, E-mail: cfepl@arminco.com, Contact: Hasmik Ghazaryan, Director.

**Finance**

Long Term Finance: The objective is to provide long-term financing to private enterprises through the Panarmenian Bank (PAB), Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Health and Other Social Services**

(R) Non-communicable Diseases Prevention and Control: The objectives are to: (a) improve the health care system responsiveness in prevention, early detection and management of NCDs for two major causes of mortality, cardiovascular diseases and malignant neoplasm; and (b) implement a wide range of cost-effective initiatives at population and facility level aimed at the prevention and control of these diseases. *Appraisal scheduled for 29 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128442. US$ 35.0/1.8 (IDA Credit/HRBF).* Consultants will be required. Health PIU, 17 Shirvanzade Street, Yerevan, Armenia, Tel: (374-10) 297-536, E-mail: healthpiu@gmail.com, Contact: Gurgen Dumanyan, Director.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

(R) Development Policy Operation I: The objective are to (a) protect the poor and vulnerable; and (b) promote the competitiveness of the Armenian economy. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 23 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 31.0/41.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transportation**

(R) Lifeline Road Network Improvement (Ln. 82290-AM): The objectives are to: (a) improve access of agriculture and livestock industries to markets; and (b) reduce the long-term cost of transportation in Armenia on lifeline roads. Bank Approval scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126782. US$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport and Communications, 28 Nalbandyan Street, Yerevan, Armenia, Tel: (374-10) 545-748, Fax: (374-10) 580-532, E-mail: abakhtiamyan@transportpiu.am, Contact: Alexander Bakhtiamyan, Director.

**Azerbaijan**

**Health and Other Social Services**

Health Sector Reform Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve overall health system stewardship and financing; and (b) enhance equitable access to technical and perceived quality of essential healthcare services, in the selected districts in a fiscally responsible and sustainable manner with a view to improving health outcomes. Negotiations scheduled for 18 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P129093. US$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, 4 Kick Deniz St Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 493-2577, E-mail: sadullahayev65@yahoo.com, Contact: Zakiya Mustafayeva, Chief of Staff.

**Industry and Trade**

(R) Agricultural Development Credit: The objectives are to: (a) enhance competitiveness of agricultural products; (b) increase rural productivity and incomes; and (c) enhance agricultural support services including advisory and veterinary services. *Negotiations scheduled for 13 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122812. US$ 35.0 (IBRD).* Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, 49, U. Hajibayov Street, Government House, Baku AZ1016, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 497-1301, E-mail: adcp@agroagency.gov.az, Contact: Mr. Huseyn Huseynov, Director.

**Transportation**

Fourth Highway: The objectives are to: (a) support the improvement of the main road network to improve Azerbaijani competitiveness by strengthening the inter-country linkages; and (b) provide greater export market access, and build Azerbaijan’s role as a regional transit corridor. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 90.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Azer Road Service, 72/4, Uzeyir Hajibeyov Street, AZ1010, Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 493-0045, Fax: (994-12) 493-4665, E-mail: silkway@online.az, Contact: Mr. Javid Gurbanov, Chief of AzerRoadService OJC.
**Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection**

(N) Integrated Solid Waste Management Additional Financing: The objective is to rehabilitate the Balakhami Landfill to extend disposal capacity for waste from the Greater Baku area for long-term operation of up to 20 years. The extended activities financed by this AF would include (i) opening of new waste cells and (ii) upward expansion of waste disposal. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economic Development, 23 Nyiayi street, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 492-4110, Fax: (994-12) 492-5895, E-mail: office@economy.gov.az.

**Belarus**

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Efficiency Additional Financing: The objective is to improve energy efficiency in heat and power generation in selected towns in Belarus. Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 90.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Energy Efficiency Department, Revolutionnaya str. 13A, Minsk 220030, Belarus, Tel: (375-17) 227-20-78, Fax: (375-17) 206-46-83, E-mail: bies@niks.by, Contact: Mr. Victor knysh, Director.

**Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Energy and Mining

Energy Efficiency: The objectives are to reduce: (a) energy intensity; (b) consumption of imported oil and gas to the extent it is used for space heating; and (c) carbon intensity of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 32.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministries of Energy, Education, Health Entities, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**Finance**

(R) Bosnia and Herzegovina EEC Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility APL4: The objective is to help increase access to financial protection from losses caused by climate change and geological hazards to of homeowners, farmers, and the enterprise sector and government agencies. Negotiations scheduled for 4 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127788. US$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Europa RE, Weinbergrasse 56/58, Zurich, Switzerland, Tel: (41-44) 380-5090, E-mail: heinz.vollenweider@europa-re.com, Contact: Mr. Heinz Vollweider, Chairman of the Board.

**Health and Other Social Services**

Bosnia Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina to reform public expenditure, such as pensions, social transfers and wage bill and payroll administration. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Torg Republike Srpsk 1, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-51) 339-155, E-mail: maem_baragoita@hotmail.fr, Contact: HE Said Baragoita, Minister.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

(R) Real Estate Registration (Cr. 51880-BA): The objective is to complete the cadastre, harmonize records with the land registry and ensure that all records match the situation on the ground. The credit was signed on 8 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128950. US$ 34.1 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Republic Administration for Geodetic and Property Affairs of the Republic of Srpska, Trg Republike Srpske br.8, Banja Luka, Tel: (387-51) 338-002, E-mail: rgu_sop@ineco.net, Contact: Thimor Gligoric, Director.; Federal Administration for Geodetic and Real-Property Affairs of the Federation of BH, Trg Republike Srpske br.8, 78000 Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina Tel/Fax: (387-33) 201-784, E-mail: zeljko.obradovic@fgu.com.ba, Contact: Mr. Zeljko Obradovic, Director.

**Transportation**

(R) Sava Waterway Rehabilitation: The objective is to improve the navigability of the Sava River to facilitate full return to operational use of the inland waterway for the first time after the cessation of hostilities. Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P108000. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport and Communications, Fehima ef. Curcica 6, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 254-378, Fax: (387-33) 222-193, E-mail: n.sego@mkt.gov.ba, Contact: Nikola Sago, Secretary.

**Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection**

(R) Second Solid Waste Management Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the availability, quality, environmental soundness, and financial viability of solid waste management services in participating utilities/regions. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 24 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 6.0 (F7U4). Consulting services to be determined. FBtI Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Contact: Mr. Muris Hadzic, Assistant Minister.; RS Ministry of Spatial Planning.

**Croatia**

Finance

(R) Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development Partial Credit Guarantee: The objectives are to support: (a) HBBOR’s move towards market-based funding through a Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG); and (b) investment projects in Croatia by providing medium and long-term funding. Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 250.0 (GUAR). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Second Science and Technology Project: The objective is to build the financial gap between the current innovation financing needs of Croatia and access to European Union in July 2013. It will build on the previous STP programs and will help the government to develop and maintain a pipeline of projects to be supported by the structural funds after 2013. Negotiations scheduled on mid-February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127708. US$ 26.9 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Science, education and Sports, Donje Svetice 38, Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 459-4341, E-mail: hrvjoe.mestric@mozos.hr, Contact: Hrvoje Mestric, Director, STP Coordinator.

Export Finance Intermediation Additional Financing: The objective is to provide medium- and long-term finance to exporters and quasi-exporters. The funds will be on loan directly to a wide range of sectors through the Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development (HBBOR) to Participating Financial Institutions with HBBOR acting as an Apex. Bank Approval completed on 20 September 2012. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P129220. US$ 61.4 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Strossmayerov trg 9, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 459-1586, Fax: (385-1) 459-1705, E-mail: bbberkovic@hbor.hr, Contact: B. Berkovic

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

(R) Second Economic Recovery Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support economic recovery through: (a) enhanced fiscal sustainability through expenditure-based consolidation; and (b) fostered private sector growth. Preparation completed on 14 December 2012. Decision Meeting scheduled for 29 March 2013.
Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P127665. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Katanciceva 5, Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 459-1258, Fax: (385-1) 492-2598, E-mail: maroje.lang@mfin.hr, Contact: Maroje Lang, Assistant Minister.

**Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection**

**EU Coastal Waters Compliance**: The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality of water on Croatia’s Adriatic coasts; and (b) fulfill the EU environmental requirements in a financially and operationally sustainable manner. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Croatian Waters, Croatia.

**Georgia**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

(N) Irrigation and Land Market Development: The objective is to stimulate private sector investment in agriculture by investing US$ 60.0 million in: (a) irrigation and drainage improvement (US$ 55 million); and (b) land market development (US$ 5 million). Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2013. The pre-appraisal mission is scheduled for 15 November 2013 Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 25.0/25.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Georgia.

**Industry and Trade**

**Georgia Second Competitiveness and Growth DPO**: The objective is to support competitiveness and inclusive growth measures to: (a) facilitate trade; (b) strengthen public financial management; and (c) support social safety nets. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 22.0/28.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, 70, I Abashidze Street, Tbilisi, Georgia Tel/Fax: (995-32) 291-354.

**Transportation**

**Fourth East West Highway Improvement**: The objectives are to: (a) support the gradual reduction of road transport costs, improve access, ease of transit and road safety along the central part of Georgia’s East-West corridor; and (b) strengthen the capacity of the Roads Department and relevant Government entities to plan and manage the road network and to improve traffic safety. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P130013. US$ 33.0/37.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Roads Department of the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure (RDMDRI), 12 Kazbegi Avenue, Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 237-5068, Fax: (995-32) 313-052, Contact: Irakli Litinashvili, Deputy Chairman.

**Hungary**

**Finance**

**Financial Sector and Macro Stability**: The objectives are to support: (a) fiscal reforms to ensure long-run fiscal and macro-economic sustainability and restore investor confidence, improving access of the government, banks to external funding; and (b) financial stability program, designed to ensure adequate levels of liquidity and capital and stronger supervisory powers. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P114991. US$ 1413.2 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, H-1051 Budapest, Jozsef Nador Ter 2-4, Budapest, Hungary, Tel: (36-1) 327-2100, Fax: (36-1) 327-2749, E-mail: kommunikacio@pm.gov.hu, Contact: Almos Kovacs, State Secretary.

**Kazakhstan**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

(R) Second Irrigation and Drainage Improvement: The objectives are to: (a) improve irrigation, drainage systems, water management and environmental services; and (b) strengthen agricultural practices and farmers’ information services. Negotiations scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P086592. US$ 131.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environmental Protection, 31 Pobedy Ave Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3172) 591-972, Fax: (7-3172) 591-973, E-mail: a_braliev@nature.kz, Contact: Alzhan Braliev, Vice-Minister.

**Education**

**Youth Corps Program**: The objective is to promote positive youth development through service learning opportunities that serve the community and foster constructive engagement between youth and society at large. Preparation scheduled for 11 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 20.0 (TF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Science of RK, Tel: (7-7172) 742-335, E-mail: m_kozhakhmet@edu.gov.kz, Contact: Madiyar Kozakhmet, Director of the Youth Policy Department.

**Energy and Mining**

(R) Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: The objectives are to: (a) raise awareness about the energy efficiency potential in Kazakhstan by designing and implementing some sustainable projects for demonstration and awareness of the EE/RE potential; and (b) support capacity building of Kazakh counterparts in developing a sustainable EE/RE framework, design and implementation capacity. Appraisal scheduled for 28 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130013. US$ 21.8 (F7VP). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Industry and New Technologies, 47 Kabanbai Batyr Avenue, Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3172) 299-010, Fax: (7-3172) 290-853, Contact: Mr. Talgat Mukanov, Head of Energy Efficiency Department.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**Justice System Support Project**: The objective is to improve the efficiency of selected aspects of Kazakhstan’s justice system. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection**

(R) Second Elimination of POP Wastes: The objective is to support the development of environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) with the country’s obligations under the Stockholm Convention. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 34.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environmental Protection, 31 Pobedy Ave Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3172) 591-972, Fax: (7-3172) 591-973, E-mail: a_braliev@nature.kz.

**Syr Darya Control and Northern Aral Sea Phase II**: The objective is to improve water resource and environmental management in the Syr Darya Basin. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 15 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P093825. US$ 165.8 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Committee for Water Resources, Admin Building, Left Bank, Orynbaur Ave Bldg No. 3, Ent No. 12, Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-7172) 742-681, Fax: (7-3172) 356-776, E-mail: consultants_astana@nursat.kz.

**Kosovo**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

(R) Agricultural Pollution Control-GEF: The objective is to promote environmentally friendly agricultural practices in the Danube watershed of Kosovo with the aim of reducing nutrient discharge to soil and water bodies. Decision Meeting scheduled for 3 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 4.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, Boulevard Nene Tereza 35, Pristina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 211-131, Fax: (381-38) 211-885, E-mail: uran.ismaili@ks-gov.net, Contact: Mr. Urn Ismaili, Advisor to the Minister.

(R) Water Supply and Canal Protection: The objective is to improve the reliability and quality of water supply to Central Kosovo, home to the commercial and administrative center of the country, by undertaking the investment measures needed to secure uninterrupted and good-quality water supply from the Iber-Lepeck Canal. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Con-
sulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Pristina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 2003-2307, E-mail: arben.citaku@ks-gov.net, Contact: Mr. Arben Citaku

_Energy and Mining_  
(R) Clean-Up and Land Reclamation Additional Financing: The objective is to support the Environmental and Social Impact Assessments in related activities through: (a) Environmental Sector development via investments in capacity building at the Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning; and (b) supporting the removal of hazardous waste from the former gasification plant at the Kosovo A power station site. Negotiations scheduled for 16 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131539. US$ 4.2 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

_Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy:_ The objective is to assist the Government of Kosovo with the implementation of a low carbon growth strategy by contributing to increase: (a) energy efficiency in public and residential buildings; and (b) investment in renewable energy projects. Preparation scheduled for 19 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 32.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economic Development, Nena Tereza Square, 10000 Pristina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 2002-1505, Fax: (381-38) 2002-1302, E-mail: agron.dida@ks-gov.net.  

_Lignite Power:_ The objective is to support a private sector independent power producer and lignite mining company. Appraisal scheduled for 15 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P118287. US$ 50.0/725.0/725.0 (GUID/ZBIL/ZEXP). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economic Development, Nena Tereza Square, 10000 Pristina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 2002-1505, Fax: (381-38) 2002-1302, E-mail: agron.dida@ks-gov.net, Contact: Mr. Besim Beqaj, Minister.

