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Education

Energy and Mining

Finance

Health and Other Social Services

Industry and Trade

Information and Communications

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Transportation

Water, Sanitation, and Flood Protection

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GUIDE TO THE WORLD BANK MONTHLY OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

The World Bank Monthly Operational Summary reports on the status of projects in the World Bank's pipeline from the time the operation is identified to the signing of the Loan, Credit, or Grant Agreement. It is a detailed accounting of the projects included in the country lending programs that are actively being prepared for implementation. The lending programs reflect the Bank's strategy for each member country as set out in the Country Assistance Strategy (CAS) papers and notes presented to the Board of Executive Directors of the World Bank. On average, it takes about 13 months for the Bank to process a project from concept document to approval. After a financing agreement is signed or a project removed from the program, the project entry is dropped from this Summary.

Each issue of the Summary contains a list of projects being reported for the first time and a list of projects for which financing agreements have been signed or that have been dropped from the current program.

By becoming familiar with the Bank's project cycle, which is summarized in the following paragraphs, consultants or suppliers of goods and works can gauge when the timing is right to pursue business opportunities with Bank borrowers. Each entry in the Monthly Operational Summary shows what point in the cycle a particular project has reached.

Project Cycle

During **IDENTIFICATION**, the client government and the Bank identify a specific operation as being likely to support the country's development strategy and the Bank's CAS.

During **PREPARATION**, the client government identifies and discusses the technical and institutional alternatives for achieving the objectives of a project. Preparation usually requires feasibility studies followed by more detailed studies of the alternatives that promise to yield the most satisfactory results. An environmental assessment is usually carried out during this phase. (See below for more information on environmental assessment.)

In the preparation stage of the project cycle, clients often supplement their own efforts by hiring consultants to carry out a major part of the work. Contractors and suppliers of equipment and goods need to start making contacts with country officials during this stage.

During **APPRAISAL**, the Bank conducts a comprehensive review of all aspects of the project (technical, institutional, economic, and financial), laying the foundation for implementing the project and evaluating it when completed. Conducted by Bank staff, project appraisal may be supplemented by individual experts. The preparation of the Project Appraisal Document concludes this stage.

During **NEGOTIATIONS**, discussions are held with the client government, and the agreements reached are written into the loan documents. Upon completion of negotiations, the project is presented to the Executive Directors for approval. After approval, the financing agreement is signed.

Project **IMPLEMENTATION** normally starts within a few months after the project financing agreement is signed. Countries, through their implementing agencies, have full responsibility for executing of World Bank-financed projects, including

hiring consultants and procuring goods and works. Contractors and suppliers, therefore, should contact appropriate officials of the implementing agency to express their interest in specific projects and obtain information on what goods and services will be needed and when and how to submit bids and proposals.

During implementation, consultants are often used to provide technical assistance and other project implementation support. Unlike contracts for goods and works, those for consulting services are not usually advertised. Therefore, consultants in particular should contact the responsible implementing agency early in the project preparation period to express their interest. Contracts for consulting services, as well as some for goods and works, may also be procured prior to loan/credit/grant approval. This is known as advance contracting.

The information contained in *The World Bank Monthly Operational Summary* is intended to enable companies to assess their interest in supplying Bank-financed projects. Further information should be requested from the country's project implementing agency. The likelihood of a timely response is greater if the queries are brief and to the point. When possible, travel to the country and direct contact with relevant agency officials is recommended.

Firms should contact the World Bank only if they are unable to obtain a response to their queries from the implementing agency. General information about business opportunities under Bank loans, credits, and grants may be obtained from the World Bank's Procurement Policy and Services Group's website at http://www.worldbank.org/procure (click on bidding and consulting opportunities).

Business opportunities arising from World Bank projects after they have been approved, including invitations to bid and to submit proposals on Bank projects and notices of contract awards, appear twice a month in UN Development Business and are available via the internet at **UN Development Business Online** at <www.devbusiness.com>.

Environmental Categories

The type, timing, and scope of environmental analysis to be performed by Bank clients are confirmed when a given project is identified. Projects are assigned one of the following categories, depending on the nature, magnitude, and sensitivity of environmental issues:

Category A: The project may have adverse and significant environmental impacts. Full environmental assessment is normally required.

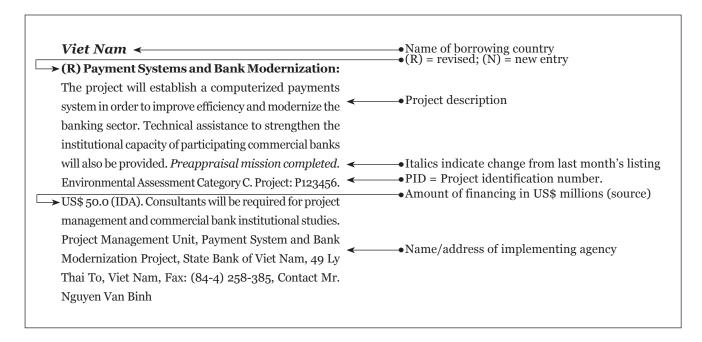
Category B: The project may have specific environmental issues. Partial environmental assessment is normally required.

Category C: Likely to have minimal or no adverse environmental impacts. Beyond screening, no further EA action is required.

Category FI: Involves investment of Bank funds through a financial intermediary, in subprojects that have adverse environmental impacts. An environmental framework may be required.

Category U: No category given.

A typical summary entry looks like this:



GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY

In addition to projects financed by the World Bank, the World Bank Monthly Operational Summary reports on projects financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). The GEF provides grants and concessional funding to recipient countries for projects and programs that protect the global environment and promote sustainable economic growth.

The facility, set up as a pilot program in 1991, was restructured and replenished with over US\$ 2 billion in 1994, and replenished with another US\$ 4 billion in 1998, to cover the agreed incremental costs of activities that benefit the global environment in four focal areas: climate change, biological diversity, international waters, and stratospheric ozone. Activities concerning land degradation, primarily desertification and deforestation, as they relate to the four focal areas, are also eligible for funding. Both the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Convention on Biological Diversity have designated the GEF as their funding mechanism on an interim basis.

GEF projects and programs are managed through three implementing agencies: the UN Development Programme (UNDP), the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) ,and the World Bank. The GEF Secretariat, which is functionally independent from the three implementing agencies, reports to and services the Council and Assembly of the GEF.

The GEF is striving for universal participation, and currently 168 countries are participants. Countries may be eligible for GEF funds if (a) they are eligible for financial assistance through the financial mechanism of either the Climate Change Convention or the Convention on Biological Diversity; or (b) they are eligible to borrow from the World Bank (IBRD and/or IDA) or receive technical assistance grants from UNDP through a Country Programme. A country must be a party to the Climate Change Convention or the Convention of Biological Diversity to receive funds from the GEF in the relevant focal area.

GEF projects must be country-driven, incorporate consultation with local communities, and, where appropriate, involve nongovernmental organizations in project implementation.

For additional information on the GEF, contact the GEF secretariat or visit its website: www.gefweb.org

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Africa

Angola

Education

(R) Quality of Education (Cr. 52540-AO): The objective is to support the Government to pilot and develop interventions for quality improvement in early grades of primary education. *The credit was signed on 16 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P122700. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Street Cdte Gika Central Building, 1 Floor Largo, Luanda, Angola, Tel: (224-222) 322-466, Fax: (224-222) 322-651, E-mail: narcisobenedito@gmail.com, Contact: Narciso Benedito dos Santos, Vice-Minister of Education

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Local Development Additional Financing: The objectives are a continuation to: (a) improve access of poor households to basic services and economic opportunities; and (b) enhance local institutional capacities among Angola's municipalities. Appraisal scheduled for mid-February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 38.6 (AFRH). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Benin

Education

(R) Global Partnership for Education Program: The objectives are to: (a) improve access and equity to basic education in deprived districts; and (b) improve the quality of classroom instruction at the basic education level, with particular emphasis on deprived districts. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for mid-February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 42.3 (EFAF). Consultants will be required. Government of Benin, Benin, Contact: Daniel Mukoko Samba, Minister. Ministry of Preschool and Primary Education, Benin, Tel: (229-9) 787-2564, Contact: Mr. Maoudi Johnson

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Multisectoral Food Health Nutrition Project (Cr. 53370-BJ): The objective is to increase access to food and nutrition security enhancing services. *The credit was signed on 11 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 28.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Conseil de l'Alimentation et de la Nutrition, Cotonou, Benin, Tel: (229) 9705-5040, E-mail: tossa_jean@yahoo. fr, Contact: Jean Cokou Tossa, Technical Advisor Agriculture

(R) Youth Employment (Cr. 53920-BJ): The objectives are to improve access for youth employment and self-employment. *Negotiations completed on 4 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 11 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P132667. US\$ 35.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Microfinance and Employment of Youth and Women, Benin, Contact: Eusebe Agoua, Technical Counselor for Employment Promotion

Industry and Trade

Benin and Nigeria Cross-Border Invest Opportunities: The objective is to spur cross-border investments between Benin and Nigeria in dedicated value chains or industries where Benin retains a clear competitive advantage. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Decentralized Community Driven Services Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) support the scale up to decentralized basic social services; and (b) mainstream the community driven development approach for such services. Negotiations completed on 17 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0

(IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Secretariat for Decentralized Community Driven Services, Benin, Tel: (229) 9003-3601, E-mail: sepsdcc@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Germain Ouin Ouro

(R) Ninth Poverty Reduction Support Credit (Cr. 53890-BJ): The objective is to accelerate real economic growth and reduce the incidence of poverty in Benin by supporting Benin's Third Growth Strategy for Poverty Reduction (SCRP 2011-2015). Negotiations scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, BP 302, Cotonou, Benin, Tel: (229) 2130-0217, Fax: (229) 2130-5096, E-mail: gadsoon@hotmail.com, Contact: Asoon G

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Emergency Urban Environment Project Additional Financing: The objective is a continuation to improve infrastructure and mitigate the negative environmental impact of floods in Cotonou Agglomeration and to increase Benin's level of preparedness for future flooding. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148628. US\$ 6.4 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Botswana

Industry and Trade

(R) Economic Diversification Operation: The objective is to increase export diversification, measured by the share of non-diamond merchandise exports in total exports, by providing comprehensive support to SMEs in exporting sectors. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 August 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Trade and Industry, Botswana

Burkina Faso

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Agricultural Diversification and Market Development Project: The objective is to increase the competitiveness of selected agricultural subsectors that target national and regional markets by contributing to shared agricultural growth in Burkina Faso. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) Agricultural Productivity and Food Security Project Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the capacity of poor producers to increase food production and to ensure improved availability of food products in rural markets. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 35.7/37.1 (IDA Credit/GAFS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Forest Investment Program (FIP) Decentralized Sustainable Forest Management: The objectives are to: (a) reduce deforestation and forest degradation; and (b) increase carbon sequestration capacity by reducing pressure on forest ecosystems through improved governance, green socio-economic local development and sustainable management of forest and woodland resources. Signing scheduled for 17 February 2014. First Grant Funding Request Approval completed on 23 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143993. US\$ 16.5/9.8 (CSCF/ECEU). Consultants will be required. Ministere de l'Environnement Developpement Durable, Burkina Faso, Tel: (226-7) 660-9619, Email: yeyesam@gmail.com, Contact: Samuel Yeye, Advisor to the Minister

Energy and Mining

(N) Electricity Sector Support Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to electricity; (b) improve the reliability of electricity supply; and (c) improve efficient use of energy in targeted areas. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 35.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Social Safety Net: The objective is to assist the Government to develop a productive safety net that addresses the needs of chronic poor. *Appraisal completed on 27 January 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 4 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P124015. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Social Action and National Solidarity, Burkina Faso, Tel: (226-50) 386-331, E-mail: ganoucyrille@yahoo.fr, Contact: Cyrille Ganou, Coordinator

Industry and Trade

(R) Mining Growth Pole: The objective is to create a growth pole in the North/Sahel region that improves the economic situation of mining communities. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 113.2 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Sector Modernization: The objective is to support the Government to: (a) mobilize resources and deliver services to the poor; and (b) strengthen civil services. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Civil Service, Burkina Faso

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Urban Water Sector Project - Additional Financing: The objective is to increase access to sustainable water and sanitation services in selected urban areas. Preparation scheduled for 24 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 80.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. ONEA (Office National de l'Eau et de l'Assainissement), Avenue Bulmiougou, Rue 17.555 Secteur 17 (Pissy), BP. 170 Ouagadougou 01, Burkina Faso, Tel: (226) 5043-1900, Fax: (226) 5043-1911

Burundi

Energy and Mining

(R) Jiji and Mulembwe Hydropower: The objectives are to: (a) develop two run-of-river hydropower sites at Jiji and Mulembwe; and (b) construct a transmission line from Jiji to Bujumbura that will provide reliable electricity supply and displace expensive thermal generation. Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. *US\$ 100.0/22.0/36.6/95.0 (IDA Credit/AFDB/ECEU/EUIB)*. Consultants will be required. REGIDESO, BP 660, Bujumbura, Burundi, Tel: (257-2) 222-3412, Fax: (257-2) 222-6563

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Strenghtening Institutional Capacity for Service Delivery Project: The objective is to support the Government's efforts to strenghten institutional capacity within the public sector to deliver services and promote growth-enhancing policies. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Cabo Verde

Industry and Trade

Innovation and Competitiveness Project: The objective will be to improve competitiveness and encourage innovation in Cape Verde. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Fourth Development Policy Loan Eighth Poverty Reduction Support Credit (PRSC): The objective is to support the implementation of the Government's Third Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy (GPRSP III) for the period 2011-15. Decision Meeting scheduled for *21 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required.

