

STAKEHOLDER GROUP (S): MULTISTAKEHOLDER

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(See Annex below for full list)

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What were the key issues/themes raised by participants?

The Bank Group needs to present a compelling vision for achieving environmental sustainability that establishes it as a leader and encompasses a time horizon that vastly exceeds the 10-year strategy cycle.

Accountability for achieving Strategy objectives should be an integral part of the new Environment Strategy. There should be accountability for non-compliance with safeguards policies for World Bank staff. Internal incentive structures need to be reassessed.

Promotion of low carbon growth should underpin the new Environment Strategy

The WBG should assess its comparative advantages and determine its strategic priorities based on them, without spreading itself too thin, so that it can effectively act as a leader and change agent.

The new Strategy should have a strong focus on capacity development both within WBG for staff and in countries.



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Respondent Type	Consultation Response ¹	Preliminary World Bank Group Response* (may be addressed in final reporting back)
1. What should the role of the WBG be in helping developing countries in achieving environmentally sustainable development?		
Development Institute	The WBG needs to rethink the way the balance is struck between environmental, social and economic issues, engaging in more participatory processes with stakeholders in the private sector and civil society, including at the community and household levels, and to achieve this consider necessary changes in planning, staff selection and training, and implementation methods.	
Government	The strategy should be developed in line with the Accra Plan of Action and the Paris Declaration, and build capacity for increased use of country systems, as stated in the Concept Note.	
Government	Power for environmental decision making should be placed with Prime Minister, President or Planning Ministry level.	
Government	Capacity should be built at the country level to develop and monitor indicators for environmental sustainability.	
Government	South-south cooperation is missing from Concept Note and should be encouraged and promoted to improve sharing of lessons learned.	
Government	The Environment Strategy should spell out a vision for “green growth/economy” related to OECD DAC and UNEP initiatives.	
Government	Mind sets among governments and development practitioners need to be changed by increasing awareness of co-benefits (such as economic value of forests and biodiversity) and helping to identify win-wins in trade-offs (opportunities in REDD, sustainable land management) to build political leadership.	
Government	The WBG should make explicit what its role in environmental policy is vis-a-vis other international organizations, such as UNEP or UNDP.	

¹ Summary of main points raised. All participants and stakeholders are invited to send more detailed comments, or rectifications to this summary if deemed necessary, via the website. 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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Government	Sustainable financing mechanisms in support of environmental sustainability should be developed/piloted.	
Government	The WBG must demonstrate the linkages between growth, development and environmental sustainability, highlighting the assimilation thresholds and carrying capacity of ecosystems and concepts such as “ecological debt.”	
Government	Consider changing perspective by developing syndrome-based strategies instead of a single Environment Strategy i.e. separate strategies for lending countries; transition and mitigation countries; adaptation countries; biodiversity hotspot countries; pollution countries. This approach will result in a set of WBG Strategies for each country.	
Government	The WBG needs to more effectively and passionately communicate the urgency of environmental issues to increase interest and understanding among decision makers.	
Government	The WBG should support capacity development of the financial sector in countries, on environmental and social issues.	
Government	The WBG must go beyond “do no harm” and strengthen the environmental policy arena through both mainstreaming and policy and institutional support.	
Government	Encourage countries to green national budgets, for example through multi-year budgeting, as this has important implications for improving environmental management and sustainability.	
Civil Society	The WBG should not finance extractive industries in countries that lack the capacity to manage the proceeds in a transparent and accountable manner. IEG reports that oil revenue in such cases has led to <i>resurgence</i> in civil conflict and a <i>worsening</i> of governance.	
Civil Society	Oil, coal and raw material exploitation – including exploration - do not need Bank Group involvement.	
Civil Society	WBG should help decision makers in countries to better understand environmental costs and benefits.	

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Civil Society	The World Bank Group plays an important role in setting references for global safeguards.	
2. What should the role of IFC and MIGA be in helping private sector stakeholders address environmental sustainability?		
Government	IFC should provide capacity building to financial institutions in developing countries (that receive credit lines) to do environmental screening	
3. What should be the balance in the Bank Group’s role in addressing country/client- specific priorities and global public goods agendas?		
Industry Association	WBG should create a level playing field for renewable energy development	
Civil Society	WBG should promote awareness and understanding of the co-benefits of addressing global issues to client countries. Global and local issues do not conflict.	
4. How can the WBG put in place a systematic approach to assess environmental sustainability in sector portfolios?		
[Government]	Capacity should be built in countries to promote the integration of environmental sustainability across sectors	
Government	‘mutual reliance’ on safeguards of other multi- and bilateral development institutions could strengthen environmental sustainability in development practices across the board	
Development Institute	The WBG should increase the demand for environmental sustainability in developing countries by emphasizing provision of improved environmental	

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	information and capacity building for public sector to provide incentives to the private sector	
Development Institute	WBG should focus on providing information, incentives and infrastructure through its support to the public sector, so that private sector can implement mainstreaming on the ground.	
Civil Society	Technology transfer across sectors should be linked to ecological sustainability – at both the regional and local levels	
Development Institute	The WBG should work with the OECD DAC, general auditing offices and other key partners to determine sectoral targets for environmental sustainability and put systems in place to monitor compliance.	
Development Institution	In addition to analytical work, WBG should work on ways to link the Strategy with on-the-ground operations and results by addressing countries' institutional needs.	
Government	The WBG should have put a stronger focus on country leadership, ownership and governance. The Strategy should clearly articulate how the WBG will do this.	
Civil society	The effects of debt cancellation on the ecology should be analyzed.	
5. How should short term and long term trade-offs between growth and environmental sustainability be balanced?		
[Government]	The importance of biological diversity should be better communicated, including the value(s) of the services it provides.	
6. Any other issues?		
[Government]	The World Bank and IFC should harmonize their Safeguards and Performance standards.	
Government	WBG should accept environmental and social appraisal processes/procedures of other development agencies.	

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Development Institute	The WBG should cooperate closely with partners such as the UN Agencies (in particular UNEP for environmental sustainability)	
Development Institute	WBG Strategy should include provision for internal helpdesks that help WBG staff in addressing environmental issues. Adequate resources must be dedicated to this in order to be effective.	
Development Institute	Timing and sequencing of mainstreaming is important as mainstreaming can actually weaken environmental ministries if not properly timed and sequenced. For weak institutions, the focus should be on capacity building and development. For stronger institutions, the focus should be on setting and achieving sectoral targets for environmental sustainability.	
Civil Society	The governance structure of the World Bank is undemocratic and undermines its credibility and perceived legitimacy	
Civil Society	The new Environment Strategy shouldn't focus on new policies, but rather on improving implementation of, and compliance with, existing policies	
Civil Society	Beyond "quality of life" the Strategy should strive to ensure "resilience of livelihoods"	
Civil Society	The impact of trade policies on the environment should be addressed in the strategy	
Civil Society	The World Bank Group should also take into account successful small-scale projects, not just focus on large programs.	
Development Institute	Mainstreaming should be applied with caution, in particular if environmental actors in a country do not play a strong role.	

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