

## Call for proposals for activities to be funded under the Trust Fund for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development (TFESSD) in FY04

### Background

The Multi-donor Trust Fund for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development (TFESSD) provides grant resources for activities aimed at mainstreaming the environmental, social and poverty-reducing dimensions of sustainable development into overall Bank work. The trust fund is Bank executed and proposals can only be submitted by, and task managed by, Bank staff. The fund is administered by the Environment Department (ENV) on behalf of the Office of the Vice-President, Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development (ESDVP). Prioritization of proposals and continuous monitoring of the fund is done by the Environment, Social, and Poverty Reduction Boards.

Further information on the TFESSD and its portfolio can be found on the TFESSD website (<http://www.worldbank.org/tfessd>)

### New Areas and Priorities for FY04

The TFESSD has enabled us to tackle important long-term strategic and macro issues as well as encouraging cross-sectoral work. The **main focus** will continue to be on mainstreaming the environment/poverty/social issues into macro-level policy-making. In addition, as agreed with the donors, we have added themes following up on the World Summit for Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, on which we would encourage proposals on in the coming fiscal year.

Priority will be given to multi-sectoral proposals which cut across the internal sectors in the Bank, and proposals which address innovative issues within the prioritized themes for which other funding is not available. Proposals which demonstrate collaboration with and capacity building within institutions in developing countries will be given preference. Cooperation with UN agencies and other external institutions in the donor countries is also desirable. Project preparation work will not be funded, nor components which could be funded as part of ongoing operations. Proposals should explain how they are adding value to ongoing analytical or operational work, increasing knowledge and improving methodologies of the analytical work in the Bank, and how they are contributing to capacity building in developing countries, in partnership with developing country institutions. While we will continue to fund single-country studies, these must show clearly that they have relevance outside of the country they are linked to.

### Proposals for FY04 funding should address one or more of the following themes:

#### **1) Activities which integrate key poverty, environmental and social, issues in macro-level, multi-sectoral, and sectoral policy making, in particular:**

- (i) Country-based upstream analysis feeding into PRSPs, CASs, PRSCs, etc. e.g. on "pro-poor" policies, "pro-poor" growth, incidence of public spending on the poorest, inequalities and redistribution, and poverty-environment linkages,
- (ii) downstream policy impact analysis of the same issues and instruments, and
- (iii) analysis of the relations between the local and central levels, including participation, communication, and financial management,
- (iv) information sharing and learning activities that empower key stakeholders at the national and local levels to influence and monitor policymaking, governance, CDD, implementation, and progress towards development outcomes;
- (v) learning activities that build national capacity for macro-level, multi-sectoral, and sectoral analytical work and for micro-level impact analysis.

**2) Following up on the WSSD, high priority areas:**

- (i) Vulnerability due to climate change; impact of climatic change to agriculture; relationship between chemicals, persistent organic pollutants (POPs) and quality of life (in context of the new WSSD target);
- (ii) issues of conflict, crime and violence, especially related to HIV/AIDS, natural resource management, marginalised or excluded groups, and frameworks and methodologies for needs assessments in post conflict settings;
- (iii) integration of human rights principles into local service delivery and natural resource management in rural and urban space including role of local government, CBOs, and other local institutions.

**Eligible Countries and Activities:**

TFESSD 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. (<http://www.oecd.org/pdf/M00038000/M00038051.pdf>).

50 percent of TFESSD funds shall, according to the legal agreement, go to work in/on Sub-Sahara Africa. Elsewhere, preference will be given to IDA countries.

Proposals should clearly indicate the linkages and integration of the proposed project with ongoing or planned regular Bank analytical, program or project activities, and its relevance as inputs into planning processes such as CASs, PRSPs etc. They should clearly articulate the proposed project's relevance for poverty reduction. Since cross-unit and cross-sectoral work is encouraged, proposals should identify in specific terms the inputs and the members of the teams from different units in the Bank wherever such inputs are expected.