Ministry of Finance, Praia, Cabo Verde, Tel: (238) 260-7611, Fax: (238) 261-5844, E-mail: sandrodebrito@gov1.gov.cv, Contact: Sandro de Brito, National Director of Planning

Cameroon

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Agriculture Investment and Market Development Project: The objective is to increase productivity and competitiveness of cassava, maize and sorghum value chains led by target beneficiaries Producer Organizations in order to meet the market demand (buyers), especially that of private Agribusinesses. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143417. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MINADER), Cameroon, Tel: (237) 2223-1190, E-mail: mnemenye@yahoo.com, Contact: Essimi Menye, Minister

Education

Quality for Improved Learning Project: The objective is to finance equity in access to quality basic education. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P133338. US\$ 53.3 (EFAF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Basic Education, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 9998-3371, Contact: Youssouf Hadidja Alim, Minister

Energy and Mining

Kribi Gas Power Project Additional Financing: The objective is a continuation to assist Cameroon's first IPP with a production capacity, which will be operated by Kribi Power Development Corporation (KPDC). Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 40.0 (GUID). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Sector Support Investment: The objective is to support the increase utilization and improve the quality of health services with a particular focus on child and maternal health and communicable diseases. *Decision Meeting completed on 12 February 2014. Appraisal scheduled for 3 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health (MOH), Cameroon, Tel: (237-2) 222-3525

Social Safety Nets: The objective is to strengthen the social safety net system in Cameroon by setting up a permanent system that is financially sustainable and can be scaled up during crises, such as the current food crisis. Bank Approval completed on 21 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128534. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Contact: Roberto Albino Mito, Director

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Community Development Program Support Project-Phase III: The objectives are to: (a) support the Community Development Program to enhance the opportunities and livelihoods of rural people in Cameroon by improving the delivery of specified basic social services (health, education, water and sanitation); and (b) enhance economic opportunities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 9 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) La Communauté Économique et Monétaire de l'Afrique Centrale (CEMAC) Transport and Transit Facilitation-Phase II: The objective will complement the ongoing CEMAC Transport/Transit Facilitation Project to scale up the project's impact and effectiveness along Cameroon's section of the Douala, N'Djamena corridor. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143801. US\$ 82.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Works, Yaounde, Cameroon, Tel: (237) 2222-2294, E-mail: mi-

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Central African Republic

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) CAR Emergency Food Crisis Response and Agriculture Relaunch Project (Cr. 53950-CF): The objectives are to protect and rebuild livelihoods, human capital (particularly children), and to re-launch the productivity of the agriculture sector. Bank Approval scheduled for 4 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Central African Republic, E-mail: guezewane@yahoo.fr, Contact: M. Jonas Guezewane Piki

Education

Second Education Sector Development Project: The objectives are to: (a) support expansion of equitable access to primary education; and (b) improve the teaching and learning environment. Appraisal scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133580. US\$ 4.0/19.2 (IDA Grant/EFAF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) CAR Rehabilitation and Reinforcement of the Electricity Sector: The objectives are to: (a) increase efficiency and quality of electricity services in the power sector; and (b) suppport ENERCA's improvements in governance and operational performances. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 17.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Economic Management and Governance Reform Grant: The objective is to support the Government to implement a reform program that will: (a) improve transparency and efficiency in the management of public resources; and (b) enhance private sector development. *This project is on hold until further notice*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 8.0 (IDA Credit). *No consultants are required*. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) National Social Cohesion Program: The objective is to support community recovery and improve community resilience in rural areas. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Chad

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Climate Resilient Natural Resources and Ecosystems Management Project: The objective is to strengthen the climate resilience of local communities and vulnerable ecosystems in targeted zones in Chad. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *27 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0/1.8/5.0 (IDA Credit/CIWA/LDC). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Services Result for Women and Children: The objective is to strengthen the delivery of health services to women and children, particularly in rural and underserved areas. Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. *US\$* 15.0 (*IDA Credit*). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Private Sector and Value Chain Support: The objectives are to: (a) improve the business environment; and (b) support the private sector, especially SMEs, in selected value chains. Decision Meeting scheduled for *18 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133021. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Public Financial Management (PFM) CB Additional Financing: The objective is to scale-up some existing activities (technical assistance to the computerisation of the public financial management system), while supporting new ones (implementation of the organic finance law, debt management). Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Comoros

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Economic Governance and Public Sector Reforms: The objective is to support the Government to: (a) strengthen transparency in operations and access to information; (b) improve public finance management; and (c) transparency in human resource. *Appraisal completed on 10 February 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 14 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 3.8 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* ABGE Projet d'Appui la Bonne Gouvernance Economique, BP 6988, Comoros, Tel: (269) 773-9900, E-mail: abge2010@yahoo.fr

Economic Governance Technical Assistance Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) stabilize the economy and establish a strong and equitable growth; (b) strengthen key sectors; (c) strengthen governance and social cohesion; (d) improve the general public health status; (e) promote education and vocational training while developing human capital; and (f) promote environmental sustainability and civilian security. Bank Approval completed on 12 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 3.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Economic and Governance Project (ABGE), Tel: (263) 773-9900, E-mail: moinacharani@yahoo.fr, Contact: Moinafatima Charani, Coordinator, ABGE

Democratic Republic of Congo

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Kivu-Tanganyka Growth Poles Support Project: The objective is to support the recovery and reintegration of communities and reestablishment of sustainable livelihoods in the conflict affected areas. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 120.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Forest Investment Program: The objectives are to: (a) reduce GHG emissions from deforestation and forest degradation; and (b) enhance forest carbon stocks in DRC. Appraisal scheduled for 17 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128887. US\$ 36.9 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Tourism, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-9) 9100-0663, E-mail: vangulutete@gmail.com, Contact: Clement Vangu Lutete

Forest Dependent Communities Support Project: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the capacity of the targeted indigenous peoples and local communities to engage in the FIP and REDD+activities; and (b) promote local development in favor of sustainable forest management. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149049. US\$ 6.0 (CSCF). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

Education and Skills for Jobs and Inclusion: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the relevance of the formal education and training system to improve graduate employability; and (b) support informal skills development to address the needs of out-of-school youth Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 11 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Inga 3 Development Technical Assistance: The objectives are to support the cost-effective development of Inga 3 and mid-size hydropower projects under balanced public-private partnerships. Bank Approval scheduled for *20 March 2014*. Environmental As-

sessment Category A. Project: P131027. US\$ 73.1/33.4 (IDA Grant/AFDB). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-8) 1700-9568, E-mail: vikadipanzu@yahoo.fr, Contact: Mr. Vika di Panzu, Chief of Staff

PROMINES Additional Financing: The objectives are a continuation to: (a) strengthen the capacity of key institutions to manage the minerals sector; (b) improve the conditions for increased investments in and revenues from mining; and (c) help increase the socio-economic benefits from artisanal and industrial mining in Project areas. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

(R) Financial Infrastructure and Markets: The objective is to support the establishment of an integrated payment system architecture and increased acces to finance for MSMEs. *Negotiations completed on 12 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 18 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P145554. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Grant). *Consultants will be required.* Central Bank of Congo, Kinshasa-Gombe, Democratic Republic of Congo

Health and Other Social Services

- (R) Eastern Recovery Project (Cr. H9170-ZR): The objective is to improve community resilience and livelihoods of conflict-affected populations in the Eastern provinces of DRC. Negotiations completed on 23 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 79.1 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Fonds Social de la Democratic Republic of Congo, 11, Avenue Lukusa (Immeuble ex CEI), Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-99) 819-3585, E-mail: fond-socialdrc@fondsocial.cd, Contact: Mr. Ruphin Bo-Elongo, Director
- **(R)** Health System Strenghtening Project: The objectives are to: (a) improve the utilization and quality of maternal and child health services; and (b) strengthen the health sector. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 16 June 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R)** Human Development Systems Strengthening: The objective is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of government programs in social protection, education and health/nutrition/population sectors in the Democratic Republic of Congo. *Appraisal completed on 12 February 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 10 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145965. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

- **(R)** Catalytic Project to Strengthen the Institute National de la Statistique (INS): The objective is to strengthen the capacity of INS to generate and disseminate statistical information. This will support the planned National Statistical Development Strategy, which will provide quality data for DRC's PRSP, MDG, and sector strategy monitoring. Bank Approval scheduled for *18 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125509. US\$ 11.8 (SRTF). Consultants will be required. Institut National de la Statistique (INS), Batiment de la Fonction publique, Aile droite, rez de chausse, Democratic Republic of Congo
- (R) Establishment of a Conservation Trust Fund: The objective is to support the establishment and capitalization of a Conservation Trust Fund (CTF) that improves the sustainability of DRC's national protected area system. *The loan was signed on 1 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127437. US\$ 6.5/11.3/20.0 (BELG/GEFU/KFW). Consultants will be required. Ministry of environment, nature conservation and tourism, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-81) 451-0594, E-mail: kaseyamak@yahoo.fr, Contact: Vincent Kasulu, Directeur du Développement Durable
- **(R)** National Parks Network Rehabilitation Project (PRE-PAN) Additional Financing: The objective is to enhance the capacity of the Congolese Institute for Nature Conservation (ICCN) for management of targeted protected areas. *The grant was signed*

on 1 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 3.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (ICCN), Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-82) 102-9800, E-mail: wicosma@yahoo.fr, Contact: W. Icosma

(R) Strengthening Public Financial Management (PFM) and Accountability (Cr. H9070-ZR): The objective is to enhance the credibility, transparency, and accountability in the management and use of central government and selected sub-national governments' finances. Bank Approval completed on 30 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145747. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. COREF, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-8) 1319-2957, E-mail: godemisenga@yahoo.fr, Contact: Godefroid Misenga, Coordinator

Public Service Rejuvenation: The objective is to support the Government's civil service rejuvenation by: (a) providing retirement indemnities to civil servants over the legal retirement age/length of service; and (b) supporting relevant reform and rehabilitation plans. Bank Approval completed on 12 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P122229. US\$ 77.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Public Service, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-9) 956-4128, E-mail: ministrefp@fonctionpublique.gouv.cd, Contact: Jean-Claude Kibala, Minister of Public Service

Second Governance: The objectives are to: (a) enhance transparency and efficiency in central and sub-national public finance and human resource management; and (b) establish and consolidate an equitable resource sharing mechanism between central and subnational government. Bank Approval completed on 9 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P126115. US\$ 67.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Interior, Boulevard Colonel Tshatshi, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, Tel: (243-99) 290-5743, E-mail: prcgrdc@gmail.com, Contact: Popaul Kizungu Chihiza, Project Coordinator

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Strengthening Hydro-Meteorological Services in DRC: The objective is to support the Government in strengthening the hydrological, meteorological and climate services which will help: (a) the economic development, (b) reduce the human and economic losses of extreme water and weather events, and (c) build resilience against the negative impacts of climate change. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144712. US\$ 6.0 (GEFS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Republic of Congo

Health and Other Social Services

- **(R) Health Sector Project (Cr. 53570-CG):** The objectives are to improve: (a) access and quality of primary health services; and (b) maternal and child health. *Signing scheduled for 19 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143849. US\$ 10.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health and Populaton, Cameroon, Tel: (242-06) 980-8708, E-mail: ernice_nsitou@yahoo.fr, Contact: Bernice Nsitou, Coordonnateur déléguéProgramme de Développement des Services
- **(R)** Lisungi Safety Nets System (Cr. 53580-CG): The objectives are to: (a) establish the key building blocks of a national safety net program; and (b) pilot a cash transfer program to improve access to health and education services of poorest families in participating areas. *Bank Approval completed on 29 January 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145263. US\$ 2.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Social Affairs, Republic of Congo, Tel: (242) 814-0266, E-mail: emiraoul@hotmail.com, Contact: Emilliene Raoul. Minister of Social Affairs

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Statistics for Governance: The objective is to support the improvement of statistics in the Republic of Congo to produce reliable and timely data for policy formulation and evaluation. Decision Meeting scheduled for *17 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment

Category C. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

- **(R)** Urban Development and Poor Neighborhood Upgrading Project: The objective is to improve the lives of people in the precarious neighborhoods of Brazzaville and Pointe Noire. Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 May 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category B.* US\$ 30.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R)** Water, Electricity and Urban Development SIL Additional Financing: The objective is to increase sustainable access to basic infrastructure and safe drinking water for the inhabitants of Brazzaville and Pointe Noire. Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Agricultural Development and Rural Roads Rehabilitation Project Additional Financing: The objective is to assist the Republic of Congo to increase the ability of the rural poor to raise their income through the generation and promotion of improved agricultural technologies, the provision of market infrastructure, and the formulation and implementation of poverty-focused agricultural policies and expenditure programs. *Bank Approval completed on 29 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145627. US\$ 2.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, Republic of Congo

Cote d'Ivoire

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) Pesticides Management: The objective is to reduce adverse health and environmental impacts in Côte d'Ivoire of POPs pesticides by reducing or eliminating their ongoing use and managing existing stockpiles. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131778. US\$ 5.0 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

- **(R) Productive Social Safety Net:** The objective is to set the foundations of an effective and productive type of safety net system capable of responding to the country's needs both in normal times and during times of crisis. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *10 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143332. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R) Results Based Financing Project:** The objective is to support the Government in developing and implementing a results-based financing project with specific attention to reproductive and child health and other high priority interventions. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *31 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0/5.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