_Finance_  
_Financial Sector Markets Infrastructure Additional Financing:_ The objective is to assist Central Banking Authority of Kosovo’s (CBAK) capacity to oversee financial system’s stability and development in Kosovo with a focus on Payment Systems. Bank Approval completed on 14 June 2011. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 6.9 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Central Bank of Kosovo, Garabaldi Street No.33, Pristhine, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 222-055, Fax: (381-38) 243-765, E-mail: gergurioni@bkl-kos.org. Contact: Gani Gergori, Governor.  

_Industry and Trade_  
(R) Kosovo Danish Support for Rural Development Grant Program: The objective is to promote competitiveness and growth in the livestock and horticulture sub-sectors over the next decade through implementation of selected measures of its agricultural strategy and institutional development. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 9.2 (FSSP). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, Street Mother Tereza 35, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 211-131, E-mail: shqipe.dema@ks-gov.net.  

_Kyrgyz Republic_  
_Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry_  
(R) Agriculture Productivity and Nutrition Improvements: The objective is to increase agricultural productivity and food security of rural households in selected areas nationwide. Appraisal completed for 2 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 16.5 (GAFS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry (MAWRPI), 96A Kiyevskaya St Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 665-625, Fax: (996-312) 661-572, E-mail: morbekova@ariu.elcat.kg.  

_Education_  
(R) Second Village Investment Additional Financing: The objective is to assure the Social mobilization, capacity building, and community-driven design and implementation of community investment plans in rural communities. Bank Approval completed on 20 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P130667. US$ 4.2 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Community Development and Investment Agency, 102, Bokonbaeva Str Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 301-805, Fax: (996-312) 624-748, E-mail: eibrainova@aris.kg, Contact: Elmira S. Ibraimova, Executive Director.

_Education SWAp Sector Support:_ The objective is to improve student learning outcomes by: (a) supporting the sector program aligned to scale-up key policy interventions in teacher management, governance and financing; and (b) school improvement planning sectorwide. Negotiations scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P113550. US$ 9.1/7.4 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Science, 257 Tynystanov Street, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 626-806, Fax: (996-312) 621-520, E-mail: director@rep.ktnet.kg, Contact: Gulmira Sultanova, PIU Director.  

_Global Partnership for Education (GPE) 3:_ The objective is to increase equitable access to pre-school education and establish conditions for improving its quality. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 12.7 (EFAS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

_Energy and Mining_  
_Electricity Supply Accountability and Reliability Improvement:_ The objective is to establish a transparent accountability framework for the power and financial flows in OJSC Severelectro, the distribution company serving capital city of Bishkek and a few surrounding towns. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 15.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/IFW). Consulting services to be determined. JSC Severelectro, 3 Chikalova Street, Lebedinovka Village, Alamu-dunski District, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 631-685, E-mail: azamatm@mail.ru.  

_Finance_  
(R) Financial Sector (Cr. 50670-KG, Cr. H7600-KG): The objectives are to: (a) enhance financial sector stability through an improved regulatory and supervisory framework and resolving banks in trouble; and (b) increase access to a variety of financial services by underserved segments of the market. Bank Approval completed on 8 March 2012. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P125689. US$ 3.9/4.9/1.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/F7PF). No consultants are required. Kyrgyz Post Office, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 610-069, E-mail: posta@posta.kg, Contact: Jusup Adnaeva, Head.

_Higher Education and Other Social Services_  
(R) Health Results Based Financing: The objective is to support improvements in Maternal and Child Health care quality by pilot- ing: (a) performance-based payments and /or enhance supervision; performance-based payments in primary health care in one rayon; and (b) strengthening the Government’s and providers’ capacity in performance-based contracting, and monitoring and evaluation for results. Signing scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P120435. US$ 11.0 (HRBF). No consultants are required. Ministry of Health (MOH), 148 Moskovskaya Street, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 631-680, Fax: (996-312) 661-150, E-mail: n_adnaeva@nmz.med.kg, Contact: Dr. Nurgul Adnaeva, Head.  

(R) Second Health and Social Protection: The objective is to improve the performance of the Kyrgyz Health sector by: (a) strengthening the capacity of MOH; (b) improving social protection interventions; and (c) building the capacity of the Ministry of Health and health providers to deliver the State Guaranteed Benefits Package (SGBP). Appraisal completed on 8 January 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 20 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126278. US$ 9.1/7.4/26.1 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/ZBIL). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health of Kyrgyz Republic, Togolok Moldo St. 1, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, 10000 Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 662-806, Fax: (996-312) 621-520, E-mail: director@rep.ktnet.kg, Contact: Gulmira Sultanova, PIU Director.
Republic, Tel: (996-312) 663-707, Fax: (996-312) 660-493, E-mail: a__imanbaev@med.kg, Contact: Dinara Sagimbieva, Minister.

**Industry and Trade**

**(R) First Programmatic Development Policy Operation:** The objective is to support the Government to: (a) strengthen public finance reforms; (b) sharpen competitiveness and enhance the attractiveness of private investment; and (c) mitigate social risks resulting from the reform program. **Decision Meeting completed on 18 December 2012. Bank Approval scheduled for 14 March 2013.** Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). **No consultants are required.** Ministry of Finance, 58 Erkinkid Boulevard, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 661-350, Fax: (996-312) 661-045, Contact: Akybek Japarov, Minister.

**(R) Second Development Policy Operation:** The objective is to continue to support the Government to strengthen governance in the management of public assets and revenues. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Third Development Policy Operation:** The objective is to continue to support the Government to strengthen governance in the management of public assets and revenues. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 5 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

**Education**

**(R) Skills Development and Innovation Support Project:** The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the quality and relevance of tertiary and technical vocational education to better respond to the needs of the labor market; and (b) improve the innovative capacity of enterprises and research entities through better access to skills, knowledge, finance and technology. **Project Concept Note completed on 21 December 2012. Project Appraisal Document scheduled for 24 April 2013.** Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P128758. US$ 24.0 (IBRD). **No consultants are required.** Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

**Energy and Mining**

**Macedonia Energy:** The objective is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the national and regional power systems. Preparation scheduled for 4 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P112730. US$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. **ELEM Macedonian Power Plants, 11 Oktomvri 9, 1000 Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tel: (389-29) 233-472, Fax: (389-29) 233-515, E-mail: consilier@edu.md, Contact: Mihail Sleah-titchi, Minister of Education.**

**Health and Other Social Services**

**(R) Competitiveness DPL (L.n. 82140-MK):** The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the institutional support for investment attraction and export promotion; (b) introduce reforms and instruments to promote skills, quality infrastructure services and technology absorption in export-oriented industries; and (c) remove business environment constraints, particularly in access to finance. **The loan was signed on 4 January 2013.** Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P126038. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). **Consultants will be required.** Ministry of Finance, Mito Hadzivasilev Jasmin bb, 1000 Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tel: (389-2) 311-7280, Fax: (389-2) 311-7288, E-mail: suzana.stoiimceva@finance.gov.mk, Contact: Suzana Stoimceva, State Adviser.

**Industry and Trade**

**(R) Second Macedonia Competitiveness DPL:** The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the institutional and implementation capacity for FDI attraction and export promotion; (b) introduce reforms that bring about better functional factor markets, especially markets for agricultural land, labor and skills; and (c) introduce reforms that remove sector-specific constraints in key export-oriented sectors. **Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 April 2013.** Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**(R) Public Expenditure Policy Based Guarantee:** The objective is to improve the efficiency of public expenditures by (a) strengthening public financial management practices; (b) improving the efficiency of service provision in the health sector; and (c) strengthening social protection and inclusion of service delivery. **The loan was signed on 9 January 2013.** Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P133791. US$ 201.5 (GUAR). **No consultants are required.** Ministry of Finance, Mito Hadzivasilev, 50, Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tel: (389-75) 232-791, Fax: (389-2) 310-6779, E-mail: suzana.stoiimceva@finance.gov.mk, Contact: Suzana Peneva, State Adviser.

**Moldova**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

**(R) Emergency Agriculture Support:** The objective is to compensate farmer’s costs associated with planting of winter wheat, fodder and spring planting of wheat and maize. **Pre-appraisal scheduled for 6 February 2013.** Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). **Consulting services to be determined.** Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry, 162 Stefan cel Mare Street, Office 416, Chisinau MD-2004, Moldova, Tel: (373-22) 233-427, Fax: (373-22) 210-204, E-mail: viorel.gutu@maia.gov.md.

**Education**

**Education Reform:** The objective is to ensure the quality of access to general education while supporting the efficiency reforms which will be implemented from 2012-2015 in the education sector. **Negotiations scheduled for 24 January 2013.** Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127388. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). **Consultants will be required.** Ministry of Education, 1, Piata Marii Adunari Nationale, Chisinau, Moldova, Tel: (373-22) 233-348, Fax: (373-22) 233-515, E-mail: consilier@edu.md, Contact: Mihail Sleh-titchi, Minister of Education.

**Energy and Mining**

**(R) District Heating Efficiency Improvement:** The objective is to assist the newly merged district heating/CHP company to improve the sustainability of its operations and financial viability by: (a) improving the efficiency of its operations; and (b) supporting the resolution of the historical debt stock. **Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 September 2013.** Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132443. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). **Consultants will be required for the identification of investment needs that are currently ongoing under a Swedish trust fund and corporate structure/governance and debt restructuring.** Ministry of Economy, Moldova.

**(R) District Heating Efficiency Improvement Partial Credit Guarantee:** The objective is to assist the newly merged district heating/CHP company to improve the sustainability of its operations and financial viability. **Appraisal scheduled for 27 November 2013.** Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 40.0/160.0 (GUID/ZPCO). **Consulting services to be determined.** Ministry of Economy, Moldova.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**Strengthening PFM and Tax Administration:** The objective is to strengthen institutions and systems for public finance management and tax administration in Moldova. **Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 February 2013.** Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). **Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.**

**Montenegro**

**Finance**

**(R) Montenegro SEEC Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility APL:** The objective of the third phase of a regional horizontal APL
is to help increase access to financial protection from losses caused by climate change and geological hazards to homeowners, farmers, enterprise sector and government agencies. Negotiations scheduled for 19 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127044. US$ 2.5 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. EU Project, Weingartstrasse 56/58, Zurich, Switzerland, Tel: (41-44) 380-5090, E-mail: heinz.vollenweider@europa-re.com, Contact: Mr. Heinz Vollenweider, Chairman of the Board.

**Financial Sector Policy Based Guarantee:** The objective is to support the continued implementation of the financial sector reform agenda (the second in the series of two programmatic development policy operations) started under PFSDPPL. Bank Approval completed on 28 June 2012. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P130157. US$ 79.2 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Stanka Dragojieva 2, 81000 Podgorica, Podgorica, Montenegro, Tel: (382-20) 242-885; Fax: (382-81) 224-450, E-mail: mf@mif.gov.me; Central Bank of Montenegro, Bulevar Svetog Petra Cetinjusk 7, Podgorica, Montenegro, Tel: (381-81) 665-363, Fax: (381-81) 665-362, E-mail: mfo@cb-cg.org, krgoviclj@cb-cg.org.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

(R) **Public Expenditure and Growth Development Policy Loan:** The objectives are: (a) fiscal consolidation (to underpin a gradual reduction of the high public debt over the medium term); and (b) business environment reforms to support sustainable economic recovery, competitiveness and growth. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Stanka Dragojieva 2, Podgorica, 81000, Montenegro, Tel: (382-20) 243-274, Fax: (382-20) 224-450, E-mail: nemanja.pavlicic@mif.gov.me, Contact: Nemanja Pavlicic, Assistant Minister for Budget.

**Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection**

(R) **Industrial Waste Management and Cleanup:** The objective are to (a) reduce the risks to Montenegro's natural resources and public health from selected industrial waste disposal sites; (b) develop infrastructure for the management of hazardous waste; and (c) strengthen institutional capacity to regulate both hazardous and non-hazardous industrial waste management. Negotiations scheduled for 20 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P122139. US$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Montenegro, 4V Proleterske 19, Podgorica, 81000, Montenegro, Tel: (382-20) 618-250, Fax: (382-20) 618-246, E-mail: danilo.kujovic@epa.org.me, epamontenegro@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Danilo Kujovic, Spec. of Environmental Protection Advisor.

**Poland**

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) **BGK Subnational Lending:** The objective is to assist a subnational lending facility for municipalities in the less developed regions of Poland. Guaranteed by BGK, a state-owned development bank, which is in the process of being designated as a “comparable agency” in line with the Bank’s Articles. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 500.0 (IBRD).

(R) **Second Development Policy Loan:** The objective is to support reforms in the areas of public financial management and social sectors. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P130459. US$ 1300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Transportation**

(N) **Railway Restructuring:** The objective is to support the restructuring of Polish railways, particularly focusing on the restructuring of the railway infrastructure manager, and the management of safety during staff downsizing. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 195.4 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Regional**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

(N) **Regional Animal Disease Control:** The objective is to help three Central Asian countries (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan) access regional livestock and dairy markets which are frequently closed to central Asian countries because of their failure to meet sanitary standards. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 29 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) **The European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument (ENPI) East Countries and Russia Forest Law Enforcement and Governance (FLEG) 2:** The objective is to deliver a significant support to good forest governance, sustainable forest management and protection in the ENPI East countries. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131138. US$ 11.1 (F7VP). Consulting services to be determined. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Rue Mauverney 28, 1196 Gland, Switzerland, Tel: (41-22) 999-0316, Fax: (41-22) 999-0002, E-mail: richard.aishton@iucn.org, Contact: Mr. Richard W. Aishton, Program Coordinator.; WWF International, 26, Ioan Caragea Voda Street, District 1, Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (021) 317-4996, Fax: (021) 317-4997, E-mail: cbucur@wwfdep.ro, Contact: Mr. Costel Bucur, Program Coordinator.

**Drina Flood Protection:** The objective is to provide protection against 1-in-100 year flood events to agricultural, residential and industrial interests in the municipalities of Bijeljina, Janja, Gorazde, Foca-Ustikolina and Pale-Praca. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 17.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture ETC of RS and FIBH.

**Health and Other Social Services**

**Improving Blood Safety in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan:** The objectives are to: (a) increase the number and share of blood units donated by voluntary donors; (b) reduce the prevalence of HIV, HepB, HepC and syphilis in retested blood unit; and (c) increase the share of cases with appropriate clinical use of blood transfusion in all cases which received blood and blood products. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 1.0 (RTF). Consultants will be required. Tajikistan Republican Blood Center, 1 Proezd, 16 M.Tursunzade Street, Dushanbe, Tajikistan Tel/Fax: (992-37) 227-3705, E-mail: blood_t@tojikiston.com, Contact: Burkhoniddin Bakhovatdinov, Director.; Ministry of Health, 60, Mira Prospekt, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-778) 415-646, Fax: (996-312) 548-972, E-mail: alim_63@mail.ru, Contact: Tursunbaev Muhammedalin Satkankulovich, Director.

