

STAKEHOLDER GROUP (S): BELGIAN GOVERNMENT

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What were the key issues/themes raised by participants?

1. The WBG should have measurable targets for mainstreaming environmental sustainability in other sectors through this strategy over the next 10 years.
2. The WBG should coordinate internally and link various strategies such as environment, urban and energy strategies.
3. The WBG should harmonize its actions with those of the other multilateral development banks.
4. The WBG needs a results framework for achieving environmental sustainability.
5. The new environment strategy should include clear actions for influencing the work of operational staff.
6. Given its limited resources to address environmental sustainability, the WBG will need to be selective and prioritize, including within the Bank's current six priority areas.
7. The feedback process for the full draft Environment Strategy 2010 (phase two of the consultation process) should be robust.