- **(N) Second PRSC:** The objective is to support a balance reform program strengthening public-sector governance and administration, and facilitating private sector led growth. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Government of Côte d'Ivoire, Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, Tel: (225) 2020-0835, Fax: (225) 2020-0850, E-mail: moyamado@yahoo.fr, Contact: Adama Coulibaly, Directeur of Cabinet
- **(R)** Territorial Governance and Local Development: The objectives are to contribute to rural/urban development and poverty reduction through: (a) supporting provision of priority public goods and services at the commune level; and (b) promoting good local governance through decentralized and deconcentrated participatory local governance systems at the commune and provincial/district levels. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Governance and Institution Development Additional Financing: The objective is to support the Government to improve: (a) public financial management in the areas of internal controls, implementation of the WAEMU guidelines, monitoring of state-owned enterprises, and improvement of revenue authorities performance; and (b) capacity and performance of the Coffee-Cocoa Council. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Infrastructure Renewal Project: The objectives are to: (a) support the rehabilitation of basic infrastructure facilities; and (b) enhance the access to social services in targeted urban areas. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 6 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Ethiopia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Third Pastoral Community Development Project (Cr. 53350-ET): The objectives are to: (a) enhance growth and stability of incomes; (b) increase asset base; and (c) improve access to public services among pastoral communities through the operationalization of demand driven models of investment and service delivery throughout Ethiopia's pastoral and agro-pastoral woredas. *The credit was signed on 16 January 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130276. US\$ 110.0/85.0 (IDA Credit/IFAD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Federal Affairs, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-91) 444-357, E-mail: oseidhaik@yahoo.com, Contact: Seid Omer, PCDP Coordinator

Sustainable Land Management Project: The objectives are to: (a) reduce land degradation in agricultural landscapes; and (b) improve resilience of small holder farmers. Bank Approval completed on 22 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133410. US\$ 13.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1) 1646-2353, E-mail: mela635@gmail.com, Contact: Melaku Tadesse, National Coordinator

Energy and Mining

(R) Geothermal Development Project: The objective is to diversify Ethiopia's electricity generation mix and increase electricity generation capacity. Decision Meeting scheduled for *31 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133613. *US\$ 26.6/149.4/24.5/3.3/55.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/CSCF/ICEI/JBIC)*. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Productive Safety Nets Program IV: The objective is to reduce household vulnerability, improved resilience to shocks and sustainable community development in food insecure areas of rural Ethiopia. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 500.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture Ethiopia

Industry and Trade

(R) Competitiveness and Job Creation Project: The objective is to support job creation, enhance competitiveness and increase investments within selected industrial zones in Ethiopia. Decision Meeting scheduled for *13 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P143302. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Local Government Development Project: The objective is to support the planning, delivery, and sustained povision of priority municipal services and infrastructure. *Appraisal completed on 3 February 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 10 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133592. US\$ 380.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of

Urban Development, Housing, and Construction, Director, Urban Governance and Capacity, Ethiopia, Tel: (251-1011) 555-0635, Email: uggcbb@gmail.com, Contact: Yehya Aman, Director, Urban Governance and Capacity Building Bureau

(R) Statistics for Results Facility: The objectives are to: (a) improve the national dialogue and partnership between data users and producers; and (b) deliver more efficient and effective aid and technical assistance to strengthen statistical systems and results measurement. *Appraisal scheduled for 17 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (SRTF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Expressway Development Support Project: The objective is to facilitate the movement of goods and people along selected high trafficked corridors servicing areas with high potential for agriculture based export production and tourism, whilst supporting initiatives promoting safety, efficiency and sustainability of the core road network. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 22 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. *US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit)*. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second Transport Sector Project to Support the Fourth Road Sector Development Program: The objective is to enhance inter connectivity of selected regional states and improve access to areas with high potential for agriculture based export production. Bank Approval scheduled for 19 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131118. US\$ 320.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Contact: Juan Bosco Marti Ascencio, Titular de la Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Second Water Supply Sanitation Project: The objective is to support the government's program focusing on rural and small towns and adapting the water supply, sanitation and hygiene (WASH). *Negotiations completed on 22 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 20 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133591. US\$ 205.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water Irrigation and Energy, Tel: (251-116) 625-526, Contact: Ato Nuredin Mohammed, Nuredinmohammed@yahoo.com

Gabon

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Support to Critical Wetlands Ecosystems: The objective is to increase the knowledge base and to strengthen capacities of the national entities to sustainably manage critical wetlands ecosystems. *Negotiations completed on 14 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143914. *US\$ 7.5 (GEFU). Consultants will be required.* Directorate of Environment, Gabon, Contact: Luc Oyoubi, Minister of Economy, Employment, and Sustainable Development

Education

(R) Skills Development Project: The objective is to improve and expand technical and vocational training in key growth sectors and increase youth employability. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Rural Electrification and Capacity Building Project: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to modern energy services in rural areas; (b) improve end-use energy efficiency; and (c) enable future investments in hydropower. Decision Meeting scheduled for 8 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) CAB4 E-Government Applications Project: The objectives are to: (a) scale-up the e-government strategy; and (b) create an action plan to leverage the new connectivity. This E-gov Applications project will support selected eGovernment and flagship ICT applications. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *10* April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Economic Diversification and Competitiveness: The objectives are to: (a) establish a "One Stop Shop" for assistance to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and investors along the line; and (b) expand upon the Maison de l'entreprise concept. *Negotiations completed on 29 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 11 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 18.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministre de la Promotion des investissements, des Infrastructures, Gabon, Tel: (241-01) 763-849, Contact: Magloire Ngambia, Minister

The Gambia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Commercial Agriculture and Value Chain Management: The objectives are to: (a) increase agricultural productivity in selected value chains through improved input and output markets access and technology; (b) increase private investment in commercial agriculture, agricultural processing and marketing industries; and (c) improve market linkages between small-holders and larger commercial entities. Negotiations completed on 7 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 18 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125024. US\$ 8.7/7.2 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, The Quadrangle, Banjul, The Gambia, Tel: (220) 422-9817, Fax: (220) 422-4278, E-mail: aaajobe@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Abdou Rahmane Jobe, Permanent Secretary

Education

(R) Results for Education Achievement and Development Project (Cr. H916o-GM): The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality of teaching; (b) increase access for hard to reach children; and (c) enhance system monitoring. Bank Approval scheduled for 6 *March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. *US\$ 11.9/6.9 (IDA Grant/EFAF)*. No consultants are required. Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education, Willy Thorpe Place Bldg. Banjul, The Gambia, Tel: (220) 422-8522, Fax: (220) 422-5066, E-mail: sherifyunus@yahoo.com, Contact: Sherif Yunus Hydara

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Community-Based Nutrition and Primary Health Care Project: The objective is to increase the coverage of community-based nutrition and primary health care services. *Negotiations completed on 12 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 21 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143650. *US\$ 3.7/5.0 (IDA Grant/HRBF)*. Consultants will be required during preparation. National Nutrition Agency (NaNA), The Gambia, Tel: (220) 449-8851, E-mail: nana@gamtel.gm, Contact: Modou Cheyassin Phall, Executive Director

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Economic Governance Reform Grant: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the government's capacity in public financial management; and (b) improve public sector management in the agriculture, energy and telecommunications sectors. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Integrated Financial Management and Information System (IFMIS) Project Additional Financing: The objective is a continuation to support the Government of The Gambia to: (a) expand the existing IFMIS system and automate the National Records Service; (b) to strengthen national statistical capacity; and (c) to support an energy sector strategy. Bank Approval completed on 20 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance

and Economic Affairs, Quadrangle, Banjul, POB. 3296, The Gambia, Tel: (220) 422-5713, Fax: (220) 422-7954, Contact: Juan Bosco Marti Ascencio, Titular de la Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales

Ghana

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

- **(R)** Forest Investment Program Reducing Pressure on Natural Forests: The objective is to reduce forest loss and land degradation and contribute to sustainable livelihoods through participatory planning, improved practices and incentives in Ghana's high forest zone. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 29.5 (CSCF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Ministries, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-24) 436-2510, E-mail: majuamuk@yahoo.co.uk
- **(R)** Natural Resources and Environmental Governance Technical Assistance (Cr. H8510-GH): The objective is to provide targeted technical assistance to conceptualize, plan and implement institutional actions and policy reforms that will promote growth and poverty reduction through sustainable, inclusive and socially responsible natural resource management. *The grant was signed on 8 November 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129769. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Science and Technology, PO Box M 232, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-24) 863-9270, Fax: (233-30) 268-8913, E-mail: fredua_agyeman@yahoo.com, Contact: Fredua Agyeman, Technical Director. Ministry of Lands and Natural Resources, Ministries, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-24) 436-2510, E-mail: majuamuk@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Musah Abu-Juam, Technical Director
- **(R)** Sustainable Land and Water Management Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve sustainable land and water management practices to reduce land degradation and enhance maintenance of biodiversity in selected micro-watersheds; and (b) strengthen spatial planning for identification of linked watershed investments in the Northern Savannah region of Ghana. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. *US\$ 8.8 (GEFU)*. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment Science and Technology, Ghana, Contact: Nicholas Iddi, Project Coordinator

Dedicated Grant Mechanism for Local Communities: The objective is to enhance the capacity and support specific initiatives of local communities in Ghana to strengthen their participation in the Forest Investment Program and other REDD+ processes at the local national, and global levels. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.5 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Secondary Education Project: The objective is to increase access and improve equity and quality of secondary education in Ghana. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145741. US\$ 155.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

(R) Financial Sector Support Project: The objective is to support the development of Ghana's financial sector and the implementation of Ghana's 'Financial Sector Strategic Plan II' by addressing key issues in priority areas such as banking and pensions. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Maternal and Child Health Improvement Project: The objective is to improve reproductive, maternal and child health. Negotiations scheduled for *11 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 68.0/5.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, PO Box M-44, Ghana, Tel: (233-020) 887-6172, E-mail: salasung2@yahoo.com, Contact: S. Alasung

(R) Social Opportunities Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve social protection spending; (b) increase access to cash transfers nationwide; (c) increase access to employment and cash-earning opportunities for the rural poor during the agricultural off-season; and (d) improve economic and social infrastructure in target districts. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 3 February 2014. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health Insurance and Nutrition: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the financial and operational management of the National Health Insurance Scheme; and (b) finance activities related to community-based health and nutrition services for children under the age of two and pregnant women in the entire Ghana population. Decision Meeting scheduled for 16 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 90.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Youth Employment: The objective is to enhance the employment and entrepreneurship opportunities for youth, especially disadvantaged youth, through intermediary services for job training and start up schemes provided by the private and public sector. Decision Meeting scheduled for 3 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P132248. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Ghana Competitiveness: The objective is to support improved competitiveness of high potential sub-sectors of Ghana's economy, particularly manufacturing. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and Communications

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for Social Transformation: The objective is to support ICT applications to transform strategic government agencies and improve citizens' access to information. Bank Approval completed on 24 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P144140. US\$ 97.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Communication, Ghana, E-mail: ofosuadarkwa@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Kwaku Ofosu-Adarkwa, Chief Director

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

- (N) Oil and Gas Capacity Building Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve public management and regulatory capacity while enhancing transparency; and (b) strengthen local technical skills in Ghana's emerging oil and gas sector. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- (R) Statistics Development Program (Cr. 50100-GH): The objective is to modernize and streamline the Ghana National Statistical System to ensure that it is sufficiently equipped in terms of human resources, essential tools and infrastructure to produce and disseminate reliable and timely statistics. Signing scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P118858. US\$ 30.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/SRTF). Consultants will be required. Ghana Statistical Service, PO Box GP 1098, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-21) 682-647/657, Fax: (233-21) 664-304, E-mail: Grace. bediako@gmail.com, Contact: Humayun Kabir, Secretary

Macro Stability for Competitivess and Growth: The objectives are to support: (a) the need for macroeconomic stabilization and greater executive efficiency; and (b) transparency and accountability to provide adequate funding for the reduction of poverty by improving resource allocation efficiency and setting an environment more supportive of a competitive economy. Appraisal scheduled for 18 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P133664. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Guinea

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Agricultural Support Project: The objective is to support the diversification of activities beyond traditional rice farming, and contribute to the rebuilding of Guinea's agricultural research and technology transfer capabilities. Decision Meeting scheduled for *21 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Global Partnership for Education (GPE): The objective is to improve the education sector. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 37.8 (EFAS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Tertiary Education and Skills Reform: The objective is to improve the employability of education graduates and strengthen governance systems. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 16.6 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Power Sector Recovery Project: The objective is to help improve the technical, commercial and financial performance of Guinea's power utility, with a special focus on the funding of a management contract, end-user meters and other support to commercial operations, and power transmission investments. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146696. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

Health System Strengthening: The objective is to initiate a results based financing approach in the Guinea Health system that will strengthen the health system. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 9 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Guinea-Bissau

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Second Emergency Food Security Support Project: The objective is to improve food security by supporting the most vulnerable population including children, and increasing rice production in project areas. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 6 February 2014. Appraisal scheduled for 12 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.0 (GFCR). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Rural Community-Driven Development Project Additional Financing: The objective is to increase access to priority basic social and economic infrastructures and services in participating communities in at least two regions of Guinea-Bissau. *Bank Approval completed on 7 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146746. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Project Coordination Unit, C.P. N.955, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 320-7407, E-mail: handem_jr@hotmail.com, Contact: João S. Handem Jr. Project Coordinator

Energy and Mining

Emergency Electricity and Water Rehabilitation Additional Financing: The objective is to assist the Government of Guinea-Bissau in the rapid restoration and improvement of electricity and water services in the capital city of Bissau. Bank Approval completed on 17 May 2011. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125374. US\$ 2.2 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Regional Integration, 37 Ave. Amilar Cabral, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 320-7286, Fax: (245) 320-4846, E-mail: hembalo@hotmail.com, Contact: Luis Alberto Gomes, Coordinator

Industry and Trade

(R) Agribusiness Development and Private Sector Rehabilitation: The objectives are to: (a) improve investment climate and entrepreneurship development; and (b) support cashew agribusiness development. Appraisal scheduled for *6 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 4.0/4.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Regional Integration, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 320-7286, Fax: (245) 320-4846, E-mail: pmri@orange-bissau.com