**Transportation**

(R) **Second National Road Rehabilitation (Osh-Batken-Isfana):** The objective is to scale-up the on-going National Road Rehabilitation Project implemented activities of the road rehabilitation works along the corridor and provide for sector planning and programming for road maintenance activities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport and Communication, 6/F 42 Isanova Street, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 900-970/893, Fax: (996-312) 314-378, E-mail: bishkekoshroad@infotel.kg.

**Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection**

(R) **Adriatic Sea Environment Program:** The objectives are to: (a) reduce pollution loads entering the Adriatic Sea from hotspots to restore their ecological balance; and (b) improve regional management capacity for transboundary pollution control. Appraisal scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 20.0 (GFIA). Consulting services to be determined. Designated Country Institutions.
Croatia and Bosnia Herzegovina Nutrient Reduction: The objective is to reduce transboundary pollution in selected hot-spots of the Eastern Adriatic Sea and improve regional capacity for project preparation and environmental monitoring of sensitive areas. Decision Meeting scheduled for 23 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 6.8 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Hrvatske Vode; MOE and Natural Resources; MFTER MUN. MOSTAR.

Romania

Health and Other Social Services

Results Based Financed Health Sector Reform: The objective is to support the Romanian Health Sector Reform efforts through enhancing the service delivery system, strengthening financing and payment methods, and improving governance in the health system. Decision Meeting scheduled for 23 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P126175. US$ 335.8 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Street Ministerului Nr. 1-3, Romania, Tel: (40-1) 314-1526, Fax: (40-4) 312-4916, E-mail: o2204@minfin.ru, Contact: Andrey Bokarev, Director General.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Tax Modernization: The objective is to implement a tax reform program and help modernize the revenue collection system. Appraisal scheduled for 14 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130202. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. National Agency for Fiscal Administration (NAFA), 16 Strada Apolodor, Sector 5, Bucuresti, Romania, Tel: (21) 319-9671, Fax: (749) 151-240, E-mail: relatiipublice.anaf@mfinante.ro, Contact: S.A. Storchak, Deputy Minister of Finance.

Russian Federation

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Forestry Emergency Response: The objective is to assist with the emergency response to the forest fires of the summer 2010 with four components: (a) forest fire management; (b) forest institutional support to address legislation policy, governance, forest management planning and capacity building; (c) forest restoration and regeneration; and (d) project management. Bank Approval completed on 20 September 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123923. US$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology, Pyatnitskaya Ulitsa, 59/19, 115184, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 953-3785, Fax: (7-495) 913-4406, E-mail: p0037_de@minfin.ru, Contact: S.A. Storchak, Deputy Minister of Finance.

Education

(R) Innovative Development of Preschool Education of Sakha (Yakutia): The objective is to improve the access and quality of the early childhood care and education services in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127405. US$ 117.7 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for an architect’s assistant, permafrost engineer, ECD specialists’ assistant with background in Russia and CIS. Ministry of Education of Sakha (Yakutia), 30 Lenina Avenue, Yakutsk city, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-4112) 422-921, Fax: (7-4112) 422-929, E-mail: nstln@yandex.ru, Contact: Natalia Sitnikova, Head of General Education Department.

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Efficiency: The objective is to support the Government in reducing the energy intensity of the economy by 40%, by the year 2020. Negotiations scheduled for 25 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P122492. US$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Gazprombank and Ministry of Energy, Russian Energy Agency, Nikitsky per 5, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 789-9292, E-mail: Ivanov@rosenergo.gov.ru, Contact: Ms. Tatiana Yurlova, First Vice President.

(R) Energy Efficiency-GEF: The objective is to support the institutional, regulatory and market barriers facing commercial financing of Energy Efficiency projects across Russia. Negotiations scheduled for 25 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123692. US$ 22.7 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Gazprombank and Ministry of Energy, Russian Energy Agency, Nikitsky per 5, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 789-9292, E-mail: Ivanov@rosenergo.gov.ru, Contact: Ms. Tatiana Yurlova, First Vice President.

Finance

(R) Financial Sector Diversification and Strengthening: The objective is to meet financial sector stability standards by: (a) adopting international financial center benchmarks; (b) ensuring G20 risk management role with associated regulatory norms; (c) attracting financial investments; (d) supervisory modernization; and (e) risk monitoring of the Russian financial markets. Negotiations scheduled for 18 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P125305. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Microfinance (Lp. 82280-RU): The objective is to assist the Government to develop a sustainable, safe and sound national financial cooperative, and microfinance system that will enhance access to financial services by the poorer and underserved segments of the population, especially in the rural areas. Bank Approval scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P095554. US$ 20.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, 9, Illyinska Street, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 913-0503, Fax: (7-495) 913-0503, E-mail: p09237_de@minfin.ru, Contact: A.A. Storchak, Deputy Minister of Finance.

Export Sector Financial Intermediary Loan: The objective is to support export growth by providing medium and long term working capital and investment finance to Russian industrial exporters. Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P126006. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Social Inclusion through Sports: The objectives are to: (a) develop an integrated system to provide conditions for regular physical training and sports activities for socially disadvantaged groups; and (b) create pilot test for the municipalities of the Russian Federation with a view to further replication throughout the Russian Federation. Decision Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126283. US$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Sports, Tourism and Youth Policy, Kazakova Street, 18, 105064, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 601-9440, Fax: (7-495) 604-6209, E-mail: varaksin@minstf.gov.ru, Contact: Mr. Pavel Varaksin, Lead Expert.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Finance and Financial Sector Modernization: The objective is to strengthen the economic management and oversight of financial risks through policy advice and capacity building in the Ministry of Finance, the Federal Tax Service and sub-national governments. Appraisal completed on 4 December 2012. Negotiations scheduled for 18 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P122998. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Federal Tax Service, Neglinnaya Street 23, Moscow 127381, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 913-0503, Fax: (7-495) 913-0682, E-mail: alo@nalog.ru, Contact: Ovchuph Alexei Logvinovich, Deputy Head.; Ministry of Finance, 9 Illyinska Street, Moscow 109097, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 648-1125, Fax: (7-495) 648-1096, E-mail: o2204@minfin.ru, Contact: Andrey Bokarev, Director.

Integrated Environmental Monitoring: The objective is to improve institutional efficiency of state environmental monitoring authorities and support investments to fill in main gaps of the existing environmental monitoring infrastructure. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Natural Resources / Federal Forestry Agency, Pyatnitskaya 59/19, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 951-2689, Fax: (7-495) 230-8530, E-mail: rosl@space.ru.
Transportation

(R) National Urban Transport Improvement: The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality and condition of urban transport; and (b) reduce adverse environmental impacts of transport in selected Russian cities through: (i) physical investments, (ii) operational and technological improvements, (iii) legal reforms, and (iv) institutional development. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 15 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133201. US$ 119.0/9.0 (IBRD/GFIA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport, 1/1, Rozhdestvenka Street, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 626-1088, E-mail: asaulna@mintrans.ru, Contact: Mr. Nikolay A. Asaul

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Arctic Program: The objective is to improve Russia’s environmental management systems to deal with growing pollution and environmental risks in the Arctic Zone caused by climate change and increasing human activities. Preparation scheduled for 1 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation. Ministry of Economic Development, Russian Federation.

Hydrometeorological Services Modernization: The objectives are to: (a) increase accuracy and timely delivery of basic weather forecasts, river flow forecasts; and (b) have better client satisfaction based on client satisfaction surveys. Negotiations scheduled for 17 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127676. US$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Russia Hydrometeorological Service, 12, Novovagankovskiy pereulok GSP-5, Moscow 123995, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-499) 252-1389; 252-1467, Fax: (7-499) 795-2216, E-mail: afrolov@mecom.ru, Contact: Mr. Alexander Frolov, Director.

Serbia

Finance

(R) Non-Private Enterprise Restructuring DPL 1: The objective is to enhance the contribution of the public enterprise sector to the competitiveness of the Serbian economy. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P127408. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

Second Health: The objective is to support the government in enhancing the efficiency of the Serbian health system through improved planning and management, enhanced financial incentives and greater transparency and accountability. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 1 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Nemanjina 22-26, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia, Tel: (381-11) 361-4890, Fax: (381-11) 265-6548, E-mail: ep@zdravije. gov.rs, Contact: Elizabeth Paunovic, State Secretary.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Third Programmatic Development Policy Loan: The objective is to help reduce the size of Serbia’s large public sector by: (a) improving the efficiency of spending in the largest spending sectors; (b) strengthening public expenditure and debt management; and (c) improving social assistance. Negotiations completed on 20 December 2011. Bank Approval scheduled for 11 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P129065. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economy, 29, Kneza Milosa Street, Belgrade, Serbia, Tel: (381-11) 364-2626, Fax: (381-11) 361-8961, E-mail: goran@gov.rs, Contact: Goran Radosavljevic, State Secretary.

Public Expenditure Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Government’s reforms to improve public expenditures management and policy at the central and local government levels. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Road Management SWAp: The objective is to support the rehabilitation/reconstruction to clear the backlog maintenance on the primary and secondary network in Serbia. Negotiations scheduled for 23 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127876. US$ 100.0/135.5 (IBRD/EU1B). Consulting services to be determined. Public Enterprise Putevi Srbije, Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra 282, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia Tel/Fax: (381-11) 304-0701, E-mail: office@putevi-srbije.rs, Contact: Mr. Zoran Drobnjak, Director.

Tajikistan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Agricultural Competitiveness: The objective is to increase the productivity, profitability and market access of the Oklaton Oblast farmers. Preparation scheduled for 28 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 11.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Project implementation Unit, Tajikistan.

PPCR Environmental Land Management and Agricultural Livelihoods: The objective is to foster innovation at the farm/field level to support rural communities become more resilient to impacts of climate change in a way that can ‘transform’ agriculture/land management practices. Appraisal scheduled for 28 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 9.5 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. TJ Environmental Committee.

Second Public Employment For Sustainable Agriculture and Water Resources Management: The objectives are to: (a) promote short-term employment to food insecure people through the rehabilitation of irrigation and drainage infrastructure; (b) increase crop production; and (c) support the development of improved policies and institutions for water resource management. Bank Approval completed on 29 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133327. US$ 18.0/27.9 (IDA Grant/GAFS). No consultants are required. PMU Fergana Valley Water Resources Management Project, 5/1 Shamsi Street, 9th Floor, 734054, Dushanbe, Tajikistan Tel/Fax: (992-372) 236-6208, E-mail: pmu@fvwrmp.tj, Contact: Mr. Abduvohid Sharipov, Director.

Second Public Employment for Sustainable Agriculture and Water Resources Management: The objective is to increase food security through increased crop production resulting from improved irrigation and drainage infrastructure and improved water resource management policies in five districts of Khlaton oblast. Bank Approval completed on 29 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127805. US$ 27.9 (GAFS). Consulting services to be determined. PMU Fergana Valley Water Resources Management Project, 5/1 Shamsi Street, 9th Floor, 734054, Dushanbe, Tajikistan Tel/Fax: (992-372) 236-6208, E-mail: pmu@fvwrmp.tj, Contact: Mr. Abduvohid Sharipov, Director.


Education

(R) First Development Policy Operation: The objective is to assist the Government to maintain high growth within a sustainable macroeconomic framework. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Fourth Global Partnership for Education: The objective is to contribute towards improving coverage and quality of pre-school basic education. Bank Approval scheduled for 20 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 16.2 (FTIE). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, 13a Nisor Mukhammad Street, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Tel: (922-37) 221-4605, Fax:
Second Development Policy Operation: The objective is to continue to assist the Government to maintain high growth within a sustainable macroeconomic framework. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

Health Results Based Financing: The objective is to improve selected health outcomes (mainly for maternal and child health) through the provision of incentives to primary health care providers, upon achievement of agreed health targets. Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P126130. US$ 15.0/4.8 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 221-3346, E-mail: mahbiua@health.tajikistan.com.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Communal Services Development Fund: The objective is to help establish a sustainable financing mechanism to improve communal services in Tajikistan such as water supply and sanitation. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 20.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/EBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economic Development, Tajikistan.

Turkey

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Basin Management: The objective is to support the implementation of the NBMS and the new water sector reforms. In particular, the focus will be on strengthening the new basin management institutions in light of the ongoing reforms in the water sector. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 225.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 207-5606, E-mail: havci@cob.gov.tr.

Energy and Mining

(R) Gas Sector Development Additional Financing: The objective is to increase the reliability and stability of gas supply in Turkey in line with the EU pre-appraisal scheduled for 20 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 201.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Halk Bank, 1.Levent 34330, Istanbul, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 289-1780, Fax: (90-312) 289-4785, E-mail: recep.gulec@halkbank.com.tr, Contact: Mr. Recep Gulec, Senior Manager.; Ziraat Bank, Sisli Maslak Mah. Eskibiýükde, Caddesi No: 39 B Blok, Kat 4 Maslak, Istanbul, Turkey, Tel: (90-212) 304-3083, Fax: (90-312) 584-4053, E-mail: aksari@ziraatbank.com.tr, Contact: Mr. Kadir San, Senior Manager.; Vakif Bank, Camlik Caddesi, Cayir Cimen Sok, No:2 Floor:6 1. Levent, Istanbul, Turkey, Tel: (90-212) 316-7500, Fax: (90-312) 455-7600, E-mail: mustafa.turan@vakifbank.com.tr, Contact: Mr. Mustafa Turan, Senior Vice President.

Energy Sector: The objective is to support and accelerate the implementation of the Government of Turkey's strategy to reform Turkey's energy sector in line with the EU energy strategies and priorities. Bank Approval scheduled for 15 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P121743. US$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Partnership for Market Readiness: The objective is to assist Turkey in establishing a market based mechanism for mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P126101. US$ 5.4 (PMR), Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment and Urbanization, Turkey, E-mail: muhammet.cele@esb.gov.tr.

