

STAKEHOLDER GROUP (S): MULTISTAKEHOLDER

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Participants (please attach list of participants and their affiliations):

See Annex below

World Bank Participants and Role:

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How did the process fit into ongoing country dialogue (if relevant; for international meetings, please explain how it fit into the topic of that meeting)?

European Development Days is the main annual development event in Europe, organized by the European Commission. It incorporates Civil Society, Heads of State, International Organizations, Private Sector, and Parliamentarians focused on development.

What were the key issues/themes raised by participants?

- World Bank's analytical work is strong; how can it best be used to impact country-level decisions?
- The World Bank and IFC have an ability to bring private sector in with environmentally friendly investments. It will be important to get buy-in and participation from the private sector to make it part of the solution.
- The WB needs to evaluate whether its internal incentive structures (quick results and disbursing loans) are adapted to environmental challenges.



Respondent Type	Consultation Response ¹	Preliminary World Bank Group Response* (may be addressed in final reporting back)
1. The World Bank Group is a relatively small source of finance for major economic transformation in developing countries. What should the role of the Bank be in helping developing countries to address the challenges and opportunities they face in achieving environmentally sustainable development?		
Bilateral Development Agency (SIDA)	The WB needs to evaluate whether its internal incentive structures (quick results and disbursing loans) are adapted to environmental challenges, and consider changing them or introducing regulations in order to more effectively implement the environment strategy. Also, the demand for environmental considerations among Bank clients needs to be carefully assessed. The WBG needs to make efforts to improve analysis and communications to partner countries on the costs of <u>not</u> taking action to address environmental issues. The WB should strengthen environmental risk and cost analysis overall.	
Bilateral Development Agency (SIDA)	WBG country analytic work should include environmental issues and considerations. The Bank should try to support the policy making processes of borrowing countries through environmental analytic work.	

¹ Summary of main points raised. All participants and stakeholders are invited to send more detailed comments via the website. Please provide your name, title and organization if you would like your comments to be posted on the external consultations website.

2. The World Bank Group has worked to become a country/client driven organization. What should be the balance in the Bank's Groups role between addressing country/client specific priorities and the global public goods agenda?		
Royal Society for Protection of Birds, UK	Biodiversity should be protected through forests, as forests are essential to address climate change (as carbon sinks). Forests are also home to the majority of the world's species (and thereby ideal to protect biodiversity). They help protect water sources and are the source of livelihoods. In short, forest protection is a win-win scenario.	
Bilateral Development Agency (SIDA)	The WBG should carefully consider the tensions between protecting and valuing environmental goods and services from a global vs. national vs. local perspective in developing this strategy – including through to how the strategy will be implemented.	
3. What should be the role of IFC and MIGA be in helping private sector stakeholders to achieve higher levels of performance in pursuing environmental sustainability?		
CGAP	The World Bank's and IFC's comparative advantage on the environment is their ability to bring private sector in with environmentally friendly investments. The WBG must effectively use indicators in order to set an (environmental impact) example for private sector/industries.	
UNEP	WB should get buy-in and participation from the private sector to make it part of the solution.	

4. How can the WBG put in place a systematic approach to assess environmental sustainability in sector portfolios?		
Bilateral Development Agency (SIDA)	Sida is developing its own new environmental strategy and will put risk and vulnerability at the center of the strategy. The WBG should consider whether ecosystems are a good or a service.	
CGAP	The WBG must ensure that the new environment strategy will be implemented across the institution.	
5. How should short term and long term trade-offs between development and environmental sustainability be balanced?		
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7. Any other issues?		
NGO (Donor Platform)	The Bank should help to address the situation of poor, rural people who depend on natural resources for their livelihoods.	
UNEP	With a series of environmental reports from different multilateral institutions we have a good picture of the environmental status of the world. The WBG should consolidate this knowledge, and focus on actions.	
Academia (University of Gothenburg)	The World Bank's role in this area could be strengthened by setting a high standard for CDM projects so that environmental integrity, voice and accountability and anti-corruption issues are brought to the fore. The Bank is in a position to use its reputational and financial strength to drive the market toward improving the CDM's record on promoting sustainable development.	

Annex - List of participants

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