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Development Policy Operation: The objective is to support the four pillars of the Government second Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper and follow a similar structure of the previous EGRGs series. *Negotiations scheduled for mid-February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 7.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Av A. Cabral No. 67, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 666-6668, Fax: (245) 320-5156, E-mail: jocava@ hotmail.com, Contact: Carlos Casimiro, Secretary of Treasury and Accounting

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Emergency Water Supply Project: The objective is to address the severe electricity and water supply shortage in Bissau (Guinea Bissau). *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 24 January 2014. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 11.3/11.3 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Electricity and Water Reform: The objective is to meet the electricity and water supply needs of the country in an economically and environmentally sustainable manner in order to contribute to economic growth and well-being of the population of Guinea-Bissau. This project is on holder until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P120917. US\$ 7.0/9.0 (IDA Credit/ZMUL). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Planning, and Regional Integration, Bissau, Guinea-Bissau, Tel: (245) 320-7286, Fax: (245) 320-4846, E-mail: pmri@orange-bissau.com, Contact: Luis Cruz Gomes, Coordinator

Kenya

Education

(R) Global Partnership for Education (GPE) Education Sector Support Project: The objective is to improve the quality of early childhood and basic education service delivery in Kenya for increased learning achievement for all. Preparation is underway. *Environmental Assessment Category C.* US\$ 88.4 (EFAS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Electricity Modernization Project: The objective is to improve the risk profile of Kenya Power and Lighting Company Ltd. (KPLC) for commercial lenders and support KPLC obtain commercial loans for longer tenors at competitive interest rates. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (GUID). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Menengai Geothermal: The objectives are to: (a) develop geothermal resources in the Menengai field and make them available for electricity generation; and (b) establish transmission lines to connect Menengai to the national grid. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 115.0/170.0/120.0/40.0/36.0 (IDA Credit/AFD/AFDB/CIF/EUIB). Consulting services to be determined. Geothermal Development Company (GDC), Taj Tower, Upper Hill PO Box 100746-00101, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 242-7516, E-mail: md@gdc.co.ke, Contact: Dr. Silas M. Simiyu

Power System Development: The objective is to ensure that access to reliable, cost effective, and high quality supply of electricity is sustained to business enterprises and households. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P120014. US\$ 200.0/50.0 (IDA Credit/FRDE). Consul-

tants will be required. Kenya Power and Lighting Co. Ltd. Stima Plaza, Kolobot Road, PO Box 30099, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 243-366, Fax: (254-20) 310-336, Contact: John Njoroge, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. Ministry of Energy, Nyayo House, PO Box 30582, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 255-0680, Fax: (254-20) 222-8314, E-mail: ps@energymin.go.ke, Contact: Patrick Nyoike, Permanent Secretary

Health and Other Social Services

Cash Transfers for Orphans and Vulnerable Children (OVC) Additional Financing: The objective is to increase social safety net access for extremely poor OVC households, through an effective and efficient expansion of the CT-OVC program and building the capacity of the National Safety Net Program (NSNP) Bank Approval completed on 31 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146161. US\$ 10.0/56.4 (IDA Credit/DFID). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Labour, Social Security and Services, E-mail: mwasiajiwf@yahoo.com, Contact: Winnie Mwasiaji, Social Protection Secretariat Coordinator

Health Sector Support Project Additional Financing: The objective is to support scaling-up of the Results Based Financing (RBF) initiative. Bank Approval completed on 30 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144197. US\$ 41.0/20.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-2) 224-8591, Contact: Fred H. K. Segor, Principal Secretary

Information and Communications

(R) Transparency and Infrastructure Project Additional Financing 2: The objective is to further reforms in the ICT sector by deploying elements of Nairobi City County Plan for improvements in infrastructure and basic services. *Decision Meeting completed on 28 January 2014.* Appraisal scheduled for mid-February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149019. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Petroleum Technical Assistance Project (KEPTAP): The objective is to strengthen the capacity of the government to manage its petroleum sector for sustainable development impacts. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145234. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy, Kenya

Transportation

(R) Transport Sector Support Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) increase the efficiency of road transport along the Northern Corridor and the Tanzania-Kenya-Sudan road corridor; (b) enhance aviation safety and security to meet international standards; and (c) improve the institutional arrangements and capacity in the transport sector. Decision Meeting completed on 3 February 2014. Appraisal scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146630. US\$ 121.3/82.2 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Kenya Civil Aviation Authority, PO Box: 30163, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 824-557, Fax: (254-20) 824-716, E-mail: Info@kcaa.co.ke, Contact: Col. Hilary Kioko, Director General. Kenya Airports Authority, PO Box 19001, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 822-111, E-mail: info@ kenyaairport.co.ke, Contact: Lucy Mbugua, Managing Director. Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 271-6862, E-mail: ps@infrastructure.go.ke, Contact: Eng. John K. Mosonik, Principal Secretary. Kenya National Highways Authority, PO Box 49714-00100, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 801-3842, Fax: (254-20) 271-5483, E-mail: dg@kenha.co.ke, Contact: Eng. Meshack O. Kidenda, Director General

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Second Kenya Water Security and Climate Resilience Project (KWSCRP-2): The objective is to improve water security and build climate resilience in the Coastal Region. Decision Meeting scheduled for 23 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category

A. Project: P145559. US\$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Urban Water and Sanitation OBA Fund for Low Income Areas: The objective is to increase the number of people in low income areas with access to improved water supply and sanitation services in Kenyan towns and cities. *First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 30 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132979. US\$ 11.7 (GPBA). Consulting services to be determined. Water Services Trust Fund, CIC Plaza, Mara Road, Upperhill, Nairobi, Kenya, Tel: (254-02) 0272-0696, E-mail: musyoki@wstfkenya.org, Contact: Jacqueline Musyoki

Lesotho

Energy and Mining

(N) Lesotho Water Sector Improvement Project, Phase 2: Highlands Water Project 2 Kobong Pump Storage Additional Financing: The objective is to support the Government to: (a) develop and sustain an environmentally sound, socially responsible and financially viable MDWSP framework; (b) increase a quantity of safe bulk water supply to Teyateyaneng; (c) strengthen institutions and related instruments in the water sector; and (d) advance Kobong Pump Storage Scheme preparation. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Second Private Sector Competitiveness and Economic Diversification (Cr. 53090-LS): The objectives are to support business environment reforms, improve access to finance for SMEs and increase private investment in targeted sectors. *The credit was signed on 21 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144933. US\$ 13.1 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Trade and Industry, Cooperatives and Marketing, PO Box 747, Lesotho, Tel: (22) 317-454, E-mail: moahlolimphaka@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Moahloli Mphaka, Principal Secretary

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Financial Management Reform Support Program (Cr. 53550-LS): The objectives are to: (a) improve public expenditure efficiency; and (b) effectiveness by strengthening the internal controls, accounting, reporting and oversight of government finances at the central and decentralized levels in MDAs and districts in Lesotho. *Bank Approval completed on 6 February 2014.* Signing scheduled for 24 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143197. US\$ 5.5 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Lesotho, Tel: (266) 2232-3703, E-mail: mkhethisa@finance.gov.ls, Contact: Mosito Khethisa, Principal Secretary

(R) Second Growth and Competitiveness Development Policy Credit (DPC): The objective is to support Government's reforms to improve: (a) private sector competitiveness; (b) sustainability and efficiency of public spending; and (c) social protection and monitoring systems. *Appraisal scheduled for 18 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 15.2 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Development Planning, Maseru, Lesotho, Tel: (266-22) 310-826, Fax: (266-22) 310-157

Liberia

Energy and Mining

(N) Renewable Energy Project: The objective is to meet the electricity needs of a part of the population outside Montserrado County. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 3 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Youth Employment Social Safety Net: The objective is to support the development of social protection programming focused on increasing resilience among poor and vulnerable households, particularly through improved employment opportunities. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014.* Envi-

ronmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Sector Modernization Project (Cr. 53590-LR): The objective is to improve the performance of civil servants in participating ministries, and strengthen pay and payroll management in the Civil Service in Liberia. *Bank Approval completed on 10 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143064. US\$ 2.0/5.0/3.7 (IDA Credit/AID/SIDA). Consultants will be required. Civil Service Agency, Liberia, Tel: (231-886) 566-514, E-mail: wellehsanyon@hotmail.com, Contact: George Werner

(R) Second Poverty Reduction Support Credit: The objectives are to: (a) sustain and deepen government-owned efforts to reform governance and civil service; and (b) support the broadening of reforms to include economic transformation and human development. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Minister of Finance, Liberia, Tel: (231-886) 578-921

Transportation

(R) Urban Rural Infrastructure Rehabilitation Additional Financing: The objective is to support the Government to improve: (a) road access in Monrovia and targeted rural roads; and (b) institutional structure for technical management of the road sector. Bank Approval completed on 24 January 2014. Signing scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144435. US\$ 19.6/9.4 (IDA Credit/LRTF). Consultants will be required. IIU/PFMU, Liberia

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Emegency Monrovia Urban Sanitation 2 Additional Financing: The objective, a continuation, is to increase access to solid waste collection service in Monrovia, Liberia. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 7.0 (LRTF). Consulting services to be determined. MCC PIU, Liberia, Tel: (231-886) 144-849, E-mail: poasumadu@yahoo.com, Contact: Peter Ofori-Asumadu, Project Director

Madagascar

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Emergency Food Security and Nutrition Project (Cr. 53740-MG): The objective is to enhance agricultural production capacity and protect vulnerable populations from food insecurity in project areas. Bank Approval scheduled for *27 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 65.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. MINAGRI, 101 Antananarivo, Madagascar, Tel: (261-20) 247-4385, E-mail: cpnbvpi@blueline.mg, Contact: Philibert Rakotoson, Directeur

Energy and Mining

Second Power/Water Sectors Recovery and Restructuring APL: The objective is to lay the foundation for the sustainable expansion of a commercially-oriented utility in a most cost-efficient way by investing in strategically important areas: (a) HV interconnections of the main load-centres; (b) preparation of the next large scale hydro facility; and (c) investments and TA necessary. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 23 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 50.0/50.0/64.0/70.0 (IDA Credit/AFDB/ZBIL/ZPCO). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Emergency Support for Critical Education Health and Nutrition Services Additional Financing: The objective is a continuation to preserve critical education, health and nutrition service delivery in targeted vulnerable areas in the recipient's territory. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148749. US\$ 9.8/0.2 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required.

Social Safety Net Project: The objective is to scale up conditional cash transfer (CCT) pilot that is presently designed under the Mada-

gascar Food Security and Social Protection project which provides some funding for emergency response to natural disasters. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Growth and Infrastructure: The objectives are to: (a) consolidate and deepen the impacts in the three existing sub-regions (growth poles); and (b) extend the interventions to adjacent sub-regions with high growth potential to establish growth corridors. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Malawi

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Agricultural Commercialization and Rural Growth Project: The objective is to support the modernization of the Malawi smallholder agriculture by promoting agricultural diversification and commercialization and by supporting rural growth. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required to help design this new operation by undertaking some of the key preparatory studies (institutional set up and implementation arrangements, environment and social impact assessment, economic and financial analysis, etc.). Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Malawi Fourth Social Action Fund APL III (MASAF IV): The objective is to improve and reform MASAF into the National productive safety net program for direct cash and other safety nets benefits in the country. Bank Approval completed on 18 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133620. US\$ 32.8 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. MASAF Local Development Fund, Area 14, Red Cross Building, Lilongwe, Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 775-666, Contact: Mr. Sam Kakhobwe, Executive Director

Shire Valley Irrigation Support: The objectives are to: (a) raise agricultural productivity and profitability for agricultural producers, including small-holders, in the Lower Shire Valley; and (b) broaden Malawi's export base by establishing market-driven productive ventures and providing efficient and sustainable irrigation services. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125473. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MOAFS), PO Box 30134, Capital City, Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 789-033, Fax: (265-1) 789-218, E-mail: xtluhanga@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Sandram Maweru, Principal Secretary

Education

Higher Education and Skills Development: The objectives are to: (a) develop a skilled and flexible labor force including engineers, technicians, basic artisans and business leaders; (b) create and disseminate new ideas and technologies; and (c) enhance capacity to access existing stores of global knowledge and adapt this knowledge to local use. Negotiations scheduled for 8 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131660. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

MASAF IV Strengthening of Safety Nets Systems Additional Finance: The objective is a continuation to strengthen Malawi's social safety net delivery systems and coordination across programs. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

Business Enabling Environment Project: The objective is to improve the business enabling environment in Malawi. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.2

(AFRF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Economic Recovery Development Policy Operation: The objectives are to strengthen macroeconomic and public finance management and lay the foundation for stronger growth and protection of the poor. *Appraisal completed on 5 February 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 31 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Capital Hill, PO Box 30049, Capital City, Lilongwe 3, Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 789-355, Fax: (265-1) 789-173, E-mail: finance@finance.gov.mw, min-finance@finance.gov.mw

Transportation

(R) Agricultural Sector Wide Approach Second Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the effectiveness of investments aimed at food security and sustainable agricultural growth. Bank Approval scheduled for *mid-February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148964. *US\$ 100.0 (ASWP)*. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (MoAFS), PO Box 30134, Capital City, Lilongwe, Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 789-033, Fax: (265-1) 789-218, E-mail: xtluhanga@yahoo.com

Mali

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Obsolete Pesticides Disposal and Prevention Project: The objective is to assist the Government to: (a) eliminate and/or safeguard inventoried Publicly-Held Obsolete Pesticide stocks and Associated Waste; and (b) implement measures to reduce future accumulations of pesticides. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 3.2 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Rural Electrification Hybrid System Project (Cr. 53560-ML): The objective is to scale-up the scope and effectiveness of hybrid mini-grid schemes in isolated off-grid areas in Mali. *The credit was signed on 23 December 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131084. US\$ 25.0/15.4/5.0 (IDA Credit/CSCF/GPBA). Consultants will be required. Agence Malienne pour le Developpement de l'Energie Domestique et d' Electrification Rurale(AMADER), Mali, Tel: (223-2) 238-567, Email: NA, Contact: Ismael Toure, General Director