Small and Medium Enterprise Energy Efficiency: The objective is to improve the efficiency of energy use in the small and medium enterprise (SME) sector, by scaling-up commercial bank lending for energy efficiency investments. Negotiations scheduled for 30 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 3.6 (GEFU). Consultants will be required by the borrowing FIs, to develop and assess the EE investments to be financed under the project and to provide training for their staff and clients. MENR would also utilize consultants to provide training and disseminate information/training for promoting EE investments for SMEs. Vakif Bank, Camlik Caddesi, Cayir Cimen Sok, No:2 Floor:6 1. Levent, Istanbul, Turkey, Tel: (90-212) 316-7500, Fax: (90-312) 455-7600, E-mail: mustafa.turan@vakifbank.com.tr, Contact: Mr. Mustafa Turan, Senior Vice President.; Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources General Directorate of Renewable Energy, Inonu Bulvari No. 27 Bahcelievler, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 212-6420/7406, Fax: (90-312) 295-5034, E-mail: mbecerikli@enerji.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Murat Becerikli, Department Head.; Halk Bank, 1.Levent 34330, Istanbul, Turkey, Tel: (90-212) 289-1780, Fax: (90-212) 340-0944/99, E-mail: recep.gulec@halkbank.com.tr, Contact: Mr. Recep Gulec, Senior Manager.; Ziraat Bank, Sisli Maslak Mah. Eskibiýükde, Caddesi No: 39 B Blok, Kat 4 Maslak, Istanbul, Turkey, Tel: (90-212) 304-3083, Fax: (90-312) 584-4053, E-mail: aksari@ziraatbank.com.tr, Contact: Mr. Kadir Sari, Manager.

Finance

(R) Third Access to Finance for SMEs: The objective is to broaden and deepen the access of Turkish small and medium enterprises to medium- and long-term finance, with a view to expand productive activities and job creation in specific sectors. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 7 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Transformation Program: The objective is to support the preparation for results project in the health sector. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 200.0 (IBRD).

Industry and Trade

Fifth Export Finance Intermediation: The objective is to provide medium and long-term financing for exporters while the economy is striving to be sustainable. It encourages cities to avoid the "lock-in" effect of unplanned development and investments that will have high energy and greenhouse gas emissions costs over time. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 15 January 2013. Preparation scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 600.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Turkey Sustainable Cities: The objective is to shift municipal planning visions several years into the future for cities that are striving to be sustainable. It encourages cities to avoid the "lock-in" effect of unplanned development and investments that will have high energy and greenhouse gas emissions costs over time. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 13 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Iller Bank, Yeni Ziraat Mahali, 14 Sokak, Diskapi,
Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 384-6126, Fax: (90-312) 341-2071, E-mail: h.atasoy@ilbank.gov.tr.

**Ukraine**

**Energy and Mining**

(R) District Heating Energy Efficiency: The objective is to improve energy efficiency of selected Ukrainian district heating utilities and increase their quality of service. *Preparation scheduled for 25 January 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 350.0/50.0 (IBRD/CTF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Regional Development, Construction, Housing and Utilities, Ukraine, Tel: (380-50) 310-5212.

**Partnership for Market Readiness:** The objectives are to: (a) support building the market readiness components; (b) pilot, test and sequence new concepts for market instruments; (c) support Ukraine’s participation in the PMR platform that enables policy makers to share experiences and information regarding elements of market readiness; and (d) share lessons learned. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 30 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 5.4 (PMR). Consulting services to be determined. State Environmental Investment Agency.

**Health and Other Social Services**

(R) Second Social Assistance Modernization: The objective is to improve the efficiency and equity of Ukraine’s social safety net through a fiscally sustainable expansion and strengthening of the well targeted programs and down scaling those that have the low targeting accuracy. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Social Policy, 8/10 Esplanade Blvd Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 289-5448, Fax: (380-44) 289-0098, Contact: Vyacheslav Kolomiets, Deputy Minister.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

(R) DEVSTAT Additional Financing: The objective is to build a sustainable state statistical system that will provide timely and accurate data for policy decision making and evaluation. The loan was signed on 25 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131234. US$ 10.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. State Statistics Service of Ukraine (SSSU), 3 Shota Rustaveli Str Kyiv, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 287-2433, Fax: (380-44) 233-3739, E-mail: NA, Contact: Oleksandr Osaulenko Head.

**Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection**

Second Urban Infrastructure: The objectives are to support: (a) municipal investments in water and sewerage in selected municipalities in Ukraine; (b) pilot solid waste investment project; and (c) increase energy efficiency of utilities’ operations. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Construction, Architecture and Housing and Communal Services, Ukraine.

**Uzbekistan**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

(R) Horticulture Development Pilot: The objective is to realize the potential for greater economic returns from the fruit and vegetable value chain through improving: (a) policy enabling environment; (b) access to credit; (c) post harvest handling and processing; (d) research and outreach; and (e) quality and food safety to penetrate new, higher value markets. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 September 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 9.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, 4 Navoy Street, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 141-2692, Fax: (998-71) 141-2574 or 141-2292.

(R) Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change Mitigation: The objective is to increase the productivity and financial and environmental sustainability of agriculture as well as the profitability of agribusiness in the project area. Bank Approval scheduled for 29 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127486. US$ 12.7 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Rural Restructuring Agency, Street Kari Niyaaz 39, Uzbekistan Tel/FaxL (998-712) 371-657, E-mail: resp_sks_us@slider.sks.uz, Contact: Mr. Nasriddin Najimov, General Director.

**Second Rural Enterprise Support Additional Financing:** The objective is to increase the productivity and financial and environmental sustainability of agriculture. Bank Approval completed on 11 September 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, 39 B Kari Niyaazova Street, Tashkent, Uzbekistan Tel/Fax: (998-712) 371-657, E-mail: resp@sksz.uz, Contact: Mr. Nasriddin Najimov, General Director.

**South Karakalpakstan Water Resources Improvement:** The objective is to improve water management by: (a) rehabilitating and developing irrigation infrastructure; (b) introducing more rational water management; and by (c) enhancing the capacity of irrigation and drainage institutions. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0/110.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Uzbekistan.

**Education**

Early Childhood Education: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to higher education services; (b) enhance the quality and relevance of higher education; and (c) strengthen the institutional capacity of Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education Counterparts. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Education, 5 Mustaqillik Maydoni Street, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 239-1310, Fax: (998-71) 239-1934, E-mail: info@uzedu.uz.

**Energy and Mining**

Advanced Electricity Distribution Metering: The objective is to implement new accurate electricity meters and metering systems to reduce large scale technical and commercial losses from the distribution system that will improve the economic and technical performance. Bank Approval completed on 27 March 2012. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P122773. US$ 180.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Uzbekenergo, 100000, Tashkent City, Khorezm Street 6, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 233-9821/9889, Fax: (998-71) 236-2700, E-mail: sjsc@uzpak.uz, Contact: Mr. Batirjan Teshabaev, Chairman.

Electricity Distribution Rehabilitation: The objective is to rehabilitate electricity distribution substation systems in selected areas of Uzbekistan to improve their efficiency and reduce losses. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Uzbekenergo, 100000, Tashkent City, Khorezm Street 6, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 233-9821/9889, Fax: (998-71) 236-2700, E-mail: sjsc@uzpak.uz, Contact: Mr. Batirjan Teshabaev, Chairman.

**Energy Efficiency - Industrial Enterprises Additional Financing:** The objective is to increase energy savings and productivity through the implementation of energy efficiency (EE) measures in industrial enterprises in Uzbekistan. Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 232-6497, Fax: (998-71) 232-6372, E-mail: uzeef475@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Ulugbek Abdullaevo, Director of the Project Coordination Unit.; Uzpromstroy Bank, 3, Shahriz-abzakaya Street, Tashkent 100000, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 120-3604, Fax: (998-71) 233-3426, E-mail: Tulyaganov.k@gmail.com, uzpromstroybank@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Kudrat Tulyaganov, PIU Manager, Uzpromstroy Bank.; State Joint-Stock, 67 Nukus Street, Tashkent 100005, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 120-8166, E-mail: a.kim@asakabank.com; ifiteam@asakabank.com, Contact: Mr. Aleksey Kim, PIU Manager, Asaka Bank.; Hamkor Bank, 85, Babur Street, Andijan 170111, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-74) 224-7091/7688, Fax: (998-74) 224-7531, E-mail: suhrob250573@mail.ru, u.soliev@hamkorbank.uz, Contact: Mr. Suhrob Holmura dov, PIU Manager, Hamkor Bank.
Health and Other Social Services

Health System Improvement Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) help finance the costs associated with the scaling-up of activities initiated under the original credit; and (b) fully cover the seven remaining regions in the country which could not be included in the original project due to insufficient IDA allocation in 2010. Negotiations scheduled for 16 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133187. US$ 93.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, 12 Navoi Street, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-7165) 224-3833, E-mail: ukh@uzkommunhizmat.uz, Contact: Mr. Uktur Khal- mohamedov, General Director.

Alat-Karakul Water Supply: The objective is to improve the level of service in terms of safety, coverage, quality, reliability and efficiency as well as the sustainability of the water supply services in the two districts. Bank Approval completed on 13 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P18197. US$ 82.0 (IDA Credit), Consultants will be required. Uzkommunhizmat, 45a Uzbekistanskaya Av Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-7165) 224-3833, E-mail: ukh@uzkommunhizmat.uz, Contact: Mr. Uktur Khal- mohamedov, General Director.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Water Supply and Sanitation Adjustable Program Loan: The objective is to support the Government of the urban and rural WSS infrastructure projects and sector strategy infrastructure, while supporting sector policy-making and planning, capacity building and institutional reform. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 1 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Djibouti, Djibouti Tel/Fax: (253-21) 321-5015, Fax: (253) 2135-6501, E-mail: smibrathu@mefip.gov.dj.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Improving Health Sector Performance: The objective is to improve utilization of quality health care services for maternal and child health and communicable disease control programs (HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria). Negotiations scheduled for 23 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131194. US$ 7.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Djibouti, Djibouti Tel/Fax: (253-21) 356-300

Arab Republic of Egypt

Energy and Mining

(R) Helwan South Power: The objective is to improve power supply in Egypt, which includes construction of a 1,300 MW power plant at Helwan South and associated infrastructure. Negotiations scheduled for 25 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P117407. US$ 536.6/520.0/198.4/200.8 (IBRD/AFDB/ARFU/ISDB/KFAE), Consultants will be required. Egypt Electricity Holding Company, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 2401-2368, Fax: (20-2) 2261-6512, E-mail: eea_awad@link.net, Contact: Dr. Mohamed M. Awad, Managing Director.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Kom Ombo Solar: The objective is to support the construction of concentrated solar power plant and associated infrastructure in Upper Egypt. Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P120191. US$ 50.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, Djibouti, Djibouti Tel/Fax: (253-21) 321-5015, Fax: (253) 2135-6501, E-mail: smibrathu@mefip.gov.dj.

Sustainable Persistent Organic Pollutants Management: The objective is to assist Egypt to strengthen its technical and management capacity for minimizing exposure to persistent organic pollutants. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P16230. US$ 5.4/5.3 (ECEU/GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment Affairs Agency, 30 Misr, Helwan Agri. Road, Maadi, Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 526-1419/1421, E-mail: gefunita@gmail.com, Contact: Yasmin Fouad, Director, GEF Unit.

Transportation

Urban Transport Infrastructure Development: The objective is to improve the reliability and efficiency of urban transport in Cairo through implementation of cost-effective and clean technology investments that support major modal shift from private vehicles and mini-buses to large size. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P158557. US$ 150.0/100.0 (IBRD/CCTF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Housing, GOPP, 12 Ismail Abaza Street, Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (20-20) 2792-1514, Fax: (20-20) 2792-1512, E-mail: madbouly@yahoo.com, Contact: Prof. M. Madbouly, Chairman of GOPP.

Middle East and North Africa

Algeria

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Improving Desert Ecosystems for Livelihoods (ALG-DELP): The objective is to improve livelihoods of oasis communities through: (a) piloting a combined approach of desert ecosystem conserva- tion; (b) agricultural development; and (c) adaptation to climate change impacts at a network of intervention sites. Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 January 2013. Pre-Appraisal scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P116230. US$ 5.4/5.3 (ECEU/GEFU). Consultants will be required. New and Renewable Energy Agency (NREA), Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 271-3176, Fax: (20-2) 271-7173, E-mail: nrea@ids.net.eg, Contact: Mr. Abdel Rahman Salah El Din, Managing Director.

Djibouti

Energy and Mining

(R) Geothermal Exploratory Drilling: The objective is to support the Government to: (a) maintain the lowest tariff price for geothermal power generation; (b) establish an exploratory drilling program; and (c) recommend an Independent Power Producer’s international tender to develop, engineer, procure and construct a geothermal power plant. Negotiations scheduled for 26 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P12744. US$ 6.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, in Charge of Industry and Planning, BP 13, Djibouti, Tel: (253) 2132-5105, Fax: (253) 2135-6501, E-mail: smibrathu@mefip.gov.dj.

Geothermal Exploratory Drilling-GEF: The objective is to support the Government to: (a) maintain the lowest tariff price for the geothermal power generation; (b) establish an exploratory drilling program; and (c) recommend an Independent Power Producer’s
**Iraq**

**Transportation**

(R) **Transport Corridors and Trade:** The objective is to facilitate logistics and trade between Iraq and its neighbors Jordan, Syria, and Turkey. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Jordan**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

(R) **Badia Desert Ecosystems and Livelihoods:** The objective is to sustain livelihoods by enhancing ecosystem services in three poverty pockets of the Jordan Badia through: (a) diversification of community income sources; and (b) preservation on 27 December 112.5 of natural and rangeland resources; and (c) capacity enhancement of targeted stakeholders and beneficiaries. The loan was signed on 31 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127861. US$ 3.3 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Dr. Faisal Awawdeh, Director General, 639 Baqa', 19381, Baqa', Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 472-6680, Fax: (962-6) 472-6099, E-mail: faisal@ncare.gov.jo, Contact: Faisal Awawdeh, Doctor.

**Finance**

(R) **Micro- Small- and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Development Project for Inclusive Growth:** The objective is to enhance access to finance which would contribute to job creation and inclusive economic growth. Bank Approval scheduled for 21 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P132314. US$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Consultant will be required for auditing. Central Bank of Jordan, Amman, Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 463-0301, E-mail: maher.hasan@cbj.gov.jo, Contact: Dr. Maher Sheikh Hasan, Deputy Governor.

