

STAKEHOLDER GROUP (S): GOVERNMENT

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(See Annex below with full list)

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What were the key issues/themes raised by participants?

The WBG should strengthen cooperation and coordination with UNEP and other key environmental organizations, including the regional development banks, to help its clients leapfrog the dirty development path that industrialized countries followed.

There should be more internal coherence within the different parts of the Bank, including in the regions and the country offices in terms of promoting and applying environmental sustainability in its operations, and in sharing more broadly the knowledge and lessons learned generated with the broader development community.

The WBG should use the International Year of Biodiversity and the new Strategy to raise awareness on the links between biodiversity and sustainable growth and reverse the downward trend in its support to biodiversity, including through reinvigorating its implementation of GEF funding.

Innovative financing for environmental sustainability, including -complementing traditional ODA with new financing approaches, for example through public-private partnerships, blending of distinct financing instruments, enhanced collaboration among development organizations and leveraging private sector resources, should be a focus of the Strategy.

The Bank Group should support national institutions in calculating and incorporating the value of ecosystem services into national accounts. Capacity Building in host countries should be a key element of the strategy.



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?		
Government	The WBG should reverse the downward trend in support for biodiversity in its portfolio and redouble efforts at increasing synergies with key partners such as the GEF, the regional development banks, UNEP and others.	
Government	The WBG needs to demonstrate to its clients the opportunities and benefits of environmentally sustainable growth from the earliest stages or urban planning, water management, etc..	
Government	The WBG should support the inclusion of ecosystem services in national accounting.	
Government	Climate change should not be allowed to crowd out attention to core environmental concerns such as biodiversity, land degradation, water management, etc.	
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2. What should the role of IFC and MIGA be in helping private sector stakeholders address environmental sustainability?		
Government	IFC and MIGA should promote key elements of the enabling environment in developing countries for environmental sustainability by promoting the application of safeguards or standards to foreign direct investment, ideally by supporting institutional reform at the country level so that national institutions themselves implement and monitor compliance with such guidelines.	
Government	Transparent guidelines for environmental sustainability in the private sector should be promoted in developing countries, including through capacity building for local	

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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	employees.	
Government	WBG can promote private sector participation in achieving environmental sustainability by strengthening understanding, of the private sector, of the linkages between economic growth and environment.	
3. What should be the balance in the Bank Group's role in addressing country/client- specific priorities and global public goods agendas?		
Government	The WBG should share lessons learned from its carbon finance operations (including the Carbon Partnership Facility) and combine ODA with carbon finance initiatives. Carbon finance should not be kept separate, but should go hand in hand with other operations, including the Climate Investment Funds.	
Government	The Climate Investment Funds are providing a good model for strong MDB collaboration.	
Government	Global public goods at the country level should be addressed through the links to local needs and local development policies and priorities.	
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4. How can the WBG put in place a systematic approach to assess environmental sustainability in sector portfolios?		
Government	Organic agriculture may be an environmentally sustainable growth opportunity for many developing countries.	
Government	Education for environment including at the primary school levels would increase consciousness of environmental issues among average citizens and provide broad-based support for environmentally sustainable growth strategies.	
Government	Across sectors emphasis should be put on transferring new (typically cleaner)	

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	technologies. The Strategy should take into account ongoing work in supporting countries in adopting cleaner technologies, per the Stockholm Convention.	
Government	The WBG should promote fair trade as a way to demonstrate that agriculture can bring development and economic growth.	
Government	Investments should not be supported in infrastructure that is not climate resilient.	
Government	A focus should be put on addressing particularly polluting industries / production worldwide such as cement where technological constraints limit the achievement of environmental sustainability..	
5. How should short term and long term trade-offs between growth and environmental sustainability be balanced?		
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6. Any other issues?		
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