(R) Rural Electrification Hybrid System Project GPOBA: The objective is to increase access to modern energy for 13,800 low income rural households (150,000 individuals) in rural areas in Mali. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for mid-February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (GPBA). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Banda Gas to Power Guarantee: The objective is to enable production of natural gas to increase reliable, competitive and environmentally sustainable electricity supply for Mauritanian, Senegalese and Malian households and industry. Appraisal scheduled for 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 32.0 (GUID). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Kenie Hydropower Project: The objective is to expand renewable generation to better serve domestic power demand. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 30.0/70.0 (GUID/ZPCO). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

Skills for Employability and Growth: The objective is to support higher youth productivity and employability and stronger skills for key sectors of the economy by improving the effectiveness of skill development in the formal and informal sector. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145861. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Seventh Mali DPO: The objective is to support the Government's efforts to: (a) expand the executive accountability; and (b) consolidate the economy. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Mauritania

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Sustainable Land Management under SAWAP: The objective is to support the Government's effort in operationalizing its biodiversity strategy and the Great Green Wall Initiative in Mauritania. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 4.8 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Skills Development Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality and efficiency of training institutions; and (b) create an enabling environment for a more market-driven Technical and Vocational Education Training System. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 5 February 2014. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 11.2 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second Education for All Fast Track Initiative: The objective is to improve access to, and quality of, basic education, maintain equity and increase learning outcomes. Signing scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126902. US\$ 12.4 (EFAF). Consultants will be required. Direction des Projets Education et Formation (DPEF), BP 6541, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Tel: (222) 525-2063, Fax: (222) 525-1513, E-mail: chrif@dpef.mr, Contact: Mr. Mohamed Mahmoud Ould

Energy and Mining

Gas to Power: The objective is to use natural gas discovered offshore for a power station to be built near Nouackchott. Bank Approval scheduled for 20 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 130.0 (GUID). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy, BP 199, Rond-Point Sebkha, Nouakchott, Mauritania, Tel: (222-46) 431-537, Fax: (222-44) 297-456, E-mail: kane@acces.mr, kane@hydraulique.gov.mr, Contact: Mamadou Amadou Kane, Directeur General de l'Electricite

Mauritius

Finance

(R) Finance and Private Sector Competitiveness Development Policy Lending: The objective is to support the development of financial sector competitiveness that will help Mauritius in fostering the resilience and competitiveness of its economy as enablers for the implementation of its Africa strategy. *Decision Meeting completed on 17 January 2014. Appraisal scheduled for 23 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Government House, Port Louis, Mauritius, Tel: (230) 201-1146, E-mail: gbussier@mail.gov.mu, Contact: Gerard Bussier, Deputy Director

Transportation

(R) Road Asset Management and Safety: The objectives are to: (a) reduce the user's cost on the priority sections of the primary and secondary road network; (b) improve the institutional framework for road safety; and (c) strengthen asset management in the road sector. Decision Meeting scheduled for *15 January 2015*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129015. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Government House, Port Louis, Mauritius, Tel: (230) 201-1146

Mozambique

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Conservation Areas for Biodiversity and Development: The objective is to support the development and management of Mozambique's Conservation Areas system in order to improve biodiversity conservation, economic growth and sustainable livelihoods. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131965. US\$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Conservation Areas for Biodiversity and Development-GEF: The objective is to support the development and management of Mozambique conservation areas' system in order to improve biodiversity conservation, economic growth and sustainable livelihoods. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.2 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second Agriculture Development Policy Operation (DPO): The objective, the second in a series of three DPO, is to support the Mozambique agriculture sector investment plan (PNISA). Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P146930. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning and Development, Av. Ahmed S. Toure, 21, 4th floor, Mozambique, Fax: (258-21) 492-625

Education

Early Child Development and Nutrition: The objective is to assist the Government to: (a) pilot various types of community-based ECD interventions; (b) include provision of nutrition services for pregnant mothers and young children; and (c) create an ECD unit within the Ministry of Education. Bank Approval completed on 1 May 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P124729. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Government of Mozambique, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 480-700, Fax: (258-21) 490-979, Contact: HE Said Baragoita, Minister

Higher Education Science and Technology Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) increase the number and raise the quality of graduates at the undergraduate and graduate levels; and (b) strengthen the national research capacities to produce research outputs of relevance to the Country's strategic economic sectors. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Second Climate Change DPO: The objective is to support the Government to cross-cutting reforms and sector reforms in agriculture, social protection, health, water, roads and energy. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

(R) Financial Sector Development Policy Operation: The objective is to support the Government's policy measures emanating from the Financial Sector Development Strategy 2012-2020, especially those that promote access to finance while maintaining financial sector stability and resilience. *Negotiations scheduled for 5 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Economic Governance: The objectives are to: (a) promote the efficiency, transparency and accountability in the use of public resources through improving public financial management and national statistics systems; and (b) enhance the effectiveness of the justice system to improve the investment climate. Bank Approval scheduled for *16 June 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P124615. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Mozambique, Tel: (258-8) 2403-6630,

E-mail: isaltina.lucas@mf.gov.mz, Contact: Isaltina Lucas, National Director, Treasury

Tenth Poverty Reduction Support Credit (PRSC X): The objective is to assist the Government to: (a) improve the business climate and to increase transparency in extractive industries; (b) strengthen social protection; and (c) strengthen public financial management by enhancing effectiveness of internal audits, developing a public investment management process, and improving public debt management. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-Febraury 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 110.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Praca da Marinha, 929 Popular, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 315-000

Transportation

(R) Roads and Bridges Management and Maintenance Project Phase 2 Additional Financing: The objective is to stimulate growth and contribute to poverty reduction through improved road infrastructure, better sector policies, and enhanced roads sector management. Bank Approval completed on 13 December 2013. Signing scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146402. US\$ 3.2/6.5/9.3/15.0 (IDA Credit CSCC/CSCF/GFDR). Consultants will be required. Administracao Nacional de Estradas (ANE), Av.de Mocambique No. 1225, Caixa Postal 403, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 305-589, Fax: (258-21) 305-069, E-mail: amugunhe@ane.gov.mz, Contact: Atanasio Mugunhe, Director General. Road Fund, 1st Floor 170 Martires de Inhaminga Ave. Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 305-589, Fax: (258-21) 305-069, Contact: Cecilio Granchane

Roads and Bridges Management and Maintenance Program Phase III: The objective is to improve access of the population to all-season roads through maintenance, rehabilitation and upgrading of the classified road network. Preparation scheduled for 8 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0/16.0/5.0 (IDA Credit/CIF/NDF). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Water Service and Institutional Support II: The objectives are: (a) increase water service coverage for residents in the project Cities of Nacala, Tete, Moatize, Beira, Dondo, Pemba; and (b) strengthen the institutional and regulatory framework for the Regional Water Utilities Supply in the country. Identification scheduled for 16 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 180.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. FIPAG (Water Supply Investment Fund), Rua Pereira d'Eca, Nr. 241, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 491-529, Fax: (258-21) 498-881; CRA (Water Regulatory Council), Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 312-825, Fax: (258-21) 312-826

(R) Greater Maputo Water Supply Expansion (Cr. 52900-MZ): The objectives are to: (a) increase the production and treatment capacity of water to assist in meeting the water demand in the Greater Maputo Area; and (b) promote the sustainable operation of the existing water supply system. The credit was signed on 31 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125120. US\$ 178.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. FIPAG (Water Supply Investment Fund), Rua Pereira d'Eca, Nr. 241, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 491-529, Fax: (258-21) 498-881, Email: NA, Contact: Juan Bosco Marti Ascencio, Titular de la Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales. CRA (Water Regulatory Council), Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 312-825, Fax: (258-21) 312-826, Email: NA, Contact: Juan Bosco Marti Ascencio, Titular de la Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales

Cities and Climate Change Pilot Project for Climate Resilience (PPCR) Additional Financing: The objective is to reduce current and future weather induced impacts on poor population and on Mozambique's fragile economy. Specifically, supporting the green infrastructure investments in the City of Beira, aiming at protecting existing natural drainages courses to increase the city resilience to floods. Bank Approval scheduled for 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146059. US\$ 6.5/9.3 (CSCC/

CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Administration for Water Supply and Sanitation Infrastructure (AIAS), Mozambique

Water Resources Development Flood Response Additional Financing: The objective, same as the parent project, is to strengthen the management of national water resources and increase the yield from Corumana dam to augment water supply for the Greater Maputo Metropolitan Area. Bank Approval completed on 27 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 32.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Direccao Nacional de Aguas/Ministerio das Obras Publicas e Habitacao, Av. 25 de Setembro, 942, 30 Andar, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 312-568/570, Fax: (258-21) 312-571, E-mail: jalferes@dnaguas.gov.mz, Contact: Juliao Alferes, National Director

Niger

Education

(R) Basic Education Support: The objective is to support the Government's Education Sector Program for the period of 2013-2016 by improving equitable access to and learning outcomes in basic education. Negotiations scheduled for 3 March 2014. *Donor Approval completed on 19 November 2013.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132405. US\$ 15.8/84.2 (FRDE/FTIE). *No consultants are required.* Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Population and Health Support Project: The objective is to strengthen the health services delivery and the improvement of the reproductive health in Niger. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. *US\$ 116.0 (IDA Credit)*. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Ministere de la Sante, Niamey, Niger, Tel: (227-20) 722-782, Fax: (227-20) 733-570

Industry and Trade

Agro-sylvo-pastoral Exports and Markets Development Project Additional Financing: The objective is to support the consolidation of project activities and kick start the implementation of the country's Agricultural Risk Management Plan (ARMP). Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 13.8 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Sector Capacity and Performance for Service Delivery: The objective is to contribute to more effective service delivery and public policy implementation in Niger. *Decision Meeting completed on 6 February 2014. Appraisal scheduled for 19 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145261. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Planning, Niger, Tel: (227-20) 725-670, Contact: Amadou Boubacar Cisse, Senior Minister of Planning

(R) Third Shared Growth Credit: The objective is a continuation to improve the business environment for investment and trade, increase agricultural productivity, and strengthen public financial management. *Negotiations completed on 11 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 21 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Planning, Land Development and Community Development, Niamey, Niger, Tel: (227-20) 736-987

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Disaster Risk Management and Urban Development Project: The objectives are to: (a) assist with flood protection infrastructure; and (b) support local governance to improve land use practices to foster more effective service delivery in line with existing urban development plans and regulations. Bank Approval completed on 11 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145932. US\$ 6.6 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning, Land Development and Community Development, Niamey, Niger, Tel: (227-20) 736-987, Contact: Amadou Boubacar Cisse, Senior Minister of Planning

Disaster Risk Management and Urban Infrastructure Development Project: The objective is to strengthen the local governments through technical assistance and investments in landuse planning, urban development and disaster risk management. Bank Approval completed on 11 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145268. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Niger, Contact: Daniel Mukoko Samba, Minister. Ministry of Planning, Land Development and Community Development, Niamey, Niger, Tel: (227-20) 736-987, Contact: Amadou Boubacar Cisse, Senior Minister of Planning

Nigeria

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

- **(R)** Irrigation and Water Resources Management: The objective is to improve the performance and financial sustainability of irrigation service delivery and water resource management in pilot States. Decision Meeting scheduled for *14 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P123112. US\$ 400.0/100.0 (IDA Credit/FRDE). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Selected States
- **(R)** Second Agriculture Sector Development Policy Operation: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the policy environment and institutional capacity to enhance agricultural productivity and market access among farmers; and (b) improve agriculture sector management. Decision Meeting scheduled for *10 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Nigeria
- **(R) Staple Crop Processing Zones Support Project:** The objective is to support the operational launch of selected SCPZs, aimed at mobilizing private sector investments, generating employment, and creating value-addition in Nigerian agriculture *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 4 February 2014. Preparation scheduled for 18 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Nigeria

Education

(R) Lagos Eko Secondary Education Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality of public junior and senior secondary education in Lagos State; and (b) support over half a million public school students in 637 secondary schools, over 7,000 teachers and school administrators and will strengthen the capacity of district, state and education institutions. Negotiations completed on 6 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 6 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148593. US\$ 42.3 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Lagos State Ministry of Education, Office of the Commissioner of Education, Lagos State Ministry of Education, Alausa, Ikeja, Nigeria, E-mail: ronkeazeez@aol.co.uk, Contact: Ms. Ronke Azeez, Project Coordinator

Global Partnership for Education Fund Grant: The objective is to improve access to and quality of basic education in selected States with particular attention to girls' participation. Appraisal scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (EFAS). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Education, c/o STEP-B Project, Plot 245, Samuel Adesujo Adeulegun St. Nigeria, Tel: (234-803) 385-4351, E-mail: stepbfme@yahoo.com

Energy and Mining

(R) Power Sector Guarantees: The objective is to increase the supply of electricity to the Nigerian consumers. Appraisal scheduled for *27 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P120207. US\$ 350.0 (GUAR). Consultants will be required. Nigeria Bulk Electricity Trading PLC, Nigeria, Tel: (234-803) 685-6383, E-mail: rumundaka.wonodi@nbet.com.ng

Electricity Transmission and Access Project: The objective is to support the Government to increase the capacity of the Nigerian Grid and reduce the system losses. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Cat-

egory A. US\$ 700.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Electricity and Gas Improvement Additional Financing: The objective is to continue to support the Government to enable unconstrained transmission of power generated from power plants where PRGs are guaranteeing gas supply. Signing scheduled for 30 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126182. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Power Holding Company of Nigeria, Plot 441 Zambezi Crescent, Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 413-6684, Fax: (234-9) 413-6685, E-mail: maganiyu@nepapmu.org, Contact: Mansuru A. Ganiyu, Project Manager

