

**STAKEHOLDER GROUP (S): YOUTH**

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Addis Ababa, Ethiopia  
Brussels, Belgium  
Cairo, Egypt  
Chisinau, Moldova  
Georgetown, Guyana  
Nairobi, Kenya  
Washington DC, United States

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

Despite a 2001 Strategy that pointed it in the right direction, the WBG is still underperforming on environmental sustainability – the Agenda 21 Platform needs to be reevaluated and reinvigorated to guide green development.

The commitment and enthusiasm of youth should be harnessed to achieve better education, public awareness and better grassroots involvement in rising to the challenge of achieving environmentally sustainable development: there is a disconnect between youth (and their communities) and the donor community that the Strategy should seek to address.

Greater public awareness is crucial for achieving the civil society engagement necessary for environmental sustainability. Education in developing countries (including formal education) and increased transparency (this means also greater access to information) in World Bank Group activities in projects affecting the environment should feature in the Strategy.

Civil society engagement should be improved through the provision of (direct) funding to civil society to address environmental sustainability across sectors, as well as in conservation.

Youth and civil society capacity in project and impact assessment/evaluation should be increased.

Institutional reform and legal frameworks for environmental sustainability should be supported through the promotion and implementation of civil society feedback/monitoring mechanisms so that information flows back and forth between communities and local and national institutions.

Approaches that generate employment and income for youth should be explored and identified as win-win opportunities to improve short term economic growth and long term growth and environmental sustainability.

World Bank Group staff skills need to be strengthened to more effectively address environmental sustainability.

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>		
Civil Society	The Strategy should include the objectives of increasing public awareness on environmental issues through environmental education and increased civil society engagement.	
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Civil Society	The WBG should invest more in human and financial capital to improve networks, institutions and legal frameworks that (may) impact environmental sustainability in countries and support environmental programs.	
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Civil Society	The WBG should invest in increasing the capacity of Indigenous Peoples to engage with national and international institutions.	
Civil Society	South-south exchanges of knowledge and experiences should be supported to improve environmental sustainability.	
Civil Society	The WBG should engage with universities in developing countries to promote environmental research among academia in those countries.	
Civil Society	Youth and civil society capacity in project and impact assessment/evaluation should be increased: the Environment Strategy should set a baseline against which to measure its progress on education, awareness raising and capacity building for environmental sustainability.	

<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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Civil Society	The project processes and timelines of the World Bank do not lend themselves to effective youth participation. The Strategy should address this to take advantage of the potential for grassroots penetration through youth. In general, there is a disconnect between the youth community (and local communities) and the donor community.	
Civil Society	WBG should help countries to collect the data that they need in order to establish baseline conditions.	
<b>2. What should the role of IFC and MIGA be in helping private sector stakeholders address environmental sustainability?</b>		
Civil Society	Aggressively challenge the private sector to be more environmentally sustainable.	
Civil Society	Support clean technologies and technologies to bring costs down for renewable energy sources.	
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<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>		
Civil Society	There needs to be a focus on country-specific needs, with differentiated approaches based on social, economic and geographical considerations.	
Civil Society	The focus should always be on the quality of life and health at the local level	
<b>4. How can the WBG put in place a systematic approach to assess environmental sustainability in sector portfolios?</b>		
Civil Society	Youth involvement in monitoring could greatly strengthen environmental sustainability across a variety of sectors.	
Civil Society	Civil society feedback mechanisms for the monitoring of target areas would increase the flow and exchange of information and promote positive institutional reform in favor or environmental sustainability.	
Civil Society	Climate change and pollution, linked to many sectors, have many adverse effects on	

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	communities including poor health, extreme / unpredictable weather. Communities need to be educated about these linkages.	
Civil Society	The WBG should provide funding for contingency planning and eco-efficient and eco-friendly technologies	
Civil Society	Urban areas often have very inhospitable environments for residents, and may have very negative impacts on the environment through their infrastructure and policies. The Strategy should address the challenges of urban areas.	
Civil Society	Good practices in water and waste management will underpin successful environmental sustainability.	
Civil Society	The WBG should help countries ensure food security, faced with the threat of climate change and environmental degradation.	
Civil Society	Environmental sustainability must be woven into the entire WBG portfolio.	
Civil Society	The WBG should incentivize environmental sustainability through a “greenlist” – or name and shame through a “blacklist” of poor performers.	
Civil Society	In forests and mining sectors, community level engagement and monitoring is crucial for environmental sustainability: funding should be provided for capacity building at the community level.	
<b>5. How should short term and long term trade-offs between growth and environmental sustainability be balanced?</b>		
Civil Society	Approaches that generate employment and income for youth should be explored and identified as win-win opportunities to improve short term economic growth and long term growth and environmental sustainability.	
Civil Society	Invest in clean technologies and technology transfer now to bring costs down in the future.	
Civil Society	Measurement standards should look at quality of life of people living in poverty in the short term and not just “GPA” so that in measuring success and moving toward long term growth, the poor do not get left behind, or sacrificed.	
<b>6. Any other issues?</b>		
Civil Society	The WBG should help governments design and implement effective strategies for dealing with climate change.	

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