

Summary of TFESSD Annual Meeting Minutes

Oslo, Norway, June 17 2005

A meeting was held on June 17, 2005 between the World Bank, TFESSD management and delegations from the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Norwegian and Finnish Reference Group for the TFESSD. The agenda and list of participants are attached.

April 2005 Annual Report

The format of the report was discussed. It was confirmed that the June report would focus on strategic issues while the December report would contain updates of the individual activities.

Knowledge Sharing

Various methods of information sharing were discussed. It was agreed that:

- the TFESSD website should be updated regularly with links to reports, toolkits, relevant websites, etc. instead of establishing a database;
- the Bank would establish a common reporting format in the semi-annual report for the four windows. The Task Managers would include website addresses in their progress and completion reports; and
- the TFESSD Reference Group would be invited to ESSD and PREM weeks and to other relevant conferences.

Impacts of TFESSD

A presentation on the impacts of the Trust Fund was made (see annex 1, Annual Report 2005)

Future Funding

Finland was intending to continue the present level of financing next year. Norway indicated that the funding this year was pressed, but hoped to keep the US\$ value. The first replenishment from Norway was planned for September.

Partnerships

The Reference Group supported that most of the partnership money goes to local consultants, but noted that the number of engaged Norwegian and Finnish consultants was low. It was agreed that the Reference Group will forward approved FY06 proposals to the relevant embassies to enable cooperation between donors and the Bank.

FY06 Funding of Proposals

Based on the Donors' requests,

- The Bank agreed that proposals #16 Zambia labor market information and local government, #37 Disability and living standards and #52 Monitoring and Evaluation for ESSD in agriculture and rural development would be approved for funding, based on revised submissions to be requested from the TMs (and subject to cuts in funding, similar to other approved proposals)
- The Bank also agreed that proposals: # 60 Empowering and increasing the voice of vulnerable groups for enhanced development of CDD/SF interventions and Decentralization and community empowerment in Sierra Leone; #66 Impact on service delivery, social capital and local governance, which had originally been approved for funding, would be dropped and #76 Strengthening government capacity for enhanced social inclusion and improved local governance in ECA be reduced, and their funding reallocated towards those which were approved from the rejected list.
- The recommended list of proposals was approved for funding, after taking the above changes into account.

FY07 Call for Proposals

The Trust Fund should strengthen the focus on sustainable development and environment issues. After discussion, it was agreed that funds for FY07 Call for proposals would be set aside as follows:

- **20% for non-demand driven issues.** The Bank will propose 2-3 topics for non-demand driven funding to the Reference Group. Funding for this would be housed within the anchors, with the work program to be reviewed by the Reference Group;
- **20% for Africa pilots for two countries** (the Donors would select one country and the Bank would propose one country for the Reference Group); and
- **60% for demand driven issues with tight thematic criteria.** The Bank will look into a two stage call for proposals. The first stage would be to screen the strategic relevance of the projects. The second would be to rate the projects on technical quality. It was suggested that the first round of call for proposals should be done before the December meetings, with the second stage process closing in January 2006 as the Bank's budget processes were done in March.

The Donors will get back to the Bank on whether to take funding off the top for disability.

Evaluation of TFESSD

Norway would take the lead on the evaluation. Coordination and discussions with the Finnish Evaluation Unit had already taken place. It was planned that information collection would start around late 2005. The Bank stated that the evaluation should be on both results and process.

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AGENDA

- 9:00-9:30 Welcome, Introduction of participants, and overview of agenda
- 9:30 -11:00 Presentation of progress report and discussion on the status of the fund
- 12:30-14:00 Luncheon
- 14:00-14:30 Further discussion of the proposed list of new proposals for FY06 funding (if necessary)
- 14:30-15:00 FY07 Call for Proposals
- 15:30-15:45 Coffee Break
- 15:45-17:00 Evaluation of TFESSD
Any other business