Electricity and Gas Improvement Additional Financing-GUID: The objective is a continuation to support the Nigeria Electricity and Gas Improvement project to power three of the NIPP plants in Sapele, Olorunsogo and Alaoji. Signing scheduled for 10 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126190. US\$ 200.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Power Holding Company of Nigeria, Plot 441 Zambezi Crescent, Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 413-6684, Fax: (234-9) 413-6685, Email: maganiyu@nepapmu.org, Contact: Mansuru A. Ganiyu, Project Manager

Finance

- (R) Housing Finance Development Program (Cr. 52920-NG): The objective is to increase access to housing finance by deepening primary and secondary mortgage markets in the Federal Republic of Nigeria. *The credit was signed on 18 December 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131973. US\$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Central Bank of Nigeria, PMB 0817, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 6163-8053, E-mail: oafabamwo@cbn.gov.ng, Contact: Olufemi Fabamwo, Head of Other Financial Inst. Dept
- **(R) Public Sector Governance Reform and Development Project:** The objective is to adopt a restructuring strategy for the development finance sector in Nigeria, which would encompass rethinking and redesigning the Nigeria. Decision Meeting scheduled for *29 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 400.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Office of the Accountant General of Nigeria, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 234-0949, Fax: (234-9) 234-443, E-mail: ksarjius@yahoo.com

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Program to Support Saving One Million Lives: The objective is to support the Government's "Saving One Million Lives" (SOML) initiative, which focuses on saving the lives of mothers and children. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *30 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

- **(R)** Community and Social Development Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) increase access of poor and vulnerable households to social and economic services; and (b) strengthen social capital and partnership with local level administrative mechanisms. *Decision Meeting completed on 4 February 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 25 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148215. US\$ 140.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Federal Ministry of Finance, Nigeria, E-mail: chudimarshi@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Chudi Onuoha, National Coordinator, FPSU, CSDP
- **(R)** Public Sector Governance Reform and Development Project: The objective is to finance the costs associated with completing the implementation and provision of post-implementation support for the Government Integrated Financial Information Management System (GIFMIS) at the federal tier of government in Nigeria. *Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 8.2 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Office of the Accountant General of Nigeria, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 234-0949, Fax: (234-9) 234-443, E-mail: ksarjius@yahoo.com

- **(R) Second Lagos State Development Policy Credit:** The objective is to support the Lagos State Government in sustaining its momentum in rapid growth, improved services, and poverty reduction through budget support that is linked to key reforms for increasing value for money in budgetary spending, improving the business climate, and achieving fiscal sustainability. *Appraisal completed on 24 January 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 18 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P123352. US\$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Lagos State Finance Commissioner, Nigeria, Tel: (234-70) 9881-0566, E-mail: agbeleyi@lagosstateppp.gov.ng, Contact: Gbeleyi Ayo
- **(R) State Employment and Expenditure for Results Project:** The objectives are to support: (a) youth employment and access to socio-economic services; and (b) reforms of the public financial management systems, processes and institutions in the participating states. *Signing scheduled for 15 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133071. *US\$ 100.0 (ECD)*. Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Finance, Central Area, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria, Tel: (234-9) 8336-6661, E-mail: turakibatta@ hotmail.com; National Planning Commission, Plot 421 Constitution Avenue, Central Business District, Abuja, Nigeria
- **(R) State and Local Governance Reform Project:** The objective is to improve transparency, accountability and quality in public financial management in the participating states *Negotiations completed on 12 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 15 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 73.1 (ECD). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Ministry of Finance, Nigeria, E-mail: chudimarshi@yahoo.com

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

- **(R) Ibadan Urban Flood Management Project:** The objective is to support city management through undertaking priority investments to reduce flooding risks and improve the urban sanitation environment in selected areas of Ibadan City. Decision Meeting scheduled for *21 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R)** Third National Urban Water Sector Reform Project: The objectives are: a) to increase access to improved water supply service in selected cities and urban centres in Bauchi, Ekiti, and Rivers States of Nigeria; and b) to improve the financial viability of existing water utilities in Bauchi, Ekiti, and Rivers States. Appraisal scheduled for 21 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123513. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Federal Ministry of Water Resources, Nigeria, Tel: (234-0803) 373-8149, E-mail: bajisegiri@yahoo.com
- Enhancing Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change: The objective is to strengthen the ability of federal and state governments to respond to current climate related disasters, and to build resilience to future climate change. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 400.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Regional

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

- (N) Volta Basin Strategic Action Plan Implementation Project: The objective is to strengthen transboundary water resources management in the Volta River Basin through institutional development and implementation of priority actions of the Strategic Action Programme. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 3.0 (CIWA). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R)** Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in East and Central Africa (ECA) Multi Donor Trust Fund: The objective is to enhance access and utilization of agricultural research technologies and innovations in the regional agricultural systems of ECA. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for mid-February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$

30.0 (CDP4). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

- (R) Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa MDTF Additional Financing: The objective is to align African agricultural institutions at the national, regional and continental levels with CAADP Pillar IV FAAP Principles for effective research, extension, and training and education. Bank Approval scheduled for mid-February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 20.0 (CDP4). Consulting services to be determined. Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), No 12, Off Anmeda Street, Roman Ridge, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-302) 772-823, Fax: (233-302) 773-676, Email: yakinbamijo@fara-africa.org, Contact: Dr. Yemi Akinbamijo, Executive Director
- **(R) Fourth Comprehensive Agricultural Development:** The objective is to support the creation of a regional institution for Southern Africa with the mandate to support and coordinate regional programs in agricultural research, agricultural extension, and agricultural training and education. *Decision Meeting completed on 12 December 2013. Bank Approval scheduled for 14 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P113629. US\$ 26.0 (CDP4). Consulting services to be determined. FARA Secretariat, PMB CT 173, Cantonments, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233) 2177-2823/9421, Fax: (233) 2177-3676, E-mail: mjones@fara-africa org, Contact: Dr. Monty P. Jones, Executive Secretariat. Southern Africa Development Community, Private Bag 0095, SADC House, Khama Crescent, Gaborone, Botswana, Tel: (267) 395-1863, Fax: (267) 397-2848, E-mail: ptawonezvi@sadc.int, Contact: Dr. Patrick Tawonezvi, Coordinator
- **(R) Kandadji Niger Basin Water Resources Program APL2A Additional Financing:** The objective is to increase access to water for agriculture development and capacity of energy generation in the Niger part of the Niger Basin. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 7 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 55.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- (R) Regional Pastoral Livelihoods Resilience Project: The objective is to enhance livelihood resilience of pastoral and agropastoral communities in cross-border drought prone areas of selected countries and improve the capacity of the selected countries' governments to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. Negotiations completed on 4 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 18 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129408. US\$ 122.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (MALF) Kenya, Kenya, Tel: (254-20) 271-8870, E-mail: pslivestock@kenya.go.ke, pslivestock@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Khadijah Kassachoon, Principal Secretary. Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 453-1411, Email: ps@agriculture.go.ug, Contact: Vincent Rubarema, Permanent Secretary. Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Secretariat, Tel: (253-21) 312-740, E-mail: Mohamed.moussa@igad. int, Contact: Mohamed Moussa Mohamed, Director, Agriculture and Environment
- **(R)** Sahel Regional Pastoralism Support: The objective is to develop and implement regional approaches to enhancing pastoral communities' resilience to weather shocks and long term climate change in drought prone areas in selected countries in the Sahel. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for* 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147674. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth:** The objective is to increase the shared benefits from economic growth based on sustainable fisheries and coastal marine resources. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 15.5 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **South West Indian Ocean Fisheries Governance and Shared Growth:** The objective is to increase the shared benefits from economic growth based on sustainable fisheries and coastal marine resources. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 April 2014.

Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P132123. US\$ 47.1 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

West Africa Mauritania Fish APL: The objective is to sustainably increase the overall wealth generated by the exploitation of the marine fisheries resources of West Africa and the proportion of that wealth captured by West African countries. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131327. US\$ 7.0 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

West Africa Regional Fisheries Program APL C1: The objective is to sustainably increase the overall wealth generated by the exploitation of the marine fisheries resources of West Africa, and the proportion of that wealth captured by West African countries to include the coastal nations from Mauritania through Ghana. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126773. US\$ 30.0/12.0/7.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit/GFIA). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) African Centers of Excellence: The objective is to support efforts to build centers of excellence and knowledge networks in tertiary education (science, technology, engineering, mathematics or STEM, health, and agriculture) in Africa, leveraging regional collaboration. Negotiations scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126974. *US\$ 147.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required.* Association of African Universities (AAU), PO Box 5744, Accra-North, Accra, Ghana, Tel: (233-302) 774-495/761-588, Fax: (233-302) 774-821, E-mail: aapedoe@aau. org, Contact: Prof. Etienne Ehouan Ehile, Secretary General

Energy and Mining

- **(R) 3A-Ruzizi Hydropower Partial Risk Guarantee:** The objective is to provide a Partial Risk Guarantee to support private sector investors to develop the Ruzizi hydropower project. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *31 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (GUID). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R)** Adjarala Hydroelectric West Africa Power Pool APL Phase 3: The objectives are to: (a) establish a well-functioning, cooperative, power pooling mechanism for West Africa; and (b) increase access for the citizens of ECOWAS to reliable and stable electricity at affordable costs. Decision Meeting scheduled for *17 March* 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P115063. US\$ 120.0/100.0/78.0/40.0/52.0 (IDA Credit/AFDB/FRDE/WADB/WAEM). Consultants will be required. Communaute Electrique du Benin (CEB), Rue de la Kozah, BP 1368, Lome, United States, Tel: (228) 221-6132, Fax: (228) 221-3764, E-mail: dg@cebnet.org, Contact: Djibril Salifou, Managing Director
- **(R)** Mozambique-Malawi Transmission Interconnection: The objective is to interconnect the Malawi power system with the Southern African Power Pool via Mozambique. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *18 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. *US\$ 120.0/4.5 (IDA Credit/AFRS)*. Consultants will be required during preparation for feasibility study and procurement. Electricidade de Mozambique (EdM), Ave Agostinho Neto 70 8 Andar, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 353-632; ESCOM, PO Box 2047, Blantyre, Malawi, Tel: (265-1) 822-000, 824-274, Fax: (265-1) 823-560
- **(R) OMVS Hydropower and Energy Infrastructure Development Project:** The objective is to contribute to sustaining and expanding the exploitation of OMVS regional hydropower potential and furthering regional integration through the rehabilitation and renewal of Manantali hydropower plant and transmission facilities for the evacuation of the power generated by the plant. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- (R) Organisation de Mise en Valeur du fleuve Gambie (OMVG) Energy Project: West African Power Pool (WAPP) APL 4 Phase 2: The objective is to increase access to electric-

ity supply to Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau and Senegal through expanding regional transmission infrastructure that will enable to exchange renewable generation resources in the region. Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146830. US\$ 173.0/20.0/100.0/27.0/112.0/50.0/168.0/35.0/30.0 (IDA Credit/ADFA/AFDB/EBID/EUIB/GFRC/ISDB/KFW/WADB). Consultants will be required for technical studies of new hydropower developments, promoting regional approach projects, and provide project management support to the Implementing Agency. OMVG - Gambia River Basin Development Organisation, Tel: (221-33) 822-3159, Fax: (221-33) 822-5926, E-mail: omvg@omvg.sn

- (R) Regional Transmission Development Adaptable Program Loan: The objective is to support the development of the transmission backbone linking Tete Province with the south of Mozambique. *Preparation is underway*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P108934. US\$ 150.0/50.0 (IDA Credit/GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Electricidade de Mozambique (Electricity of Mozambique), Av. Zedequias Manganhela, N-267, Predio Zat, 4th Floor, PO Box 938, Maputo, Mozambique, Tel: (258-21) 304-407, Fax: (258-21) 328-233, E-mail: cyum@edmdipla.co.mz, Contact: Mr. Carlos Yum, Director and Project Coordinator
- **(R)** Southern Africa Power Pool and Regional Electricity Regulators Association of Southern Africa Regional Energy: The objectives are to: (a) promote regional trading through lending operations for several major transmission and generation projects; and (b) provide assistance to create and enforce the technical, economic and regulatory "rules of the road" for the regional interconnected grid. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 7 February 2014. Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R)** Tanzania-Kenya Interconnector: The objectives are to connect Tanzania's electrical grid with Kenya's and later Zambia, create power- sharing between the two countries, reduce energy costs, promote sustainable and renewable power generation, protect the region's environment and pave the way for dynamic regional cooperation between the countries of East Africa. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Great Lakes Emergency Women's Health: The objective is to expand utilization of a package of high impact health and nutrition interventions and the provision of specialized health services targeted to vulnerable women and children under five in the Great Lakes region. *Pre-appraisal scheduled for 24 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

- **(R)** Accelerated Program for Economic Integration (APEI) Regional Development Policy Operation: The objective is to support the governments of the five countries to implement reforms that will: (a) remove barriers to trade in goods, (b) promote trade in services, (c) further facilitate trade, and (d) improve the business environment. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R) West Africa Road Transport:** The objective is to provide a regional budget support to those West African countries that jointly agree to common road transport reforms. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *14 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and Communications

(R) Central Africa Backbone APL5: The objective is to ensure seamless regional connectivity or national links to deliver broadband Internet to all provincial capitals, leveraging infrastructure established by other utilities such as power companies. Decision Meeting

- scheduled for 23 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132821. US\$ 91.5/46.5 (IDA Credit/ZPCI). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R)** Fifth Regional Communications Infrastructure Program APL: The objectives are to: (a) lower prices for international capacity and extend the geographic reach of broadband networks; and (b) improve the Government's efficiency and transparency through eGovernment applications. Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

