

**STAKEHOLDER GROUP (S): UNITED NATIONS, GOVERNMENT AND CIVIL SOCIETY**

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See Annex below

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**What were the key issues/themes raised by participants?**

The environmental policies of the Bank Group are good, it is the implementation that is lacking. Addressing this gap must be a main focus of the Strategy.

The WBG should ensure links between climate change financing (Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program for Low Income Countries and Forest Investment Program under the Strategic Climate Fund of the Climate Investment Funds) and the Environment Strategy.

The 2010 Strategy should seek to incorporate income/job creation as a way of incentivizing policy makers to incorporate environmental sustainability into their growth strategies.

Non-market indicators and methodologies need to be improved in measuring impact and success at the community / country level.

This Strategy should promote increased cooperation, collaboration and harmonization of approaches between the WBG and all partners on the ground in countries where it is active.

[Environmental] sustainability has to be community-based so that people own the process and the final product – the Strategy should promote increased civil society engagement – and possibly provide lending at the sub-national/ local / community level for community-based approaches.

The WBG should communicate more about the positive impacts of environmentally sustainable practices on peoples' lives and livelihoods at the micro level.

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Respondent Type	Consultation Response <sup>1</sup>	Preliminary World Bank Group Response* (may be addressed in final reporting back)
<b>1. What should the role of the WBG be in helping developing countries in achieving environmentally sustainable development?</b>		
United Nations	The WBG should expand its relationships with other partners such as the U.N. system on issues relating to environmental sustainability, including the UNEP for its work on the “Green Economy”.	
Civil Society	The environmental policies of the Bank Group are good, it is the implementation that is lacking. Addressing this gap must be a main focus of the Strategy	
United Nations	Biodiversity needs to be brought into the growth equation for policy makers in countries – i.e. how to address biodiversity in ways that is good for growth.	
Civil Society	[Environmental] sustainability has to be community-based so that people own the process and the final product – the Strategy should promote increased civil society engagement and learn lessons (for example from the Parliament for Children initiative in India) on how to listen better to local communities – and possibly provide lending at the sub-national/ local / community level for community-based approaches.	
International Organization	The WBG should communicate more about the positive impacts of environmentally sustainable practices on peoples’ lives and livelihoods at the micro level	
Civil Society	Because poverty is linked to consumption patterns, especially those in the developed, “rich” world, the Strategy should look at consumption and not just production.	

<sup>1</sup> 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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<b>2. What should the role of IFC and MIGA be in helping private sector stakeholders address environmental sustainability?</b>		
Civil Society	The World Bank Group should put more emphasis or focus on support and financing to Sub-National entities to address water and sanitation.	
<b>3. What should be the balance in the Bank Group's role in addressing country/client- specific priorities and global public goods agendas?</b>		
United Nations	The WBG should ensure links between climate change financing (Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program for Low Income Countries and Forest Investment Program under the Strategic Climate Fund of the Climate Investment Funds) and the Environment Strategy	
Civil Society	The WBG should build capacity at the national level for governments and societies to cope with climate change.	
Civil Society	The 2010 Strategy should seek to incorporate income/job creation, for example through sustainable agriculture practices and in partnering with the International Labor Organization (ILO).	
<b>4. How can the WBG put in place a systematic approach to assess environmental sustainability in sector portfolios?</b>		
Civil Society and United Nations	The WBG should ensure that Environmental and Social strategies are linked.	
International Development Agency	The WBG should research alternatives to ensure that the 50-60 million pastoralists across the world are not negatively affected by CO2 emissions issues do not affect their livelihoods.	
United Nations	The WBG should provide lending to developing countries to develop national energy strategies that take advantage of energy efficiency and renewable	

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	energy.	
Civil Society	Mining and extractive industries need to be addressed in a cohesive and coherent approach across Bank Group activities.	
<b>5. How should short term and long term trade-offs between growth and environmental sustainability be balanced?</b>		
Government	The WBG needs to support its clients in countries to understand the value of addressing environmental sustainability in achieving their core goals of economic development, security and national sovereignty. This should include Contingent Valuation methodologies for ascribing value to environmental externalities.	
Government	While the Bank should actively seek to identify and promote “win-win” approaches, clearly countries will face trade-offs and the WBG has a role in providing them with the knowledge they need to make the best decision possible.	
<b>6. Any other issues?</b>		
Former Developing Country Official	The WBG experts “come and go” into and out of countries and do not know local realities	
Civil Society	The Strategy should refer to “persons living in poverty” and not “the poor.”	
Civil Society	Could the WBG make funds available to support “social protection floors?”	

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