The funds from TFESSD are untied. They should not be used to replace or duplicate activities for which BB and other TF funding is available. They cannot cover staff salaries and staff travel - these need to be covered by matching BB funds. Directly eligible expenditures are consultant fees/travel, workshops, training, client equipment, publications etc.

**Administration and monitoring of the fund**

The TF is multi-year, so we expect funds will be available for future FYs as well. Proposals can cover multiple Bank FYs, but should be clearly staged with identifiable and monitorable intermediate targets identified. While an overall Grant Amount is tentatively allocated at the beginning of an activity when the project is approved, commitments from TFESSD to individual TFs are annual. Funds are released throughout the year on a need basis, and the Sector Boards monitor performance based on semi-annual progress reports. Funding beyond the first year will be released based on good performance, as monitored by the Environment, Social Development and Poverty Reduction Boards. Funds are released throughout the year on a need basis, and the Sector Boards monitor performance based on semi-annual progress reports.

Task Managers submit reports to the relevant Sector Board twice a year, in March and in October. In the progress report the TM reports progress, sets out and justifies any changes to the work plans and activities, adjusts the work plans and logframe if necessary, and gives an updated budget. The Task Manager must show the continued relevance of the activity as well, particularly if the activity is multi-year.

**Guidelines on Submission of Proposals**

1. Please use the attached form designed to facilitate standard presentation and review (see template below) . Proposals should be no more than 3 pages long and in addition include a logical framework of

objectives, key performance indicators, monitoring and evaluation, and critical assumptions (see template below). Any needed background information related to the activity (for instance if this is part of a larger programme, or is a multi-donor funded activity, and you want to submit an annual report or a standardized project document) should be submitted as an annex. This will be regarded as a reference document only and may not be read by the technical reviewers.



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2. Proposals for country-level work need to have the approval of the Country Director or whomever the CD has designated to do such approvals (an email is fine, and should be attached when the proposal is submitted). In addition, we encourage you to copy your proposal to the relevant Environmental, Social or Poverty Sector Manager in the Region concerned. You may also want to consult with your sector board member before submitting the proposal. Since we are encouraging as much collaboration as possible, proposals which combine work from two or more units are given priority.

3. Please make sure your budget is clear, showing totals per FY of expected BB, TFESSD and other, what your total project budget is, what your annual budgets are (by FY), what your total proposed TFESSD grant is, for each FY, and what other sources of funds you are expecting or planning on, for each FY (BB, other TFs, etc). There is no minimum or maximum limit per proposal, but we require you to use the same standards for budgets that you would use for regular ESW and other analytical work. Since the funds are untied, you may use consultants from anywhere, but we strongly encourage use of developing country institutions and consultants. Bank procurement regulations apply in all cases.

### **Selection Process**

Proposals should be sent to Nenuca Robles, Environment Department, by email (nrobles@worldbank.org) by cob April 25, 2003. Proposals received after this date will not be reviewed.

The proposals will be reviewed by a review committee with members nominated by the Environment, Social Development and Poverty Reduction 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. Thereafter the Directors of the three Boards or their designates will look at the reviewers' recommendations and present a prioritized list for discussion in a joint meeting of the three boards. When the three boards have decided on a final list, this is sent on a no-objection basis to the donors. Funds will then become available at the beginning of FY 04.

### **Timetable**

Call for Proposals: March 2003  
Deadline to submit proposals: April 25  
Reviewers present to Directors: May 19  
Discussion by Boards: week of May 26  
Submission of final selection to the Donors: week of June 2  
Decision by Donors at Annual Meeting in Oslo: mid/late June  
Activation of TFs: July/August 2003

If you have questions about the process or would like to discuss your initial ideas for proposals, please contact your sector board member or the three Window Managers: Keith McLean (Social Window), Giovanna Prennushi (Poverty Window), Mona Gleditsch (Environment Window).