**Industry and Trade**

(R) **Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) Phaseout III:** The objective is to assist the Government of Jordan in meeting its 2013 and 2015 Montreal Protocol phase-out obligations in a sustainable manner, which minimizes future impact on the climate and the ozone layer (i.e. to reduce the number of future equipment requiring HCFC-22 servicing). Negotiations scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127702. US$ 2.8 (MPIN). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

(R) **Second Programmatic Development Policy Loan:** The objective, same as the parent project, is to support the Government in achieving fiscal consolidation efforts and mitigating the impact of the fiscal crisis. Pre-appraisal scheduled on 27 December 112.5. Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Lebanon**

**Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry**

(R) **Sustainable Agricultural Livelihoods in Marginal Areas (SALMA):** The objective is to increase the growth and stability of incomes of small farmers in ecologically vulnerable remote hilly areas through increased access to reliable sources for supplementary irrigation using sustainable land and water development approaches, and reforestation. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 26 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Sustainable Agriculture Livelihoods in Marginal Areas:** The objective is to assist small farmers in remote hilly areas with a high level of poverty, which will provide supplementary irrigation to grow higher value crops, increase incomes and create employment opportunities. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131431. US$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 821-900, Fax: (961-1) 823-900, E-mail: mkhansa@agriculture.gov.lb, Contact: Mohammad Khansa, Advisor to H.E. the Minister of Agriculture.

**Finance**

(R) **Supporting Innovation in Small and Medium Enterprises Project (Ln. 82020-LB):** The objective is to encourage the equity investment market to increase the supply of early stage investment finance for financially viable, new, and existing innovative firms. Signing scheduled for 27 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127705. US$ 30.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Kafalat, Hamra St Piccadilly Center, 5th Floor, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 346-255, Fax: (961-1) 350-111, E-mail: khater@kafalat.com.lb, Contact: Seyfu Ketema, Executive Director.

**Health and Other Social Services**

(R) **Social Promotion and Protection:** The objectives are to support: (a) community-led social development projects based on a demand-driven process; (b) National Poverty Targeting Program (NPTP); and (c) other social reforms of the Ministry of Social Affairs. Approval completed on 7 January 2013. Negotiations scheduled for 11 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P124761. US$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Cultural Heritage Additional Financing:** The objectives are to support: (a) rehabilitation of historic city centers and improvement of urban infrastructure; (b) conservation and management of archeological sites; and (c) institutional strengthening. Bank Approval completed on 12 April 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P116197. US$ 27.0/30.1 (IBRD/FRDE). Consultants will be required. Council for Development and Reconstruction, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 981-432, Fax: (961-1) 981-252, E-mail: wafac@cdr.gov.lb, Contact: Nabil Jisr, President.

**Industry and Trade**

**Environmental Pollution Abatement Project:** The objective is to reduce the pollution generated by point-source/industrial entities, to limit the impact on public health as well as on ecological systems by increasing environmental performance in point sources/industrial plants and the introduction of cleaner production and green investments. Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

**Information and Communications**

**Mobile Internet Ecosystem Project (MIEP):** The objectives are to: (a) increase the number of start-up projects in the ICT sector, (b) raise employment in the ICT sector, and (c) enhance the enabling environment for ICT in Lebanon. Bank Approval scheduled for 23 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131202. US$ 6.4 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Telecommunications, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-71) 611-611, E-mail: rami.majzoub@gmail.com, Contact: Seyfu Ketema, Executive Director.

**Public Administration, Law, and Justice**

**Polychlorinated Biphenyle Management:** The objective is to facilitate the implementation of the duties, rights, and responsibilities of the Republic of Lebanon towards the Stockholm Convention by: (a) enhancing management of Persistent Organic Pollutants; and (b) drawing partnership to develop/implement a national strategy to eliminate the release of Polychlorinated Biphenyles. Negotiations scheduled for 8 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 2.5 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Downtown Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961) 797-530, Fax: (961) 796-85, E-mail: manal.moussallem@undp-lebprojects.org.

**Second Lebanon Fiscal Management Reform:** The objective is to continue to support the Ministry of Finance’s efforts in tightening the control environment, improve the allocation of public financial resources, and enhance the efficiency and transparency of the government financial management system. Project Concept Review
Meeting scheduled for 1 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 4.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) The New Water Augmentation Project: The objective is to augment the water supply of the Greater Beirut Region in a sustainable manner. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 125.0/74.0/60.0 (IBRD/ISDB/SAUD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Morocco

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Climate Change Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Government in developing a coherent strategic approach to climate change and mainstream climate change actions across sectors. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P129774. US$ 6.4 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Agence pour le Développement Agricole (ADA), 103 Av. Fal Ouedl Omeir Aqdal, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 774-287, Fax: (212-37) 677-530, E-mail: benchekroun@affaires-générales.gov.ma, Contact: Mlle Sabah Benchekroun, Chargé de Mission auprès du Premier Ministre.

Social and Integrated Agriculture: The objective is to encourage the adoption of land and biodiversity conservation measures by small farmers in selected projects directed to small farmers located in targeted marginal areas. Negotiations scheduled for 30 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129774. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 777-287, Fax: (212-37) 677-530, E-mail: med.elguerrouj@ada.gov.ma

Education

(R) Second Education Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Government of Morocco in implementing its program of reforms aimed at improving access, quality, equity and efficiency in school education. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P120541. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of National Education, Bab Rouah, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-537) 771-822, Fax: (212-537) 771-874, E-mail: Secretariat.Generale@men.gov.ma, Contact: Abdelhaq El Hayani, Director of Strategy, Statistics and Planning.

Energy and Mining

Ouarzazate II Concentrated Solar Power: The objectives are to: (a) develop the 500 Megawatt Ouarzazate solar power plant by financing the second phase (160-340Megawatt gross) through a public private partnership (PPP); and (b) increase power generation from solar power and mitigate greenhousegas emissions and local environmental impact. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US$ 150.0/200.0/375.0/125.0/237.5 (IBRD/CCFT/EUIB/FRDE/KFW). Consulting services to be determined. Mr. Mustapha Bakkoury, CEO, Station Traitement Av Mohamed Bel Hassan, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-53) 7574-657, Fax: (212-53) 7571-475, E-mail: masen@masen.ma.

Finance

(N) Partnership for Market Readiness: The objective is to develop capacities and systems to: (a) access international carbon finance opportunities; (b) start preparing for carbon market mechanisms; and (c) develop mitigation structures. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 5.4 (PMR). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) Microfinance Development: The objective is to support the roll-out of the national microfinance strategy that aims at strengthening the impact and sustainability of the sector. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 16 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 6.8 (MSC). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Second Financial Sector Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support a new phase of financial sector reforms building on past progress. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P128866. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Quartier Administratif, Rabat Chellah, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 677-266/267, Fax: (212-37) 677-530, E-mail: bennani@dh.finances.gov.ma

Health and Other Social Services

(N) Second Skills and Employment DPL: The objective is to support the Government of Morocco to implement its program of improving skills, productivity and quality of employment. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 1 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P144134. US$ 5.5 (MNAF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Economic Competitiveness Support Program DPL: The objective is to support the policy reforms for increased competitiveness of the Moroccan economy in three key areas of the Government’s comprehensive economic strategy: (a) investment climate, (b) trade policy and trade logistics, and (c) economic governance. Bank Appraisal scheduled for 12 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P127038. US$ 160.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Avenue Mohamed V, Rabat, Morocco Tel/Fax: (212-37) 677-530, Contact: Mme. Maria Ouhibe, Chef de la Direction du Financement Multilateral.; Ministry of General Affairs and Governance, Morocco, Contact: Mlle Sabah Benchekroun, Chargée de Mission auprès du Premier Ministre, Ministère cha.

(R) Second Plan Maroc Vert Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Government’s Plan Maroc Vert to improve: (a) efficiency of domestic markets; (b) socio-economic impacts of investments directed to small farmers; (c) agricultural services; and (d) use and management of irrigation water and planning of irrigation infrastructures. Appraisal scheduled for 18 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P127822. US$ 205.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministère de l’Agriculture et de la Peche Maritime (MAPM), Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-537) 698-645, Fax: (212-537) 297-544, E-mail: Belghiti957@gmail.com, Contact;...

Second Competitiveness Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the economic governance reform agenda of the Government, in view of fostering greater competition and more effective policies to spur competitiveness. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 29 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Local Government Support Program: The objective is to strengthen the delivery of decentralized public services in Morocco by improving local governments’ access to support services and incentives designed to improve their capacity to fulfill their service delivery mandate. Appraisal scheduled for 24 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 4.6 (MNAF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Accountability and Transparency Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support reforms to enhance the Government’s accountability and transparency by (a) adopting a performance-based budgeting approach; (b) enhancing public disclosure and consultation on key information; and (c) improving access to and quality of basic public services. Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P130903. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Avenue Mohammed V, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-3) 5376-77501, Fax: (212-3) 5376-7527, E-mail: internet@finances.gov.ma.

Transportation
Road Asset Management: The objectives are to: (a) enhance and preserve the road asset conditions; and (b) provide efficient road infrastructure to facilitate connection to markets and link together major ports and development poles. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Direction des routes, BP 6226 Rabat-Instituts, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-53) 771-3378, Fax: (212-53) 771-3405, E-mail: nhammoucha@mrt.net.gov.ma.

Second Urban Transport Sector Development Policy Loan: The objectives are to: (a) continue the development of the urban transport sector’s institutional framework; (b) improve the delivery of urban transport services; and (c) improve environmental and social sustainability, including climate change mitigation. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P121497. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation including for environmental and poverty and social impact assessment. Ministère de l’Intérieur, Direction Générale des Collectivités Locales, Ministère de l’Intérieur, Hay Riad, Morocco Tel/Fax: (212) 5372-1581, E-mail: mngadi@interieur.gov.ma.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection
(R) Third Solid Waste Sector Development Policy Loan: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen transparency and accountability in the solid waste sector; (b) improve financial and institutional sustainability of municipal solid waste (MSW) services; (c) upgrade the national environmental control and monitoring system; and (d) promote waste recycling and value added activities in the sector. Negotiations completed on 19 December 2012. Bank Approval scheduled for 14 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P127955. US$ 130.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Avenue Mohammed V, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-3) 5376-77501, Fax: (212-3) 5376-7527, E-mail: internet@finances.gov.ma, Contact: Taoufik El Graoui, Chef de Division Infrastructure.

Regional
Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry
MENA Desert Ecosystems and Livelihoods Knowledge Sharing and Coordination: The objective is to promote knowledge and experience exchanges around key integrated desert ecosystem management themes linked with productive sectors through building and strengthening networks among selected organizations in participating countries. Bank Approval scheduled for 21 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P130934. US$ 1.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. The Sahara and Sahel Observatory, BP 31, Tunis Tel/Fax: (216-71) 206-633, E-mail: boc@oss.org.tn, Contact: Mr. Khatim Kherraz, Executive Secretary.

Industry and Trade
(N) Virtual Market Place for MENA SME Export Development: The objective is to help MENA SMEs overcome geographic obstacles and empower them with the necessary tools (a VMP) and capability building to promote their goods and services in a globalized international economy. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 8.5 (MNAF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation
5M-GEF Southern Mediterranean Marine Highway: The objective is to promote the sound environmental management of the Mediterranean Sea by: (a) piloting and promoting use of state-of-the-art maritime navigation technologies; (b) facilitating establishment of agreements between beneficiary countries; and (c) helping to build capacity to manage the marine highway. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 8.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Maghreb Trade Facilitation and Infrastructure: The objective is to lay the ground for increased trade between Maghreb countries and between Maghreb countries and the rest of the World. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 8 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection
(R) Solid Waste Management OBA Pilot in West Bank: The objective is to offset the cost of an improved Solid Waste Management service for poor households in Southern West Bank, during the first four years of the new landfill operation, while the primary solid waste collection becomes more efficient. Bank Approval scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 8.0 (GPBA). Consultants will be required. Engineer Yasser Dweik, Executive Manager, Alharas Building - Sixth Floor, PO Box 173 Hebron, Hebron City, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (970-2) 221-6477, Fax: (970-2) 221-6478, E-mail: info@hjsc-swm.com.

Tunisia
Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry
(R) Oases Ecosystems and Livelihoods: The objective is to improve natural resources management and promote innovative economic activities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 5.9 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment / Ministry of Agriculture, Tunis, Tel: (216-72) 870-679, Fax: (216-70) 728-595, E-mail: dgeqv@mineant.gov.tn, Contact: Mr. Habib Ben Moussa, General Manager.

Wastewater Reuse: The objectives are to support: (a) rehabilitation, extension and creation of at least nine irrigated perimeters using treated wastewater; and (b) specific investment in ONAS wastewater treatment plants to improve the quality of the effluents supplied to the irrigated peripherals. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125176. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Office National de l’Assainissement (ONAS), 32, Rue Hedi Nouira, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 543-200, Fax: (216-71) 350-411, E-mail: PDG@onas.net.tn; Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Centre Urbain Nord, Cedex 1080, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-72) 870-679, Fax: (216-70) 728-595, E-mail: dgeqv@mineant.gov.tn.

Education
Training for Employment: The objective is to improve the labor market insertion rates of ALMP beneficiaries through training and wage subsidy programs that involve public-private partnerships. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131919. US$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Vocational Training and Employment, 10 Boulevard Ouled Hafouz, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 791-331, Fax: (216-71) 794-615, E-mail: youssef.naouar@mfpe.gov.tn.
Energy and Mining
Societe Tunisienne de l'Electricite et du Gaz Concentrated Solar Power Plant: The objective is to develop a 50-100 MW Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) plant to meet the country's energy and climate change objectives and contribute to global CSP cost reductions. An integral component of the CSP and Clean Technology Fund (CTF) scale-up investment plan. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P122029. US$ 35.0/35.0/36.0/54.0 (IBRD/AFDB/CTF/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. Societe Tunisienne de l'Electricite du Gaz (STEG), 38 Rue Kameil Attatturk, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 334-366, Fax: (216-71) 335-031, E-mail: dga@steg.com.tn, Contact: Moncef Harhabi, Project Manager.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice
(R) Competitiveness and Export Development: The objectives are to: (a) improve access to export markets and finance; and (b) enhance the efficiency and performance of trade clearance processes including customs operations and technical controls, thereby making trade logistics more efficient. Decision Meeting scheduled for 7 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P132381. US$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Commerce and Handicraft, Tunis, Tunisia, Contact: Mr. Khaled Salhi, Director.

(R) Second Governance, Opportunities and Jobs Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Tunisian Government to consolidate the transition and accelerate the economic recovery. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 11 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Urban Development: The objectives are to: (a) restore/improve the delivery of basic services and infrastructure to the urban population with focus on lagging regions; and (b) support sectoral reforms and strengthening municipal capacity to ensure better governance and performance of the urban development sector. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Ecotourism and Conservation of Desert Biodiversity: The objective is to develop ecotourism in desert ecosystems as a means to promote environmental, financial and social sustainability. Bank Approval scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126051. US$ 4.3 (GEFU). Consultants will be determined. Ministry of Environment, Tunis, Tel: (216-72) 870-679, Fax: (216-70) 728-595, E-mail: dgeqv@mineat.gov.tn, Contact: Mr. Habib Ben Moussa, General Manager of DGEQV.

