

STAKEHOLDER GROUP (S): OECD-DAC

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

[See attached list]

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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)?

The strategy was discussed within a meeting of the OECD-DAC Task Team on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

What were the key issues/themes raised by participants?

What is the Bank's definition for "Environmental Sustainability"? This is not defined in the concept note and presentation. The participants expressed that each individual has a different meaning for this term and therefore the Bank should stay clear of it as it creates confusion. Sustainable development would be a far better term to use.

What does the concept note mean by "moving beyond mainstreaming"?

What is the role of development partners in the Bank's strategy? Better coordination between the WBG and partners should be a priority of the new Strategy.

The results focus was welcomed.

The Bank was cautioned not to come up with yet another new approach and terminology.

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?		
[Government]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What does the Concept Note refer to as moving beyond mainstreaming? 2. Within countries, most things happen at the local/village level, therefore, the Bank should have a central role in capacitating people to make decisions that contribute to sustainable development. How can the Bank get to the community level? 3. The concept of “Sustainability” does not exist. Only 10% is objective, and 90% of sustainable development is subjective (depending on where a person lives and the decisions they take with respect to trade-offs). 4. There should be greater coordination between the institutions within the WBG group and with its partners on what the Bank’s Strategy says. This should be one of the priorities. 5. There should be a stronger focus on institutions and on developing mechanisms to enable early listening WBG’s earlier efforts have focused on early warning mechanisms to the exclusion of early listening mechanisms. 6. WB can play a role in reducing skepticism among senior administrators on the use of Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs). 	1.
[Legislature]		
[Representatives from Civil Society]	Environmental Sustainability” is not clearly understood. There is the concept of “Sustainable Development” and “Environment”, but not “Environmental Sustainability”. If this means securing the environmental bottom line, it’s not	

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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	the same as sustainable development.	
[Private sector]		
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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?		
[Government]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is not either/or, the Bank needs to engage both on country level and global priorities. 2. The WBG strategy will depend on each country, therefore it will vary. Programs and projects should be country owned in line with the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda. 	
[Legislature]		
[Representatives from Civil Society]		
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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?		
[Government]		

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4. How can the WBG put in place a systematic approach to assess environmental sustainability in sector portfolios?		
[Government]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Bank should not invent new approaches/systems, but instead use systems that are already in place. Systems /approaches take time to develop; therefore the Bank should use the systems/approaches it already has in place. 2. A focus on results is really welcomed. 	
[Legislature]		
[Representatives from Civil Society]		
[Private sector]		
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5. How should short term and long term trade-offs between development and environmental sustainability be balanced?		

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[Government]	Long-term and short-term trade-offs should be considered together and remain linked.	
[Legislature]		
[Representatives from Civil Society]		
[Private sector]		
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7. Any other issues?		
[Government]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The WBG could receive criticism for releasing the draft Strategy in July-August for consultation, because many organizations and NGOs are not available at that time. 2. The Concept Note is very good, but very ambitious to do in such a short time frame. 	1.
[Legislature]		
[Representatives from Civil Society]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Paragraph 14 in Concept Note should include some mention of how development partners are involved in the WB strategy formulation 2. Paragraph 15 of Concept Note should include notion of green economy because it is not mentioned. 3. Paragraph 30 of Concept Note: Why is an external and an internal advisory committee being set up? How about just one committee with external and internal members? 	
[Private sector]		

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