

STAKEHOLDER GROUP (S): EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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What were the key issues/themes raised by participants?

1. Important to have a strategy for financing, measuring and monitoring environmental sustainability efforts
2. The WB should play a key role in exploring innovative mechanisms for international environmental governance, including financing mechanisms
3. Need to communicate more strongly the linkages between environment and development to key policy makers and investors in countries, including through an improved knowledge base that provides more and better data
4. Need to increase joint programming and harmonization/coordination with other institutions to maximize impact of limited resources
5. Should not miss opportunity of economic downturn to green development

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<p>1. The World Bank Group (WBG) is a relatively small source of finance for major economic transformation in developing countries. What should the role of the Bank Group be in helping developing countries to address the challenges and opportunities they face in achieving environmentally sustainable development?</p>		
[Government]	The WBG should help countries to make optimal decisions on how to act when co-benefits are not achievable in addressing climate change challenges	
<p>2. The WBG has worked to become a country/client driven organization. What should the balance be in the Bank Group's role between addressing country/client specific priorities and global public goods agendas?</p>		
[Government]	The Bank Group should promote strengthened / innovative international environmental governance to determine priorities and ensure that global public goods such as biodiversity do not fall through the cracks	
	The WBG should communicate more / more effectively (along with other development institutions and organizations) the message that environment and development are interlinked and closely related to achieving the MDGs	
	The WBG should help its clients understand the value of global public goods, including biodiversity, through targeting and presenting information from analytical tools such as Country Environmental Analyses and Country Environment Profiles to key policy makers	

¹ This summary of key points does not necessarily reflect the official position of the relevant institution(s) or organization(s), and is not necessarily exhaustive. All participants and stakeholders are invited to send more detailed comments via the website, in particular if they feel that key points have not been captured or have been misrepresented. Please provide your name, title and organization if you would like your comments to be posted on the external consultations website.

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3. What should the role of the IFC and MIGA be in helping private sector stakeholders to achieve higher levels of performance in pursuing environmental sustainability?		
[Government]	Should provide more and better data to investors to support understanding of importance of environmental sustainability, including regarding valuing of ecosystem services	
	Should stimulate the financial sector and banks to spend more on environmental sustainability	
4. How can the WBG put in place a systematic approach to assess environmental sustainability in sector portfolios?		
[Government]	Better measurement tools are needed, and better monitoring is necessary	
	WBG should identify and promote innovative ways to convince most influential government decision makers such as Prime Ministers, Ministries of Finance, Ministries of Foreign Affairs and other line ministries of the importance of environmental sustainability	
	Sector-specific policies should be screened to see how they influence (environmental) sustainability of development	
5. How should short term and long term trade-offs between development and environmental sustainability be balanced?		
[Government]	Through a stronger knowledge base and better tools for monitoring and measurement of results	
	Ecosystem services need to be more accurately valued	

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6. Any other issues?		
[Government]	The WBG should pilot and promote innovative ways to finance environmentally sustainable actions and seek ways to increase direct budget support for the environment in partner countries	
	WBG should engage more often with joint programming with other agencies and donors, and increase harmonization, to optimize use of scarce resources, and ultimately speak with a more powerful common voice to achieve impact	
	WBG should explore possibility of a common environmental profile system for all stakeholders to use	
	Current economic downturn is an opportunity to increase sustainability of global economic system – the WBG should work to ensure the global community innovates on time to avoid continuation of BAU	