

Stichworte/ Kommentare zur concept note der Weltbank

**I) Appreciation of the consultation process**

**II) Right Time**

CN comes at the right time, many relevant ongoing international processes with implications on the environmental agenda for the next years:

- Climate negotiations after Copenhagen/ Copenhagen Accord: Adaptation funding US\$30 bill. 2010 – 2012, US\$100 bill. from 2020 on.
- International Year of **Biodiversity**, with 10<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties of the Convention on Biological Diversity and UNGA Special Session.
- Rio + 20 Conference in Brazil 2012: **institutional framework for sustainable development** (how do you see the future role of UNEP/ UNEO/ WEO?) and **green economy**.
- MDG summit in September 2010: How do we deal with the MDGs after 2015?

**III) Concept note reflects the spirit of Paris/ Accra:**

- Intention/ approach to **use the country systems**, one of the main outcome of Accra; assistance in the environmental field necessitates alignment with long term visions and development plans and programmes of partner countries. Support for the environment should be administered by the relevant national authorities in partner countries, coordination on general placed in powerful central bodies such as PMOs or OoP or planning

agencies. Link to National Adaptation Programmes of Action crucial but, question is *how* to implement.

- **Outcome orientation:** Very much in line with the focus on impact indicators – willing to closely cooperate with the WBG on the elaboration of these indicators
- **Harmonisation:** Focus on PBAs, SWAPs fine for us
- No “one size fits all- approach” but differentiation along different kinds of clients: that`s fine; central is coordination on the ground, led by the partner govt.  
Missing: Inclusion of South – South Cooperation, e.g. South-South Exchange Facility Trust Fund

#### IV) Specific comments:

- Integration of Environment and Development absolutely crucial for us
- **Concept of a green economy** seems to be underlying, yet should be more clearly spelt out. Includes also aspects regarding attitudinal change /change the mind set in DC and in our home countries question of potential conflict between local priorities and global public goods relevant but manageable: win-win situations as in SFM, REDD: DCs and global climate, biodiversity benefit at the same time; respective concepts relatively further elaborated and accepted , but strategy could benefit from more focus on PES - payment for ecosystem services.
- More emphasis **on Biological Diversity** (Chancellor Merkel mentioned same importance as climate change).
- Paper touches on interlinkages with other areas: More focus on importance of political leadership/ ownership and esp. **Governance issues** (including questions of decentralisation, fight against corruption, coherence of partner government policies, participation – esp. indigenous peoples), synergies with energy, agriculture, forestry.

- “Beyond mainstreaming” , stronger focus on portfolio: We intend the same with strategic environmental assessment – dealing with all the different levels: from “SSP” to programme components.
- Innovative financing instruments: Very much interested in an exchange of ideas
- Agree also with importance of CD: among others important: greening development planning: making the economic case for integrating the environment into key national policies and programmes, greening national budgets (multi year budgeting represents key opportunity to mainstream environment. Issues in country systems- stability particularly good for (long term) environmental investments. Lack of economic valuation of benefit and costing of environmental programmes as a barrier to their inclusion in national budgets. Also capacity in Ministries of finance/ planning necessary to understand the benefits (growth/health) of environmental programmes.

#### V) Questions:

- Concept note seems to address more or less all the relevant topics and envisages also readiness to deal with all these issues: Where does the WBG see their specific **comparative advantage**?
- Prioritization (like in the CA) for most vulnerable developing DC, such as LDCs, SIDS and Africa?  
Hierarchy of the goals: Poverty alleviation “overarching goal”?
- Will the indicators from the relevant conventions (e.g. CBD Strategic Plan – ongoing post 2010 strategic planning) be taken as a basis for the development of an indicator system to the WBG Environment Strategy?