West Bank and Gaza
Public Administration, Law, and Justice
(R) Fifth Palestinian Reform and Development Plan (PRDP) Support: The objective is to continue supporting the Palestinian Authority's efforts to implement the Palestinian Reform and Development Program. The Development Policy Grant will focus on fiscal strengthening and Public Financial Management. The Development Policy Grant will focus on the Palestinian Authority's efforts to implement the Palestinian Reform and Development Program. The Development Policy Grant will focus on fiscal strengthening and Public Financial Management. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P171449. US$ 14.0/10.0 (GFRC/SPF). Consultants will be required. (a) Palestinian Reform and Development Program. The Development Policy Grant will focus on fiscal strengthening and Public Financial Management. The Development Policy Grant will focus on the Palestinian Authority's efforts to implement the Palestinian Reform and Development Program. The Development Policy Grant will focus on fiscal strengthening and Public Financial Management. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P171449. US$ 14.0/10.0 (GFRC/SPF). Consultants will be required for a feasibility update and ESIA studies, civil works and construction supervision. Palestinian Water Authority, Al-Beireh, Nablus, Jerusalem St Ramallah, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (972-2) 240-9022, Fax: (972-2) 240-9341, E-mail: adel_pwa@yahoo.com.

Gaza Solid Waste Management: The objective is to improve solid waste management services in the Middle and Southern Gaza Strip through the provision of efficient and environmentally- and socially-sound waste management systems. Negotiations scheduled for 8 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P121648. US$ 6.6/13.2/0.6/10.0/0.2 (ECEU/FRDE/GSWE/SPF/UNDP). Consultants will be required. Municipal Development and Lending Fund, Al Bireh, Al Rashmawi Building, 3rd Floor, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (970-2) 296-6610, Fax: (970-2) 295-0685, E-mail: abednafal@mdlf.org.ps.

Gaza Water Supply and Sewage Systems Improvement Project: The objectives are to improve the water supply efficiency and the water service provision quality in the middle and southern governorates in Gaza. Bank Approval completed on 27 November 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P101299. US$ 11.1/6.4 (ISDB/SPF). Consultants will be determined. Dr. Shaddad Attili, Head (Minister) of Palestinian Water Authority, Baghdad Street Al-Baloo’a’Alberith, PO Box 2174, Gaza City, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (972-2) 242-9022, Fax: (972-2) 242-9341, E-mail: sattili@pwa.ps, Contact: Shaddad Attili, Head of PWA.

Republic of Yemen
Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry
(R) Climate Resilient Integrated Coastal Zone Management: The objectives are to: (a) enhance capacity and awareness of institutions and stakeholders on Climate-Resilient Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), at national and local levels in selected coastal governorates; and (b) demonstrate benefits of implementing climate-resilient ICZM in three target sites. This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P115001. US$ 4.5 (GEFU).

Education
Second Basic Education Development Project: The objective is to assist the Government of Yemen in improving student learning and equitable access to basic education in selected governorates and schools. Bank Approval scheduled for 14 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130953. US$ 66.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Public Works Project of MOPIC, Sana’a, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 407-358, Fax: (967-1) 407-353, E-mail: pwypem@y.net.ye, Contact: Mr. Saeed Abdo Mohamed, Project Director.; Ministry of Education, East of 60 meter Street, Bayt Meyad, Sana’a, Republic of Yemen, E-mail: info@bedp.yemen.org, Contact: Mr. Bilqis Al-Sharie, PAU Director.

Finance
(R) Competitiveness and Micro and Small Enterprise: The objective is to improve the business environment and the creation of employment through competitiveness. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P128161. US$ 32.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Social Fund for Development, Sana’a, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 449-668, Fax: (967-1) 449-670, E-mail: aaldai-lami@sfd-yemen.org.

(R) Financial Infrastructure: The objective is to strengthen the financial infrastructure architecture through the modernization of the payments system infrastructure and development of the credit registry. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 Febru-
Health and Other Social Services

(R) Additional Financing for Social Fund for Development IV: The objectives are to: (a) improve access to basic services; (b) enhance economic opportunities; and (c) reduce the vulnerability of the poor. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 25.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Social Fund for Development, Sana’a, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 449-668, Fax: (967-1) 449-670, E-mail: aaldailami@sfd-yemen.org.

(R) Emergency Crisis Recovery Grant: (formerly Emergency Recovery Grant) The objective is to assist the Government in mitigating the impact of the 2011 crisis by providing cash benefits to eligible poor households. Negotiations completed on 11 January 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 14 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 100.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Consultants will be required for external audit and evaluation study. Social Welfare Fund, Nogum, Sana’a, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 544-012, Fax: (967-1) 544-011, E-mail: info@swf.gov.ye, Contact: Mr. Mansour Al-Faiadi, Executive Director.

Health and Population Project Additional Financing: The objective is to support delivery of a defined package of maternal health services through contracting of qualified service providers in the private sector, for profit or non-profit (NGOs). Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and Communications

(R) Climate Info System and Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) Coordination: The objectives are to: (a) support the feasibility and design work on hydro meteorology systems upgrading, forecasting and warning systems, and climate information systems; and (b) conduct an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, including an Environmental and Social Management Plan. Project Appraisal Document scheduled for 29 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132116. US$ 19.0 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Finance Modernization Project Additional Financing: The objective is to improve ‘accountability’ in the management of public finances, by providing decision support systems and building capacity of two accountability institutions: SNACC and CCAC by adding two new components to the project for SNACC and CCAC respectively. Bank Approval scheduled for 14 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P133657. US$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be hired by the implementing agency for managing the affairs of PMU: (1) Executive Director, (2) Procurement Specialist, (3) Financial Management Specialist, and (4) Executive Secretary. An international consultant with expertise on law and anti-corruption will be required once additional financing becomes effective. Supreme National Authority for Combatting Corruption (SNACC), AlTaherree Square, PO Box: 3454, Sana’a, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 490-400, Fax: (967-1) 299-422, E-mail: biliks_abouosba@yahoo.com, Contact: Biliks Abou Osba, Vice Chairman.

Transportation

Road Asset Management: The objectives are to assist the Government in improving condition and safety of existing paved roads in three to four governorates; and (b) developing institutional arrangements for efficient road maintenance. Negotiations completed on 18 December 2012. Bank Approval scheduled for 14 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125135. US$ 40.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Road Maintenance Fund, PO Box 4035, Sana’a, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 510-471, Fax: (967-1) 441-847, E-mail: ybrmf@y.net.ye, Contact: Eng. Anis As-samawi, Chairman, RMF.

Latin America and Caribbean

Antigua and Barbuda

Health and Other Social Services

Safety Net Advancement: The objective is to improve the efficiency of public spending through: (a) strengthening the social protection system; (b) supporting public sector transformation; and (c) setting up active labor market policies, and programs for the unemployed. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P126791. US$ 13.8 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, the Economy and Public Administration, Antigua and Barbuda, Tel: (268) 462-4861, E-mail: Harold.Lovell@ab.gov.ag.

Argentina

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Forests and Communities: The objective is to improve Forest Livelihoods through: (a) adoption of sustainable multiple-use forestry; (b) sustain/increase political commitment, and public resources for native forests conservation; (c) improve Regional/Local Capacities and undertake Applied Research; and (d) strengthen the National Native Forest Information and Monitoring System. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Third Provincial Agricultural Development (PROSAP III): The objective is to increase the productivity, competitiveness and market access of small and medium agricultural producers by providing technical assistance, capacity building, and direct investments. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Rural Corridors and Biodiversity: The objectives are to: (a) increase the protection of vulnerable natural areas and the conservation of biological diversity in both the Argentine Patagonian Steppe and the Argentine Chaco; and (b) bolster the technical capacity and outreach of federal and provincial organizations working in natural resource issues. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144294. US$ 6.3/2.3 (GEFU/MSC1). Consultants will be required. Administracion de Parques Nacionales, Av. Santa Fe 690, C1095ABN, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4774-5357, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA, Contact: Dra. Patricia Gandini, President.

Socio-Economic Inclusion in Rural Areas: The objective is to support the Government’s strategy to raise incomes and improve livelihoods among the rural poor of Argentina. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P106685. US$ 52.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganaderia y Pesca (MAGyP formerly SAGPyA), Avda. Belgrano 450, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-1300, E-mail: prosap-comunica@prosap.gov.ar, Contact: Lic. Jorge Neme, Coordinador Ejecutivo, Ing Sandro Sassatelli, Coordinador Tecnico.

Education

(R) Salta Province SWAP: The objectives are to improve public service delivery and human capital in the province of Salta by strengthening public sector management and enhancing the quality of education services. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127864. US$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Argentina Second Rural Education Improvement Project PROMER-II: The objective is to support Government of Argentina in extending and improving rural education. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P1333195. US$
250.5 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services
Non Communicable Diseases (NCD): The objective is to support the Government to reduce premature mortality and morbidity due to chronic NCDs by: (a) strengthening MOH’s capacity to monitor, and prevent, control NCDs; (b) improving quality of NCD preventive, diagnosis and control health services; (c) promoting healthy lifestyles; and (d) strengthening surveillance. Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123193. US$ 450.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade
Montreal Protocol Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC) Phase Out: The objective is to serve the Hydrochlorofluorocarbons Phase-out Management Plan, Stage I, for the Government to submit for approval by the Multilateral Fund Executive Committee at its first meeting in 2012. The operation is expected to pave the way for further engagement on the Montreal Protocol agenda in phase II. The operation is expected to be implemented starting in 2015. Negotiations scheduled for 22 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129397. US$ 10.0 (MPIN). Consultants will be required. Preparation completed on 17 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130528. US$ 24.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water and Environment, Calle Mercado, Paseo de la Reforma Calle 6, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 220-3456, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA, Contact: Alfredo Junco, Coordinador Ejecutivo UEPRO-PRESAO.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice
(R) Youth Employment Support: The objective is to support improvement of the employability of poor low-skilled unemployed youth at risk between the ages of 18 and 24 by providing training, building their experience and improving employment services. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Interior, 25 de Mayo 145, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4346-1626, Fax: (54-11) 4346-1634/35, E-mail: cdiaz@uec.gov.ar, Contact: Carlos Diaz, Coordinador Ejecutivo.

Belize
Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry
Management and Protection of Key Biodiversity Areas: The objective is to strengthen natural resource management and biodiversity conservation through the mitigation of threats to Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) in Belize. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 615.0 (GEFU/GPCO). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries, and Sustainable Development, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan, Belize, Tel: (501) 822-2526, Fax: (501)-822-9573, E-mail: foreigntrade@btl.net.

Marine Conservation and Climate Adaptation: The objective is to implement the priority ecosystem-based marine conservation and climate adaptation measures to strengthen the climate resilience of the Belize Barrier Reef System. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 6.0 (ADPT). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries, and Sustainable Development, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan, Belize, Tel: (501) 822-2526, Fax: (501)-822-9573, E-mail: foreigntrade@btl.net, Contact: Wendel Parham, Chief Executive Officer.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection
Climate Resilient Infrastructure: The objectives are to: (a) provide evidence-based climate resilient infrastructure and (b) enhance the capacity of the country in coping with climate change. Project Concept Review Meeting tentatively scheduled for mid-February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126452. US$ 360.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State of Rio Grande do Norte, Centro Administrativo
do Estado, BR 101, KM 0, Natal, RN, Brazil, Tel: (55-84) 3232-1910, Fax: (55-84) 3232-1914, E-mail: oberyjr@rn.gov.br.

Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) for Indigenous People: The objective is to enhance the capacity and support specific initiatives of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Brazil in order to strengthen their participation in FIP and other REDD+ processes at the local, national and global levels. Project Concept Review Meeting tentatively scheduled for mid-February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. US$ 6.5 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Development of Systems to Prevent Forest Fires and Monitor Vegetation in Brazilian Cerrado: The objective is to support the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation in setting up a system to monitor the vegetation cover in the Brazilian Cerrado. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 9.2 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Embrapa Verde Agricultural Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction: The objectives are to: (a) implement existing GHG reducing technologies for crop and livestock activities; (b) develop new technologies designed to achieve further GHG reductions and adopt GHG reduction technologies within Embrapa research system; and (c) promote Embrapa exchange with other agricultural research institutions focused on reducing GHG. Decision Meeting tentatively scheduled for late-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 140.0/140.0 (IBRD/IADB). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Marine Protected Areas: The objective is to support the creation and implementation of a representative and effective marine and coastal protected areas system in Brazil to reduce the loss of coastal and marine biodiversity. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128968. US$ 18.2 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment - MMA, Brazil, Tel: NA, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA.

Piauí Integrated Green Growth Sustainability and Inclusion: The objective is to support the Government of Piauí in the implementation of its policies and programs to achieve higher rates of inclusive green growth. Awaiting Government authorization to proceed. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Promotion of Low Carbourn Agriculture in the Brazilian Cerrado: The objective is to increase the adoption of Low Carbon Agriculture Plan in key areas of the Cerrado region. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 10.6 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Rio de Janeiro Sustainable Rural Development Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) increase the adoption of integrated and sustainable farming systems in specific areas; and (b) re-establish an agricultural productive environment in areas of the Serrana Region affected by natural disaster of Jan 2011, contributing to increase small-scale farming productivity and competitiveness in those areas. Signing tentatively scheduled for late-February, 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126684. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during project implementation to provide specialized technical assistance to project beneficiaries. State Secretariat of Agriculture and Livestock (SEAPEC), Alameda S Boaventura, 770, Fonseca, Niteroi, RJ, Brazil, Tel: (55-21) 3607-5398, Fax: (55-21) 3607-6003, E-mail: microbacias@agricultura.rj.gov.br, Contact: Nelson Texeira, Superintendent of Sustainable Development.

Education (R) Alagoas Extreme Poverty Eradication: The objective is to support the efforts of the State of Alagoas to eradicate extreme poverty, as part of the Brazilian Federal Government’s program to achieve the same goal nationwide. Negotiations scheduled for 14 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126620. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services
Sergipe Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Government to implement its poverty reduction and inclusive growth strategy. Specific support to transformative policies in 3 areas: (a) public financial management; (b) human development; and (c) local development. Gender and more vulnerable groups would be highlighted as a cross-cutting theme. Negotiations scheduled for 4 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P129652. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Secretary of State for Planning, Budget and Management, Sergipe, Brazil, Tel: (55-79) 3226-2202, Fax: NA, E-mail: gab.secretario@seplag.se.gov.br, Contact: Jose de Oliveira Junior, Undersecretary.