West Africa Regional Communications Infrastructure APL 3: The objectives are to: (a) increase the geographical reach of broadband networks; and (b) reduce costs of communications services in the territories of Guinea Bissau and Niger. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 33.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

- **(R) AUC Institutional Transformation and Capacity Building Program Support:** The objective is to support the senior management to lead the internal transformation process of establishing a strategic and program results-based performance standards. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. African Union Commission, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **(R)** Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in East and Central Africa Multi-Donor Trust Fund: The objective is to enhance access and utilization of agricultural research technologies and innovations in the regional agricultural systems of Eastern and Central Africa. *Negotiations scheduled for mid-February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.6 (CDP4). Consulting services to be determined. Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA), Plot 15 John Babijha Road, PO Box 765, Entebbe, Uganda, Contact: Seyfu Ketema, Executive Director

Transportation

- **(R) Roads Development Support:** The objectives are to: (a) upgrade interstate and regional roads; (b) enhance good governance in the transport sector; (c) legislate the establishment of a road maintenance fund; and (d) create a body that will be responsible for the administration of the funds. Bank Approval scheduled for *29 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131426. US\$ 80.0/150.0 (IDA Credit/EXCN). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Transport, Roads and Bridges, Tel: (249-957) 102-093, E-mail: alamjj2@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: James Alam, Chief Engineer
- **(R)** Southern Africa Trade and Transport Facilitation Program APL 2: The objectives are to: (a) improve the road infrastructure; (b) mitigate the social costs of increased transport; and (c) improve trade facilitation together with necessary implementation assistance and institutional support. Decision Meeting scheduled for *30 September 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145566. US\$ 60.0/2.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **South Sudan-Eastern Africa Regional Transport, Trade and Development Facilitation Program-Phase Two:** The objective is to enhance regional connectivity of South Sudan with its Eastern Africa neighboring countries and access to sea ports. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Sahel Disaster Risk Management and Hydro-Meteorological Services: The objectives are to: (a) increase resilience to extreme weather and climate events in the Sahel region through fostered regional and national collaboration for disaster risk management; and (b) improve delivery of national hydrological and meteorological information and services. Decision Meeting scheduled for *9 June 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0

(IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Sustainable Groundwater Management in SADC Member Countries: The objective is to support the sustainable management of groundwater resources within the SADC Member States and enhance resilience to climatic variability and change. *Appraisal completed on 12 February 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 18 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127086. US\$ 2.0/8.2 (CIWA/GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Zambezi River Basin Development Project: The objective is to strengthen cooperative management and development within the Zambezi River Basin to facilitate sustainable and climate resilient growth. Bank Approval scheduled for 9 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133380. US\$ 6.0 (CIWA). Consulting services to be determined. The Zambezi River Authority, Tel: (260-211) 220-241, E-mail: munodawafa@zaraho.org.zm, Contact: Eng. Munyaradzi Munodawafa, Title: Chief Executive

Nel Transboundary River Basin Management and Development Project: The objective is to strengthen participatory transboundary river basin planning, management and development for improved water and food security in the NEL region. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 13.0 (CIWA). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

River Basin Climate Change Adaptation: The objective is to improve the management of the Senegal River Basin's land and water resources through: (a) climate change adaptation on environmental management in Guinea as a new riparian country to OMVS; and (b) ensuring sustainability of the water resources base which originates in Guinea. Bank Approval completed on 5 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131353. US\$ 4.0/12.0 (GEFU/LDC). No consultants are required. Organisation pour la Mise en valeur du Fleuve Senegal (OMVS), Rocade Fann Bel-Air Cerf-Volant, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221-33) 859-8181, Fax: (221-33) 864-0163, E-mail: komarak@hotmail.com, Contact: Kabine Komara, Haut Commissaire

Second Senegal River Basin Multi-Purpose Water Resources Development APL: The objective is to enhance regional integration among the riparian countries of the Senegal River Basin through OMVS for multi-purpose water resources development. Bank Approval completed on 5 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131323. US\$ 212.5 (IDA Credit). This amount includes a recommitment of cancelled SDR 1,642,000 funds from P088828 Mauritania Integrated Development for irrigated Agriculture APL 2. Consultants will be required. Organisation pour la Mise en Valeur du Fleuve Sénégal (OMVS), Rocade Fann Bel Air, Cerf Volant, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221) 33-859-8182, Fax: (221) 33-864-0163, E-mail: komarak@hotmail.com, Contact: Kabine Komara, Haut Commissaire

Rwanda

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Agriculture Growth Corridors Program: The objective is to increase the productivity and commercialization of marshland and hillside agriculture in Rwanda. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *21 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0/45.0/50.0 (IDA Credit/GAFS/ZBIL). Consulting services to be determined. MINAGRI, PO Box 621, Rwanda, Tel: (250-788) 301-751, E-mail: j.dusabe@rssp.gov.rw

Land Husbandry, Water Harvesting and Hillside Irrigation Additional Financing: The objective, a continuation, is to increase the productivity and commercialization of hillside agriculture in target areas. Bank Approval completed on 19 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 35.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI), BP 621 Kigali, Rwanda, Rwanda, Tel: (250-252) 586-104, Fax: (250-252) 584-644, Contact: Juan Bosco Marti Ascencio, Titular de la Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales

Landscape Approach to Forest Restoration and Conservation (LAFREC): The objective is aligned with the Multi-Fo-

cal Area/Sustainable Forest Management's core objective around a landscape approach which will bring the forest ecosystems into better management, including rehabilitation of degraded areas and generate multiple benefits. Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131464. US\$ 5.5/4.1 (GEFU/LDC). Consulting services to be determined. Rwanda Environmental Management Authority, Kacyiru District, BP 7436 Kacyiru, Kigali City, Rwanda, Tel: (250-2) 5258-0101, Fax: (250-2) 5258-0017

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Second Demobilization and Reintegration Project Additional Financing: The objective is to scale-up the development effectiveness of the original project through extending demobilization and reintegration services for additional ex-combatants from AG repatriating from Eastern DRC. Decision Meeting completed on 10 February 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 12 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148706. US\$ 8.8 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required.

(R) Third Support to the Social Protection System (SSPS-3): The objective is to support the Government at reducing social vulnerability and increasing resilience of the vulnerable Rwandans. Negotiations completed on 22 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 13 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P146452. US\$ 70.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, PO Box 158, Rwanda, Tel: (250-252) 577-494, Fax: (250-252) 577-581, E-mail: Ronald.nkusi@minecofin.gov.rw Ministry of Local Government, PO Box 3445, Kigali, Rwanda Tel/Fax: (250) 582-229

Industry and Trade

(R) Third Rural Sector Support Project Additional Financing: The objectives are a continuation to: (a) increase the agricultural productivity of organized farmers in marshlands and hillsides of sub-watersheds targeted for development in an environmentally sustainable manner; and (b) strengthen the participation of women and men beneficiaries in market-based value chains. *Appraisal completed on 14 February 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 18 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. *US\$ 15.9 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required.*

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Public Sector Governance Program: The objective is to support government's effort to improve public sector governance in the areas of public financial management (PFM), decentraliztion and statistics. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Feeder Roads Development: The objective is to rehabilitate and construct selected feeder roads. *Negotiations completed on 3 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 21 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P126498. US\$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Rwanda Transport Development Agency, 4th floor, Kucukiro Pension Plaza, African Union Boulevard, Kigali, Rwanda, Tel: (250) 7886-3410, E-mail: ericantOo7@ yahoo.com, Contact: Eric Ntegengerwa, Director of Planning

Sao Tome and Principe

Education

Quality Education for All: The objective is to improve quality of in-service teacher training in primary education in Sao Tome and Principe. Bank Approval completed on 20 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 0.9/1.1 (IDA Grant/EFAF). Consultants will be required. Sao Tome and Principe, Contact: Juan Bosco Marti Ascencio, Titular de la Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales

Industry and Trade

(N) Competitiveness and Growth Project: The objective is to increase productivity and improve competitiveness of the private sector through improved access to finance and business develop-

ment services. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 1.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Third Governance and Competitiveness Development Policy Operation: The objective is to support the Government to: (a) strengthen economic governance with transparent and monitor public and natural resources, manage and report public finances, promote fiscal stability, and strengthen public debt management; and (b) support broad-based growth by improving the business climate. Negotiations scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P146953. US\$ 3.5 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Senegal

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Agribusiness Development and Finance: The objective is to increase private investment in agribusiness in Senegal in specific sub-sectors. Bank Approval completed on 19 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P124018. US\$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, BP 4005, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221-33) 849-7577, Fax: (221-33) 823-3268, E-mail: diop.sadibou@gmail.com, Contact: Cheikh Sadibou Diop, Directeur de Cabinet

Community-based Sustainable Land Management: The objectives are to: (a) support rural communities in areas vulnerable to desertification and land degradation through community based activities targeting women and through sustainable land management; and (b) pilot a climate smart agriculture and its potential to implement nationwide. Bank Approval completed on 19 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130271. US\$ 6.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required.

Education

Skills for Jobs and Comptetiveness: The objective is to revamp the Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) system and better align it to the needs of youth to effectively enter the labor market, and also to respond to the needs of enterprises. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 35.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Taiba Ndiaye Independent Power Producer Project: The objective is to increase electricity generation at a lower marginal cost through Independent Power Producer investments in Senegal. Bank Approval completed on 19 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P143605. US\$ 40.0/92.0/28.0 (GUID/ZMUL/ZPCI). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

- **(R)** Health and Nutrition Financing (Cr. 53240-SN): The objective is to increase utilization and quality of maternal, neonatal and child health and nutritional services, especially among the poorest households in targeted areas of Senegal. Signing scheduled for 25 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P129472. US\$ 20.0/20.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health and Social Action, Fann Residence, Rue Aime Cesaire BP 4024, Dakar, Senegal, Tel: (221-33) 869-4242, Contact: Juan Bosco Marti Ascencio, Titular de la Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales
- **(R) Safety Net Operation:** The objective is to assist the Government develop building blocks of an efficient safety net system. *Appraisal completed on 30 January 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 4 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P133597. *US\$ 37.6/2.9/0.3 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/RSR). Consultants will be required.* Minister of Finance, Senegal

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Resource Management Strengthening: The objective is to further strengthen the Government of Senegal's capacity in public resource management to enhance the credibility, transparency, and accountability in the management and use of central government finances. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 10 February 2014.* Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Seychelles

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Disaster Risk Management Development Policy Loan with a CAT DDO: The objective is to enhance the government's capacity to implement its disaster risk management program for natural disasters. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 7.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sierra Leone

Education

(R) Revitalizing Education Development: The objective is to improve the quality of basic education service delivery in Sierra Leone. *First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 28 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133070. US\$ 17.9 (EFAF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology (MEST), New England, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232-76) 618-398, E-mail: manikoroma@hotmail.com, Contact: Mani Koroma, Permanent Secretary

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Access (Cr. 53330-SL): The objective is to improve energy access through generation and transmission and distribution investments. *The credit was signed on 17 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P120304. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Water Resources, National Power Authority (NPA), Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232-22) 7660-6748, E-mail: gbala2465@yahoo. com, Contact: Mahmood Timbo, Deputy General Manager-Chief Operating Officer

Health and Other Social Services

Safety Nets Project: The objective is to create a comprehensive, efficient, well targeted productive safety net system for the poor and vulnerable areas of the Sierra Leone population. Bank Approval scheduled for 25 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143588. US\$ 7.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Economic Development, Ministries Building, George Street, Sierra Leone, Tel: (232-22) 222-211, Email: ekoroma@mofed.gov.sl, Contact: Edmund Koroma, Financial Secretary

Information and Communications

(R) Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for Transformation Project: The objectives are to: (a) capitalize on improving communications infrastructure, focusing on ICT to improve basic service delivery and accountability, in particular beyond the urban centers; and (b) support selected e-government applications that improve government's efficiency, transparency and accountability. *Negotiations scheduled for mid-February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Financial Management Improvement and Consolidation Project (Cr. 53500-SL): The objective is to improve the human resources and institutional capacity for a more efficient and transparent PFM system. *The credit was signed on 17 January 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P133424. US\$ 12.0/3.5/1.8/11.2 (IDA Credit/AFDB/ECEU/UK). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Freetown, Sierra Leone, Tel:

(232-22) 222-211, Fax: (232-22) 228-472, E-mail: acole@mofed.gov. sl, Contact: Kaifalah Marah, Minister

Transportation

Transport Sector Project: The objective is to support the Government to: (a) address urban mobility issues in Freetown (institutional and infrastructure); (b) rehabilitate priority areas of regional road network which provides connectivity within ECOWAS; and (c) support investments in the growth poles regions. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Somalia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Strengthening Pastoral and Agropastoral Resilience: The objective is to enhance the resilience of pastoral and agro-pastoral communities in drought prone areas of Somalia. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *31 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (MSC1). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Livestock devt. St. Micheals Rd. Colombo 3, Somalia, Tel: (94-11) 244-1849, E-mail: secondev@sltnet.lk

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Somalia Recurrent Cost and Reform Program: The objective is to improve the government's capacity to regularly pay civil service salaries. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (AFS2). Consultants will be required to assist with the preparation of the project. Ministry of Finance of Somaliland Hargeisa, Somaliand, Hargeisa, Somalia, Tel: (252-2) 424-0209, E-mail: osahardeed@suradinterpreting.com, Contact: Osman Sahardeed Ministry of Finance and Planning, Villa Somalia, Mogadishu, Mogadishu, Somalia, Tel: (252-6) 9903-2222, E-mail: msuleiman@mof.gov.so, Contact: M. Suleiman Ministry of Finance, Puntland Garowe, Somalia

South Sudan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Agriculture and Rural Development: The objective is to enhance the production of major staple crops and increase farmer's income. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Energy Sector Technical Assistance Project: The objective is to support the Government to facilitate the development of: (a) energy sector planning capabilities, (b) electrical distribution efficiency, and (c) off-grid electrification programs. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145581. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(N) Southern Sudan Emergency Food Crisis Response Project Additional Financing IV: The objective is to support the adoption of improved technologies for food production and storage, and provide cash or food to eligible beneficiaries in South Sudan. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149700. US\$ 9.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Tourism, Animal Resources, Cooperatives and Rural Development, Ministry Complex, Kololo Road, South Sudan, Tel: (211-956) 335-352, E-mail: paitemg@hotmail.com, Contact: Prof. Udo Mathew, Undersecretary

(R) Health Rapid Results Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve the delivery of high impact primary health care services in the states of Jonglei and Upper Nile; and (b) strengthen coordination and monitoring and evaluation capacities of the Ministry of Health. *Negotiations scheduled for 20 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146413. US\$ 35.0 (IDA Credit). *No consultants are required*.

