

**Summary Report of the Stakeholder Consultations  
Addis Ababa, October 29, 2009**

**Introduction**

1. A Stakeholder Consultation on the new World Bank Environment Strategy was held on October 29, 2009 at the Conference Centre of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in Addis Ababa. The consultation was organized as a side event of the United Nations Sixth Session of the Committee on Food Security and Sustainable Development (CFSSD-6). The meeting was chaired by Dr. Kassahun Embaye, Deputy Director General, Institute of Biodiversity Conservation, Ethiopia. Dr. Josue Dione, Director, Food Security and Sustainable Development, UNECA and Mr. Deepak Mishra, representing the World Bank Country Director for Ethiopia and Sudan, welcomed the participants.

2. The objective of the consultation was to consult with a variety of stakeholders on the Concept Note for the new World Bank Group Environment Strategy. There were 80 participants representing government agencies and civil society organizations from Africa, and the development community based in Ethiopia (See Annex 1 for the list of participants).

3. The consultation was structured as follows: (a) two opening plenary presentations on “A New Environment Strategy for the World Bank Group” and on “Emerging Priorities for World Bank Assistance on Environmental Sustainability in Sub-Saharan Africa”; (b) three breakout sessions to discuss the views of the participants on the questions outlined in the concept note of the new Bank Group Environment Strategy and on emerging priorities for environmental sustainability. The reports of the breakout groups were discussed at the final plenary session.

**Key Issues Raised** (based on the questions in the Concept Note)

**4. What are the top challenges to achieving environmentally sustainable development?**

- Lack of an integrated approach to development planning that takes into account environmental sustainability.
- Insufficient efforts to use environmental programs as entry points to address poverty reduction, food security, and more broadly the Millennium Development Goals.
- Inadequate efforts to address the social dimension of environmental sustainability, particularly as it relates to local and indigenous people and knowledge.
- Weak institutional capacity, particularly in the areas of environmental policies, legislation, and implementation capacity.
- Greater attention is needed to address urban environmental issues, including solid waste management, pollution, and clean/renewable technology.

**5. What are the top opportunities to achieving environmentally sustainable development?**

- Continued concern by the international community on weak economic growth and poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa provides opportunity to integrate environmental sustainability into development assistance.
- African countries can learn from the mistakes of other countries and take advantage of innovations and good practices to support sound environmental management practices.

- Some countries have adequate environmental policies and legislation in place, which with development assistance, they would be able to build their capacity for improved implementation of environmental management practices.
- Take advantage of indigenous knowledge to improve environment and natural resources management.

**6. What should be the role of the Bank in addressing the above challenges and opportunities?**

- Facilitate sharing of experiences and good practices across countries and regions.
- Provide technical assistance and funding to create the enabling environment for environmental sustainability. Avoid overly restrictive conditions attached to Bank financing.
- Allocation of Bank financial assistance in Africa should not be based only on a country's GDP, but should go to both low and middle income countries because the middle income countries still have large pockets of poverty.

**7. What should be the balance in the Bank's role between addressing country specific priorities and global public goods agenda?**

- Provide assistance for global public goods agenda is important, but it has to be anchored in specific country needs and priorities.
- Help countries frame national/local level priorities within the global context, i.e. "think globally and act locally".
- Support for efforts to address sub-regional environmental issues, particularly with regards to harmonization of environmental policies, regulations, and standards across countries.
- The World Bank should develop most of its financing (e.g. 70%) to country-level program and the rest to regional interventions.

**8. What should the role of the International Finance Corporation be in helping the private sector stakeholders to achieve higher levels of performance in pursuing environmental sustainability?**

- Provide speedy assistance to build the capacity of the private sector, including raising the level of awareness about environmental sustainability and facilitating transfer of clean technology.
- Establish mechanisms to monitor the performance of the private sector with respect to environmental sustainability.
- Provide incentives to good performers on environmental sustainability

**9. Should the Bank put in place a systematic approach to environmental sustainability in sector portfolios?**

- Yes, put in place systems to evaluate investment programs across sectors to ensure environmental sustainability.
- Build the capacity of government agencies, universities and research institutions, and local communities to monitor environmental management performance.
- Develop appropriate monitoring indicators and systems based on existing best practices.

**10. How should short term and long term trade-offs between development and environmental sustainability be balanced?**

- The focus should be first on addressing short-term human survival needs such as food security, clean water, jobs and livelihoods as this will encourage support and ownership for long-term environmental sustainability interventions.

**Emerging strategic priorities**

The meeting discussed strategic priorities for environmental environment and natural resources management in Sub-Saharan Africa and it endorsed the following:

- Strengthen environmental and natural Resource governance for growth and livelihoods, which includes: (a) Strengthening or developing transparent systems for access and allocation of renewable natural resources; (b) Improving resource management planning and implementation capacity; (c) Strengthening management of protected areas to conserve biodiversity and catalyze local and national economic growth; and (d) Improving capacity for environmental assessment and management.
- Improve management of environmental risks associated with economic growth, which covers, among other things: (a) strengthening capacity for climate-resilient growth; and (b) improving the urban environment protect public health, with particular focus on air pollution and solid waste management.
- Improve management of regional and global environmental public goods, which includes: Strengthening cooperative management of cross-border natural resources, with priority on freshwater resources, marine resources, and transboundary protected areas

**Next steps**

- The participants expressed appreciation to the Bank for involving them from the outset in the development of the new Environment Strategy.
- They look forward to their continued involvement as the strategy is developed.

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