Industry and Trade (R) Bahia Inclusion and Economic Development DPL (Lm. 81770-BR): The objectives are to support the innovation of: (a) public financial management and planning; (b) reducing social inequality; (c) economic diversification; and (d) trade infrastructure and logistics. The loan was signed on 18 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P126351. US$ 700.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Secretaria da Fazenda do Estado de Bahia, 2a AVE 260 CEP 41745-003, CBJ, Salvador, BA, Brazil, Tel: (55-73) 3589-8679, Fax: NA, E-mail: augusto.monteiro@sefaz.ba.gov.br, Contact: Augusto Monteiro, Assessor Tecnico.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice (R) Environmental Regularization of Rural Lands in the Cerrado of Brazil: The objectives are to: (a) support the Ministry of Environment to help reduce deforestation and forest degradation on rural landholdings; and (b) reduce emissions and to increase carbon sequestration by ensuring the environmental compliance by owner or occupiers of private landholdings in the 11 states in Brazil, within the Cerrado biome. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretariat of Planning and Management, Rua da Aurora, 1377, Recife, Brazil, Tel: (55-81) 3182-3819, Fax: (55-81) 3182-3858, E-mail: cintia.albuquerque@seplag.pe.gov.br, Contact: Cristina Madeiros, Project Coordinator.

Belo Horizonte Urban Development Policy Loan: The objectives are to: (a) support the municipality’s strategy and policies to strengthen efforts to plan and manage territorial urban development in the city; (b) promote affordable housing; and (c) provide targeted and integrated social assistance programs to the urban poor. Bank Approval tentatively scheduled for late-March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P126749. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade (R) Fortaleza Municipal: The objective is to strengthen conditions for inclusive growth through support to policy reforms aimed at enhancing metropolitan governance, strengthening municipal finance, and improving the delivery of social services (health, education, etc.). Project Identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second Pernambuco Expanding Opportunities Development Policy Loan: The objectives are to continue to support: (a) gender focus, inclusion and public sector management; and (b) engage in new areas, including health and citizen security. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 18 December 2012. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

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Parana Multi-sector Development SWAp: The objective is to support the modernization of public sector management to access economic opportunities and human development in a less unequal state of Parana. Signing tentatively scheduled for early-April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126243. US$ 350.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State Secretariat of Planning and General Coordination PR, Palácio das Araucárias, 40 Andar, Centro Cívico, Curitiba, PR, Brazil, Tel: (55-41) 3313-6272/70, Fax: (55-41) 3313-6276, E-mail: cassiotaniuguchi@sepl.pr.gov.br, Contact: Cassio Taniguchi, State Secretary of Planning and General Coordination PR.

Rio Municipality Technical Assistance Loan: The objectives are to: (a) support activities to further consolidate the reforms undertaken as part of the DPL to the Municipality of Rio de Janeiro; and (b) promote improvements in the areas of public investment management, delivery of social services and public sector management, including monitoring and evaluation of social programs. Negotiations tentatively scheduled for early-February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127245. US$ 16.2 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Secretaria Municipal de Fazenda, Rua Afonso Cavalcanti, 455, Anexo, Sala 604, Ciudad Nova, 20211-110, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Tel: (55-21) 2976-3280, Fax: (55-21) 2976-2661, E-mail: macardoso.smf@pcrj.rj.gov.br, Contact: Vinícius de Moraes, Secretary.

Rio State Technical Assistance Additional Financing: The objectives are to scale-up: (a) the integrated territorial development approach to Rio de Janeiro by expanding sectoral activities in the metropolitan governance and urban transport, environment and disaster risk management, housing, and social development; and (b) the services and activities offered in health and education. Negotiations tentatively scheduled for mid-February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126753. US$ 48.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Estados de Obras (SEOBRAS), Rua Mexico, 125/9o Andar, Centro, RJ, Brasil, CEP: 20031-145, Brazil, Tel: (55-21) 2333-0938, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA, Contact: Vicente Loureiro, Secretario.

Transportation

(R) Federal Transport TAL: (formerly Federal Transport SWAp) The objective is to support the improvement of the country’s transport sector efficiency and safety. Project Concept Review meeting tentatively scheduled for mid-March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport, Brazil.

Sao Paulo State Sustainable Transport Project: (formerly Sao Paulo Climate Change, Disaster Risk Management and Transport) The objective is to improve the State’s transport efficiency and safety while enhancing the capacity in environmental and disaster risk management. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127723. US$ 300.0/300.0 (IBRD/GUAM). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Acre Social and Economic Inclusion and Sustainable Development Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) develop and implement water supply and sanitation urban service delivery in five municipalities; and (b) expand and deepen the range of activities in education, health and sustainable development to scale up the project’s impact and development effectiveness. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Espírito Santo Integrated Sustainable Development: The objective is to improve efficiency of the State of Espírito Santo in managing water resources and infrastructure in a sustainable, resilient and integrated manner. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 225.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation of various water resources management and water supply and sanitation activities planned to be financed by the project. Specific activities still under discussion. CESAN, Av. Governador Bley, 186, Brazil, Tel: (55-27) 3123-8200, Fax: (55-27) 3222-4369, E-mail: www.cesan.com.br; IEMA (Instituto Estadual do Meio Ambiente), Rod. BR 262 Km 0, Patio Porto Velho, Brazil, Tel: (55-27) 3156-3437, Fax: (55-27) 3156-3441, E-mail: presidente@iema.es.gov.br; Secretaria de Estado de Projetos Especiais e Articulação Metropolitana, Palácio da Fonte Grande, Rua Sete de Setembro, No. 362 8o Andar, Centro Vitória, Brazil, Tel: (55-27) 3636-1190, Fax: (55-27) 3321-3889, E-mail: www.es.gov.br.

Chile

Education

(R) Second Tertiary Education Finance for Results (Ln. 81260-CL): The objective is to increase the effectiveness of public funding for tertiary education by enhancing quality, coherence, and responsiveness in the system, through stronger accountability for performance. Signing scheduled for 15 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P111661. US$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Division of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Av. Libertador Bernardo O’ Higgins 1371, Santiago, Chile, Tel: (56-2) 390-4401, Fax: NA, E-mail: juanjo.ugarte@mineduc.cl, Contact: Juan José Ugarte, Director.

Colombia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Smallholder Agriculture Competitiveness: The objective is to increase the competitiveness of small holder agriculture in Colombia, which will build upon success of the Rural Productive Alliance II, to scale up the investments of Smallholders to participate in high value chains and enter into contractual arrangements with buyers. Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126540. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Agricultura, Avenida Jimenez No. 7-65, Bogota, D.C Colombia, E-mail: viceministerio@minagricultura.gov.co, Contact: Ricardo Sanchez, Viceministro de Agricultura.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Subnational Institutional Strengthening: The objective is to support the strengthening of the managerial capabilities at the subnational level in Colombia. Decision Meeting tentatively scheduled for early-February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Departamento Nacional de Planeacion, Calle 26 No. 13-19 Edificio Fonade, Bogota, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 381-5000 Ext. 3500, Fax: NA, E-mail: nbar-gans@dnp.gov.co, Contact: Natalia Bargans Ballesteros, Subdirector de Credito.

Transportation

(R) Support to the National Urban Transport Program (Ln. 80830-CO): The objectives are to: (a) deliver high quality and sustainable BRTS in selected medium and large cities to improve mobility along the most strategic mass transit corridors; (b) improve accessibility for the poor through feeder services and fare integration; and (c) build greater institutional capacity at the national and local level. Signing scheduled for 23 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P117947. US$ 350.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport, Av. El Dorado CAN, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 324-0800, E-mail: mtrans@mintransporte.gov.co, Contact: Carolina Camacho, Coordinadora Sistemas Integrados de Transporte.

(R) Urban Transport Clean Technology Fund: The objective is to support the Government in developing the urban transport project for Bogota identified under the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) Investment Plan, to improve public transit service provision. The CTF for Bogota envisions a comprehensive mobility and climate change agenda for Bogota’s Carrera 7 corridor. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 40.0 (CTF). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Transporte, Av. El Dorado CAN, Bogota, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 324-0800, E-mail: mgranados@mintransporte.gov.co, Contact: Felipe Targa, Viceministro de Transporte.
Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Barranquilla Flood Management: The objectives are to assist: (a) in the Flood Risk Reduction Investments; (b) strengthening the municipal government institution; and (c) in the resettlement of people in high risk areas, and compensation for involuntary loss of land. Decision Meeting scheduled for 24 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P120159. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretariat of Planning District of Barranquilla, Calle 34 No. 43-31, Colombia, Tel: (57-317) 641-7757, E-mail: mabuchaibe@barranquilla.gov.co, Contact: Maria Elia Abuchaibe, Secretary of Planning.

National Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Phase 2: The objective is to further strengthen Colombia’s disaster risk management framework through: (a) the application of disaster risk analysis and management in policy making at the sectoral and territorial levels, and (b) strengthening of risk reduction at subnational levels. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130456. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Housing, Cities, and Territory, Bogota, Colombia, Tel: (571) 288-6020, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA.

Dominica

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Third Phase Disaster Vulnerability Reduction APL: The objective is to finance physical disaster mitigation investments and technical assistance activities to measurably reduce Dominica’s vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 5 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 17.0/6.0 (IDA Credit/CIF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 5th Floor, Financial Centre, Kennedy Ave, Roseau, Dominica, Tel: (767) 266-3340, Fax: (767) 448-0054, E-mail: finance@dominica.gov.dm, Contact: Rosamund Edwards, Financial Secretary; Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, Physical Planning and Fisheries, 2nd Floor, Government Headquarters, Kennedy Avenue, Roseau, Dominica, Tel: (767) 266-3544, Fax: (767) 440-7761, E-mail: environment@dominica.gov.dm, Contact: Kenneth Darroux, Minister.; Environmental Coordination Unit (ECU), Roseau Fisheries Complex Building, Dame Mary Eugenia Charles Boulevard, Roseau, Dominica, Tel: (767) 266-5256, Fax: (767) 448-4577, E-mail: ecu@dominica.gov.dm, Contact: Lloyd Pascal, Director.

Dominican Republic

Health and Other Social Services

Flexible Active Labor Market Programs: The objective is to support the Ministry of Labor in improving the employability of: (a) poor, low-skilled, long-term unemployed people between the ages of 18 and 65; and (b) poor at-risk youth by building their work experience and life skills. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Labor, Av. Jimenez Moya, Centro de Los Heroes, Dominican Republic, Tel: (809) 533-4404, Ext. 2306, Fax: (809) 533-1548, E-mail: jose.polanco@mt.gob.do, Contact: Jose Luis Polanco de Leon, Coordinator.

Ecuador

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Manta Urban Services Improvement Project: The objective is to improve the Basic Municipal Infrastructure of Manta City in Ecuador focused on urban water, sewerage and drainage, and transport. Identification scheduled for 16 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

El Salvador

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Second Programmatic Public Finance and Social Progress Development Policy Loan: The objectives are to: (a) create fiscal space for needed social spending; and (b) protect and include socially vulnerable segments of the population. Appraisal tentatively scheduled for early-March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P127333. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Boulevard de los Heroes No. 1231, Edificio Los Cerezos, San Salvador, El Salvador, Tel: (503) 2237-3051, Fax: (503) 2237-6419.

Guatemala

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

First Programmatic Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Government’s reform agenda in three areas: (a) strengthening tax administration and tax policy; (b) improving the coordination and management of social policy; and (c) enhancing the transparency and quality of public expenditure. Signing tentatively scheduled for late-February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P131763. US$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Directorate of Public Credit, Ministry of Public Finance, 8a. Avenida 20-65 Zona 1, Centro Cívico, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 2322-8888 Ext. 11538, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA, Contact: Mynor Argueta, Head of Department, Management and Negotiation.

Second Programmatic Fiscal Space for Expanding Opportunities DPL: The objective of the DPL programmatic series is to support the Guatemalan Government in creating fiscal space and expanding opportunities for the most vulnerable segments of society. Project identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Directorate of Public Credit, Ministry of Public Finance, 8a. Avenida 20-65 Zona 1, Centro Cívico, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 2322-8888 Ext. 11538, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA, Contact: Mynor Argueta, Head of Department, Management and Negotiation.

Urban Infrastructure: The objectives are to: (a) support increased access to infrastructure; and (b) reduce crime and violence in low-income and precarious urban settlements in the country. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Haiti

Education

(R) Second Grant from the Global Partnership Education for Education for All Program: The objective is to support the Government of Haiti’s Ministry of Education in the development of a three-year sector Transitional Action Plan which will prioritize areas for engagement in the education sector from 2013-2015. Project Concept Note scheduled for 18 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 24.0 (EFAS). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Ensuring Health Nutrition and Social Services for the Vulnerable: The objectives are to: (a) increase access and quality of basic social services; and (b) strengthen governance and institutional capacity of the Government to manage and monitor services, including during crises. Negotiations scheduled for 21 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123706. US$ 50.0/20.0 (IDA Grant/RBF). Consultants will be required. Fonds d’Assistance Economique et Social (FAES), 1, Delmas 75, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tel: (509) 2246-8530, Fax: NA, E-mail: faes@faes.gov.ht, Contact: Harry Adams, Executive Director.

Industry and Trade

(R) Jobs Creation and Growth: The objective is to assist the Republic of Haiti to improve the business environment and support decentralized growth. Appraisal scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123974. US$ 65.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Palais des Ministeres, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tel: (509) 3558-9673, E-mail: ronbudin@meft.haiti.gov.ht, Contact: Ronald Baudin, Minister of Economy and Finance.
Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Economic Reconstruction and Growth Development Policy Credit: The objective is to support the reconstruction efforts and unleash growth potential. Decision Meeting tentatively scheduled for late-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Rue Charles Summer, Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tel: (509-3) 701-8058, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA, Contact: Alfred Metellus, Chief of Staff.

