

FY03 First Call for Proposals

For activities to be funded under The Norwegian Trust Fund for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development

Background

The Norwegian Trust Fund for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development (NTFESSD) was set up by the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the World Bank in December 1999, replacing the many separate Norwegian trust funds on environment and social development that existed within the Bank. Since July 2001, the NTFESSD also covers funding for work on poverty issues.

The NTFESSD provides grant resources for activities aimed at mainstreaming the environmental, social and poverty-reducing dimensions of sustainable development. It is intended both to help develop the Bank's capacity and to promote inclusion of these cross-cutting issues into World Bank and client-led activities.

The trust fund, which is formally administered by the Environment Department (ENV) on behalf of the Office of the Vice-President, Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development (ESDVP), is managed by the Environment, Social, and Poverty Reduction Boards. The Boards manage three "windows" set up under the NTFESSD by selecting and monitoring activities, and allocating budgets. Representatives of other Sector Boards are invited to participate at key stages, such as selection of new activities, as needed. An advisory committee from across the Bank ensures inter-sectoral coordination.

Further information on the NTFESSD and its portfolio can be found on the [NTFESSD website](#)

Criteria for FY03 funding

For FY03 (July 2002-June 2003), roughly \$2.7 million will be available for new activities under the NTFESSD. It was decided to focus selectively on some key aspects of the implementation of the [Environment Strategy](#). Work in the following areas will be considered for funding:

- Analytical work on linkages between natural resource use and poverty, and/or conflict
- Work to mainstream environmental and social sustainability concerns in poverty reduction strategies, Country Assistance Strategies, Poverty Reduction Support Credits, and other operational work.

Proposals that promote cooperation across Bank sectoral units, with appropriate UN and other external institutions, and/or with Norwegian institutions will receive priority. **Proposals must be submitted by World Bank staff;** interested Norwegian institutions should get in touch with Bank staff working on the relevant country/topic [contact information for country teams is available at the World Bank web site: <http://Worldbank.org>].

In terms of country and regional priorities:

- The Trust Fund is limited to financing activities in countries included in the bottom three categories in the Official Development Assistance list (ODA) of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) Development Assistance Committee (see Annex 1 for the list of eligible countries).
- 50 percent of the funds should go to work in/on Sub-Saharan Africa.
- Elsewhere, preference will be given to: [IDA countries](#).

Proposals should indicate clearly linkages and integration with ongoing or planned regular Bank project or program activities.

The funds from the Norwegian TF should not be used to replace or duplicate activities for which Bank budget (BB) and other TF funding is available, and cannot cover Bank staff salaries and staff travel - these need to be covered by matching Bank budget funds. Directly eligible expenditures are consultants, workshops, etc.

The TF is multi-year, so we expect funds will be available in FY04 as well, and proposals can cover FY03-FY04. All commitments are one-year in the sense that Task Team Leaders will be expected to submit to the sector board, with their progress report every year, an updated work schedule and budget for the coming year, justifying the continued relevance of the activity. For this reason, proposals should be structured in stages, roughly matching fiscal years where possible.

Guidelines on Proposals

Proposals should be in the form of a two-page write-up including:

- a. a brief description of the proposed work;
- b. how it fits within the focus areas identified above; data and methodology (one paragraph);
- c. staffing;
- d. detailed budget (including an indication of matching Bank budgetary funds), broken down by component/activity, other sources of funds, and fiscal year;
- e. timeline for output; and
- f. a description of expected outcomes.

Proposals should include a logical framework of objectives, key performance indicators, monitoring and evaluation, and critical assumptions ([see template](#)).

Proposals for country-level work need to have the approval of the Country Director or coordinator (an email is fine, and should be attached when the proposal is submitted). All Africa-related proposals will need to be approved by Paula Donovan (Sector Director, Africa Poverty Reduction and Economic Management), and Hans Binswanger (Sector Director, Environment, Rural, and Social Development), before they are submitted.

Progress Reports on expenditures, outputs (and any outcomes) will have to be submitted every six months. There is no maximum funding per proposal, but unreasonably high proposals will be cut down.

Selection Process

Proposals should be sent to Nenuca Robles, Environment Department, by email (nrobles@worldbank.org) **by April 12, 2002**.

The proposals will be reviewed by a selection committee with members nominated by the Environment, Social Development, and Poverty Sector Boards. Reviewers will give each proposal a rating based on relevance to thematic priorities, relevance to regional priorities (including linkage to Bank projects/programs), technical merit, and partnership/capacity building aspects. The selection committee will identify top proposals and submit its recommendations to the three Sector Boards. The Boards can make suggestions for changes, if needed; the Environment Board will meet last to make a final decision, with representatives of other Boards present. The final selection will be submitted to the Norwegian authorities and will be approved at the semiannual meeting in June 2002, and funding will be made available from the beginning of FY03.

Timetable

Call for Proposals issued: March 1, 2002

Deadline to submit proposals: April 12, 2002

Submission of final selection to the Norwegian authorities: end May 2002

Final decision by the Norwegian authorities: June 20, 2002

Funds made available: early July 2002

If you have questions about the process or would like to discuss your initial ideas for proposals, please contact Mona Gleditsch, mgleditsch@worldbank.org, or Nenuca Robles, nrobles@worldbank.org.

Annex 1: Eligible Countries

Least Developed Countries	Other Low Income Countries	Lower Middle Income Countries and Territories
	per capita GNP < \$765 in 1995	per capita GNP \$766-\$3035 in 1995
Afghanistan Angola Bangladesh Benin Bhutan Burkina Faso Burundi Cambodia Cape Verde Central African Republic Chad Comoros Congo, Dem.Rep. Djibouti Equatorial Guinea Eritrea Ethiopia Gambia Guinea Guinea-Bissau Haiti Kiribati Laos Lesotho	Liberia Madagascar Malawi Maldives Mali Mauritania Mozambique Myanmar Nepal Niger Rwanda Samoa Sao Tome and Principe Sierra Leone Solomon Islands Somalia Sudan Tanzania Togo Tuvalu Uganda Vanuatu Yemen Zambia	* Albania * Armenia * Azerbaijan Bosnia and Herzegovina Cameroon China Congo, Rep. Côte d'Ivoire * Georgia Ghana Guyana Honduras India Kenya * Kyrgyz Rep. Mongolia Nicaragua Nigeria Pakistan Senegal Sri Lanka * Tajikistan Viet Nam Zimbabwe Algeria Belize Bolivia Botswana Colombia Costa Rica Cuba Dominica Dominican Republic ? East Timor Ecuador Egypt El Salvador Fiji Grenada Guatemala Indonesia Iran Iraq Jamaica Jordan * Kazakstan Korea, Democratic Republic of Lebanon Macedonia (former Yugoslav Republic) Marshall Islands Micronesia, Federated States* Moldova Morocco Namibia Niue Palau Islands Palestinian Administered Areas Panama Papua New Guinea

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* Central and Eastern European countries and New Independent States of the former Soviet Union (CEECs/NIS)

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