Honduras

Energy and Mining

Sustainable Rural Energy Services: The objective is to scale up the provision of sustainable energy services (off-grid) and advanced biomass cookstoves for rural and periurban areas in Honduras. Project Concept Note scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 10.0 (CSF). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Finanzas, Bo. El Jazmin 5ta. Ave. 3ra Ave, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 222-8701, Fax: (504) 258-2309, E-mail: wchongw@sefin.gob.hn, Contact: Leonardo Matute, Coordinador.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Safe and Inclusive Municipalities (Cr. 51920-HN): The objective is to contribute to the reduction in crime and violence in selected municipalities and neighborhoods by: (a) strengthening local capacities for intensified citizen security planning and implementation; and (b) financing prevention and strategic interventions to address specific risk and protective factors. The grant was signed on 18 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130819. US$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Fondo Hondureño de Inversión Social, Antiguo Edificio IPM, Comayagüela, M.D.C Honduras, Tel: (504) 2234-5245, Fax: NA, E-mail: gwiese@fhis.hn, Contact: Gunther Weise, Director Adjunto Tecnico.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Second Programmatic Development Policy Credit: The objective is to support the Government’s efforts in fiscal consolidation and security. Project identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Av. Cervantes, Barrio el Jazmin, Edificio SEFIN, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 222-0111, 9976-2227, E-mail: wchong@sefin.gob.hn, Contact: William Chong Wong, Minister of Finance.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Water Supply and Sanitation Modernization Additional Financing: The objectives are to improve: (a) the sustainability, efficiency, and reliability of the Recipient’s WSS services in eligible municipalities; and (b) the performance of the Recipient’s national WSS sector institutions in the exercise of their respective roles in conformity with the WSS Sector Framework Law. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Secretaria de Finanzas, Bo. El Jazmin 5ta. Ave. 3ra Ave, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 222-8701, Fax: (504) 258-2309, E-mail: wchongw@sefin.gob.hn.

(R) Disaster Risk Management (Cr. 51900-HN): The objective is to improve national capacity for disaster risk management in the country. The credit was signed on 18 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131094. US$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Disaster Emergency Preparedness and Response Agency (COPECO), Carretera hacia Mateo, 200m adelante del Hospital Militar, Comayagüela, M.D.C Honduras, Tel: (504) 229-0619/0629, Fax: NA, E-mail: Lrosba@gmail.com, Contact: Lisandro Rosales Banegas, Minister-Commissioner.

Jamaica

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Improving Climate Data and Information Management: The objective is to improve the quality of climate information for effective planning and action at local and national levels in Jamaica. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 6.8 (CSF). Consultants will be required. Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), PIOJ Building 16 Oxford Road Kingston 5, PO Box 634, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 935-5059, Fax: (876) 906-2214, E-mail: hpeterson@pioj.gov.jm, Contact: Hopeton Petersen, Manager.

Mexico

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Conservation of Coastal Watersheds: The objective is to support an innovative multi-institutional collaborative framework to achieve results across four GEF focal areas: (a) Biodiversity (BD), (b) Climate Change (CCM), (c) Sustainable Forest Management (SFM), and (d) Land Degradation (LD). Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 39.5 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Second Tertiary Education Student Assistance: The objective is to further support and develop efforts by the federal Government of Mexico in the field of tertiary education student assistance, thus leading to improvements in the equity and coverage of tertiary education. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 April 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Energy Efficiency Supply Side: The objectives are to: (a) identify and support investments and measures in supply-side efficiency in Mexico; and (b) support the government of Mexico’s agenda to reduce GHG. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

Second Innovation for Competitiveness APL: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the capacity of CONACYT and state level STI institutions to formulate innovation policies; and (b) improve the effectiveness of the Borrower’s Innovation System. Negotiations scheduled for 5 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126838. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for preparation and implementation, skills include innovation systems expert, monitoring and evaluation, human capital development and environmental safeguards. CONACYT, Avenida Insurgentes Sur No. 1582, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5322-7700, Fax: NA, E-mail: egoldbard@conacyt.mx, Contact: Hersch D. Goldbard Deutsch, Coordinador General UCP.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Fiscal Risk Management Development Policy Loan (Ln. 81400-MX): The objective is to support policies for enhanced fiscal sustainability, predictability and transparency of public expenditure to support stable economic growth and development. Signing tentatively scheduled for late-January 2013 Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P123505. US$ 300.8 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Secretaria de Hacienda y Credito Publico SHCP, Av. Constituyentes 1001, Edificio B, 6to Piso, Col. Belen de las Flores, CP, Mexico DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 3688-1486, Fax: (52-55) 3688-4962, E-mail: guillermo_bernal@hacienda.gob.mx, Contact: Guillermo Bernal, Coordinator.

Nicaragua

Education

(R) Education Sector Strategy Support: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to preschool and lower secondary education in participating municipalities; and (b) improve preschool learning conditions and the quality as well as completion of lower secondary education nationwide. Negotiations scheduled for 14 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 16.7/37.4 (EFAS/MSC1). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
Public Administration, Law, and Justice
(R) Second Land Administration in Support of Land Program (PRODEP): The objective is to provide the population in the area with improved land administration services, including more accurate cadastral and property registry information. Decision Meeting completed on 10 January 2013. Appraisal scheduled for 24 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P121152. US$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Procuraduría General de la República, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505-2) 266-6036, E-mail: heres@pgr.gob.ni, Contact: Hernandez Estrada, Procurador General de la República.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection
Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Additional Financing: The objective is to increase access by project beneficiaries to sustainable water and sanitation services in rural areas. Bank Approval scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132102. US$ 6.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. FISE, Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 2278-1664, Ext. 1084, E-mail: azeledon@fise.gob.ni, Contact: Alberto Jarquin, Director de Desarrollo Institucional.

Panama
Public Administration, Law, and Justice
(R) Second Programmatic Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Government’s overall objectives of: (a) increasing fiscal space, (b) strengthening fiscal management, (c) enhancing transparency, (d) improving the efficiency of public spending, and (e) strengthening social programs. Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P127332. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Via Espana y Calle 52, Edificio Ogawa, 4to Piso, Panama, Tel: (507) 507-7202, Fax: (507) 507-7200, E-mail: amenendez@mef.gob.pa; crpmp@bloomberg.net, Contact: Mahesh Piso, Panama, Tel: (507) 507-7202, Fax: (507) 507-7200, E-mail: apaniagua@profanonpe.org.pe, Contact: Alberto Paniagua, Executive Director.

Paraguay
Finance
Financial Inclusion and Social Protection Development Policy Loan: The objective is to assist the Government to: (a) widen financial inclusion by instituting a modern payment system platform that could support the private sector development of cost efficient financial services delivery; and (b) strengthen social protection by placing non-contributory pension payments program for poor retirement age population. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category U. US$ 100.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Peru
Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry
(R) National Agricultural Innovation: The objective is to increase the contribution of agricultural innovation to inclusive and sustainable sector growth, with the ultimate aim of rewarding all participants, especially small and medium sized farms at levels comparable to other sectors. Decision Meeting scheduled for 1 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131013. US$ 25.0/15.0 (IBRD/IADB). Consultants will be required. Instituto Nacional de Innovacion Agraria, Av. La Molina, Lima, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 349-5964, Fax: (51-1) 349-5964, E-mail: jefatura@inia.gob.pe, Contact: Arturo Flores, Manager (Jefe).

(R) Sierra Rural Development Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve the assets and economic conditions of rural families in selected areas of Apurímac, Ayacucho, Huancavelica, Junín, Huánuco, and Pasco regions; and (b) strengthen the government capacity to implement an integrated Sierra development strategy. Decision Meeting completed on 17 December 2012. Appraisal scheduled for 28 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127801. US$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. AGRO RURAL, Av. Alameda del Corregidor 155-A, La Molina, Lima, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 349-3396, Fax: (51-1) 349-3394, Contact: ..., Ministry of Agriculture, Av. La Universidad 200, La Molina, Lima, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 613-5826, Fax: (51-1) 613-5824, E-mail: jrheineck@minag.gob.pe, Contact: Juan Rheineck, Viceminister of Agriculture.

Strengthening Sustainable Management of the Guano Islands, Isles and Capes National Reserve System: The objective is to improve the management effectiveness of the Guano Islands, Isles and Capes National Reserve System of Peru. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 8.8 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. PROFONANPE, Av. Javier Prado Oeste 2378, Magdalena, Lima, Peru, Tel: (511) 218-1097, Fax: (511) 218-1049, E-mail: apaniagua@profanonpe.org.pe, Contact: Alberto Paniagua, Executive Director.

Education
(R) Higher Education Quality Assurance (Ln. 82120-PE): The objectives are to: (a) improve quality in higher education; (b) enhance competitively allocated investment funding for higher education; and (c) improve information and dissemination on higher education to policy makers, students and public in general. The loan was signed on 15 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P123151. US$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. National System For Evaluation and Quality Assurance of Education (SINEACE), Calle los Tucanes 136, Lima, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 440-2283, Fax: NA, E-mail: alexis duenas@yahoo.com, Contact: Alexis Dueñas, Technical Secretary.

Health and Other Social Services
(R) Social Inclusion Development Policy Loan (Ln. 82210-PE): The objective is to support the Government reforms to enhance the inclusiveness, overall coordination, and results orientation of social policies and programs in Peru. Signing scheduled for 27 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P131028. US$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance Jr. Junín 315, Lima, Peru, Fax: (51-1) 626-9521, Contact: Seyfu Ketema, Executive Director.

(R) Social Inclusion Technical Assistance (Ln. 82220-PE): The objectives are to: (a) support technical assistance knowledge, advisory needs, capacity building and relevant equipment to support the consolidation and result orientation of the MIDIS; and (b) the reform of the key programs that MIDIS is coordinating with main focus on the Juntos CTO Program, Feeding Programs (PRONAA) and Pension 65. The loan was signed on 15 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131029. US$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Desarrollo e Inclusion Social (MIDIS), Av. Paseo de la Republica 3101, San Isidro, Lima, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 440-2413, E-mail: svargas@midis.gob.pe, Contact: Silvana Vargas, Contact.
236-712, E-mail: pcastro@copesco.gob.pe, Contact: Helio Hebert Molina Aranda, Executive Director.

(R) Cusco Transport Improvement: The objectives are to: (a) alleviate congestion in the urban road network, and (b) contribute to the protection of the Historical Center of Cusco by improving: (i) the Municipal Government’s capacity to plan and manage the network; (ii) transport services and road safety; and (iii) perform routine maintenance. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132505. US$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. COPESCO, Plaza Tupac Amaru s/n, Distrito Wanchaq, Cuzco, Peru, Tel: (51-84) 581-540, Fax: (51-84) 236-712, E-mail: pcastro@copesco.gob.pe, Contact: Percy Castro, Coordinator.

(R) Rural and Regional Decentralization: The objective is to contribute to sustainable economic development and rural poverty reduction in Peru through the improvement of accessibility of departmental and rural roads that are managed by the regional and local governments. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 February 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. PROVIAS Descentralizado, MTC - PROVIAS Descentralizado, Jr Camana 678, Piso 10, Cercado de Lima, Lima, Peru Tel/Fax: (51-1) 614-5300, E-mail: jRodriguez@proviasdes.gob.pe, Contact: Jose Rodriguez, Executive Director.

National Roads Bridge Improvement: The objective is to improve the country’s all-weather access on bridges located in the national road network by: (a) upgrading the national roads bridge network and road sections in critical conditions; and (b) improving the capacity of the Ministry of Transport to plan and manage these bridges. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. PROVIAS Nacional, Jr. Zorritos 1203, Lima, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 615-7800, Ext. 4004, Fax: (51-1) 615-7453, E-mail: rtorres@proviasnac.gob.pe, Contact: Raul Torres, Executive Director.

Regional Industry and Trade
Support and Expand Caribbean Network of Business Incubators: The objective is to create and grow competitive Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across the Caribbean region. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 12.0 (INFO). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection
Second Phase Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Adaptable Lending Program: The objectives are to support: (a) structural investments in selected critical public buildings and infrastructure; and (b) technical assistance activities to measurably reduce Saint Lucia’s vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127226. US$ 10.0/12.0 (IDA Credit; and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across the Caribbean region. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for mid-January 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US$ 12.0 (INFO). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Worldwide
Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry
(R) Red Sea and Gulf of Aden Strategic Ecosystem Management: The objective is to introduce an ecosystem-based management (EBM) approach through: (a) building monitoring networks and a harmonized knowledge base; (b) community organization for the management; and (c) conservation and benefit sharing of marine resources in the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden. Appraisal scheduled for 30 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P113794. US$ 3.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. PERSGA, The Regional Organization for the Conservation of the Environment of the, PO Box 53662, Jeddah 21583, Saudi Arabia, Tel: (966-2) 652-3224, Fax: (966-2) 652-1901, E-mail: persga@persga.org, Contact: Dr. Mohammed Badran, Director.

FIP Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities: The objective is to enhance the capacity and support specific initiatives of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in FIP Pilot countries in order to strengthen their participation in FIP and other REDD+ processes at the local, national and global levels. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 5 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P128748. US$ 25.5 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Oceans Financing Facility: The objective is to finance sustainable fisheries management activities in up to five priority ocean areas around the world, together with increased funding from the Oceans Financing Facility to implement all of the objectives of the GPO, e.g. more sustainable aquaculture, reduced marine pollution, and habitat conservation or protection. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US$ 10.0 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Guarantee Operations
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 for countries with limited market access and 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.

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Africa Region

Kenya

Energy and Mining

Kenya Private Sector Power Generation Support Project: (Private Sector) A series of IDA PRGs in an amount of US$ 166 million are supporting 4 IPPs. These IPPs include three thermal and one geothermal. MIGA and IFC are also providing support for the operation. Board Approval was completed on 28 February 2012.

(R) Lake Turkana Wind Project IPP: (Private Sector) IDA PRG of EUR 54 million, to be reduced to EUR30 million is being considered in support of the development of a 300MW wind farm, which will be located near Loyangalani in Marsabit County, approximately 12 km east of Lake Turkana in north-eastern Kenya. The objective is to increase the capacity of clean electricity generation in Kenya. Board Approval tentatively scheduled for mid-FY13.

Tanzania

Energy and Mining

Singida Wind power: (Private Sector) An IDA PRG of $100m is being prepared to support the 100 MW Singida wind farm, which will be located at Singida in Tanzania. Board Approval scheduled for FY13.

Ruhudji Hydropower Project: (Private Sector) An IDA PRG of $200m is being prepared in support of the 358 MW Ruhudji hydropower plant. Board Approval scheduled for FY15.

Europe and Central Asia Region

Serbia

Finance

Private and Financial Sector Policy Based Guarantee (Sovereign Borrowing): The objective is to support reforms in three policy areas: (a) enhancing business environment to encourage private sector investment; (b) strengthening financial discipline with continued reform of the non-private enterprise sector; and (c) building a stable and more efficient financial sector. The IBRD PBG in Euro in the amount equivalent of US$400 million (up to EU€ 300 million) will support the borrowing of the Republic of Serbia from a commercial bank. Executive Directors completed on 10 February 2011.
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