Social Safety Net and Skills Development: The objectives are to support: (a) productive social safety net; and (b) skills development activities to address the needs of at-risk populations by scaling-up existing programming, while simultaneously setting in place the building blocks for an integrated approach to social protection. Bank Approval completed on 21 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143915. US\$ 21.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Ministries Complex, Kololo Road, Juba, South Sudan, Tel: (211-9) 7710-3357, Contact: Yuba Raj Pandey, Vice Chairman

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Institutional Development and Capacity Building Project: The objectives are to: (a) support targeted institutional development; and (b) enhance capacity for economic governance and human resource management and development. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143975. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Review Development Policy Operations (DPO): The objectives are to: (a) improve macroeconomic management, and increase the efficiency of PFM and procurement systems; and (b) enhance the transparency and accountability of public finances. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

STATCAP: The objective is to improve the quality and timeliness of statistical information as well as making data accessible to users. Negotiations scheduled for 10 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P144139. US\$ 9.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sudan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Sustainable Land and Water Management: The objective is to expand Sustainable Land and Water Management (SLWM) practices in targeted landscapes and in climate vulnerable areas in Sudan. Bank Approval completed on 18 December 2013. Signing scheduled for 13 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129156. US\$ 8.4 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Physical Development (MoEFPD), Sudan, Tel: (249-9) 1228-0600, E-mail: m.ginawi@yahoo.com, Contact: Mubarak Abdelazeem Ginawi, Director General of Environmental Affairs

Health and Other Social Services

Social Safety Net Project: The objective is to improve the living conditions of selected extreme poor and vulnerable families through income support and work opportunities with a special focus on children and women. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (MDNS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Tanzania

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Agricultural Sector Development: The objectives are to: (a) enable farmers to have better access to and use of agricultural knowledge, technologies, marketing systems and infrastructure; and (b) promote agricultural private investment based on an improved regulatory and policy environment. Decision Meeting scheduled for 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 220.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives, Kilimo I, PO Box 9192, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 286-2595, E-mail: psk@kilimo.go.tz; Prime Minister Office, Regional Administration and Local Government, Tanzania, Tel: (255-71) 344-8835, E-mail: sdavisben@ vahoo.com

Expanding Rice Production: The objective is to strengthen farmers' access and adoption of improved rice production technologies in Tanzania and Zanzibar. Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 March

2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 22.9 (GAFS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and Cooperatives (Lead Agency), PO Box 9192, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 286-2064, Fax: (255-22) 286-2077

Southern Agriculture Growth Corridor Investment Project: The objective is to support increased access to finance for SMEs in the SACGOT area and explore innovative financing instruments to finance SMEs in agribusiness, which could include venture capital support, collateralization through warehouse receipts, and charter banks. Decision Meeting scheduled for 24 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125728. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-1174, Fax: (255-22) 211-0326, Contact: Ramadhani M. Khijjah, Permanent Secretary

Tanzania Regional Fisheries: The objective is to improve regional coordination and management of tuna and other fisheries, together with nationally-focused activities to promote the sustainable use and economic development of marine fisheries. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Livestock Development, PO Box 9152, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 286-1910, Fax: (255-22) 286-1908

Tanzania Regional Fisheries Project: The objective is to improve regional coordination and management of tuna and other fisheries, together with nationally-focused activities to promote the sustainable use and economic development of marine fisheries. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Livestock Development, PO Box 9152, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 286-1910, Fax: (255-22) 286-1908

Education

(N) Tanzania Science and Technology Higher Education Phase 1 Additional Financing: The objective is to increase quantity and quality of higher education graduates, with special emphasis on science, technology and education and strengthen the responsiveness of tertiary education to the labor market. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-3139, Fax: (255-22) 211-3271, E-mail: sifunimchome@gmail.com, Contact: Prof. Sifuni Mchome, Permanent Secretary

(R) Big Results Now in Education Program: The objective is to improve learning outcomes of students at the primary and lower secondary levels by supporting the delivery of the Government's comprehensive package of interventions entitled the Big Results Now in Education (BRNEd) initiative. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0/100.0/30.0 (IDA Credit/DFID/SIDA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, Tanzania, Tel: (255-75) 458-3896, Contact: Prof. Sifuni Mchome, Permanent Secretary

(R) Second Science Technology Higher Education Adaptable Program Loan: The objective is to enhance Tanzania's capacity to apply knowledge effectively for its socioeconomic development by strengthening its higher education system. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 120.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(N) Renewable Energy for Rural Electrification (RERE): The objective is to expand rural access to modern energy services and to increase renewable generation in rural electricity supply. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 April 2014 Environmental

Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0/20.3 (IDA Credit/CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Partial Risk Guarantees in Energy Sector: The objective is to enable the development and expansion of natural gas fields by private developers in several locations, and independent power generation activities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled

for mid-February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (GUID). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-9190, Fax: (255-22) 212-4016, E-mail: sblikwelile@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Servacius B. Likwelile, Executive Director

(R) Second Power and Gas Sector DPO: The objective is a continuation to support the Government to: (a) bridge the financial gap in the power sector with fiscal management; (b) develop additional gas supplies and new power generation capacity; and (c) establish solid policy and institutional foundations for the management of the natural gas. Negotiations completed on 13 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 21 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-9190, Fax: (255-22) 212-4016, E-mail: sblikwelile@yahoo. com, Contact: Dr. Servacius B. Likwelile, Executive Director

Ruhudji HPP Guarantee and SIL: The objective is to support the Government to develop the Ruhudji hydro power project. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125375. US\$ 200.0 (GUID). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Minerals, 754/33 Samora Avenue PO Box 2000, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 213-9455, Fax: (255-22) 211-1749, E-mail: ecmaswi@yahoo.co.uk, Contact: Eng. Bashir J. Mrindoko, Commissioner Energy and Petroleum

Ruhudji Hydropower Project SIL: The objective is to support the construction and operation of the hydropower station and the implementation of transmission line, linking the power station with the main national grid in Southern Tanzania. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0/200.0/1000.0 (IDA Credit/GUID/ZPCI). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Singida Wind Power: The objective is to improve the environment for private sector investment in this project, thereby increasing investment in Tanzanian climate-friendly wind generation capacity. Appraisal scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126432. US\$ 100.0/200.0 (GUID/ZPCI). Consultants will be required. Wind EA, Contact: Mark Gammons

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Basic Health Services Project (BHSP) RBF Additional Financing: The objective is to assist the Government to improve the equity of geographic access and use of basic health services across districts and enhance the quality of health services being delivered. Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health and PMO-RALG, Tanzania

Industry and Trade

Private Sector Competitiveness Project: The objective is to support the development of private sector enterprises in Tanzania, to build on the results of the current Private Sector Development project. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Private Sector Competitiveness Project Additional Financing: The objective is to create sustainable conditions for enterprise creation and growth. Signing scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 60.2 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Regional Administration and Local Government (PMO-RALG), Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Tanzania, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 724-951, Fax: (255-22) 121-981, E-mail: ps@pmo.go.tz

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Eleventh Poverty Reduction Support Credit: The objective is to support the country's policy reform agenda by improving: (a) regional and global competitiveness of the economy; and (b) the poor's income opportunities. Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 69.5/15.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). No consultants are required.

Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs, PO Box 9111, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-2856/1025, Fax: (255-22) 211-7790, E-mail: ps@mof.go.tz, Contact: Ngosha S. Magonya, Commissioner External Finance

(R) Open Government Partnership Transparency and Public Financial Management Credit: The objective is to support the Open Government Partnership strategy implementation of the government of Tanzania. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. *US\$* 50.0 (*IDA Credit*). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Intermodal and Rail Development Project: The objective is to create an efficient intermodal transport system and strengthen logistics organization by developing an intermodal land-bridge between the Dar-es-salaam port and Isaka. Appraisal completed on 5 February 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 7 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127241. US\$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Reli Assets Holding Company (RAHCO), Railways Street Corner, Sokoine Drive, PO Box 76959, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 211-2695, Fax: (255-22) 211-6525, E-mail: benhadard@yahoo.com, md_tito@trctz.com, Contact: Benhadard Tito, Managing Director

Dar es Salaam Metropolitan Development: The objectives are to: (a) improve municipal and metropolitan management; and (b) deliver urban services in the three Municipal Councils that make up Dar es Salaam. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123134. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. DAR City Council, PO Box 9084, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Tel: (255-22) 212-3346, Fax: (255-22) 212-5589, Contact: Mr. Bakari Kingobi, Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Tanzania Strategic Cities Project AF: The objective is to improve the quality of and access to basic urban services in participating Local Government Authorities. Decision Meeting scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 65.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Prime Minister's Office - Regional Administration and Local Government, PO Box 1923, Dodoma, Tanzania, Tel: (255-26) 232-1908/2848, Fax: (255-26) 232-4966

Water Sector Support Project Additional Financing: The objective is to support the Government's poverty alleviation strategy through improvements in the governance of water resources management and the sustainable delivery of water supply and sanitation services. Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Togo

Education

Global Partnership For Education Program: The objectives are to: (a) increase access and equity in basic education; (b) improve teaching and learning conditions; and (c) strengthen institutional and community capacity to deliver quality basic education Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 27.8 (EFAF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Mining Governance and Development Project Preparation-Phase I: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the capacity of key institutions to manage the minerals sector; (b) improve the conditions for increased investments in and revenues from mining; and (c) facilitate an effective and efficient spending of mining revenues. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *11 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Community Development and Safety Nets Project Additional Financing: The objective is to provide poor communities with greater access to basic socio-economic infrastructures and social safety nets. *Negotiations completed on 27 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 7 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146598. US\$ 12.1 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Technical Secretariat of the Community Development and Safety Nets Project, Projet de Developpement Communautaire, Rez-de-chaussee de l'Immeuble CENETI, Togo, Tel: (228) 220-7597, E-mail: pdctogo@yahoo.fr, Contact: Yawavi Agboka-Abalo, Coordonatrice du Secretariat Technique

Selected Maternal and Child Health Services Support Project: The objective is to improve health outcomes and health sector performance in Togo by focusing on solutions to some key factors impeding progress in the sector, notably on improving governnance, health care quality, equity of access and the availability of human resources for health. Bank Approval scheduled for 19 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143843. US\$ 14.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Lome, Togo, Tel: (228-2) 221-3227, E-mail: awokouf@yahoo.fr, Contact: Dr. Fantchè Awokou, Coordonnateur du Programme National de Lutte contre le Palud

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Sixth Economic Recovery and Governance Credit (Cr. 5328o-TG): The objective is to continue to support the Government reforms to improve public financial management as well as structural reforms in cotton, energy, telecommunications, transport, mining and banking. *The credit was signed on 14 January 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P1322o8. US\$ 14.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Imeuble CASEF, BP 387, Lome, Togo, Tel: (228) 221-5444, Fax: (228) 221-0905, Email: NA, Contact: Juan Bosco Marti Ascencio, Titular de la Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales

Seventh Economic Growth and Governance Credit: The objectives are to support the: (a) policy reforms to strengthen governance and transparency in public financial management; and (b) key sectors of the economy (cotton, energy, infrastructure, telecommunications and phosphates). Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 14.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Emergency Infrastructure Rehabilitation and Energy Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to infrastructure and urban services in Lome; and (b) support the Government's efforts to demonstrate concrete improvements in the lives of its citizens, a critical step for sustaining social and political stability in the country. Bank Approval completed on 4 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 14.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Agence deExecution des Travaux Urbains (AGETUR), 01 BP 2780, Recette Principale, Cotonou, Togo, Tel: (229) 313-645, Fax: (229) 612-166, E-mail: agetur@intnet.bj, Contact: Yuba Raj Pandey, Vice Chairman

Uganda

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Forestry and Natural Resources Management: The objective is to improve management of critical forest and other natural resources in selected areas of Uganda. *Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Water and Environment, Plot 21/28 Port Bell, Luzira, PO Box 20026, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-414) 505-945/029, Fax: (256-414) 505-941, Contact: David Obong Omara Oleke, Permanent Secretary

Agriculture Cluster Development Project: The objective is to increase agricultural exports to the East Africa Community and COMESA markets over the next five years. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B.

Project: P145037. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

- (R) Global Partnership for Education (GPE) Teacher and School Effectiveness Project: The objective is to enhance the learning environment in primary schools in order to facilitate improvements in learning outcomes and increase completion rates towards the MDG's goal of universal completion of primary education. Signing scheduled for 14 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (EFAF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Sports, Embassy House, PO Box 7063, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 425-7038, Fax: (256-41) 423-4920, E-mail: flubanga@education.go.ug
- **(R) Skilling Uganda:** The objective is to strengthening delivery quality of employable skills. Decision Meeting scheduled for *25 June 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **Post Primary Education and Training Program 2:** The objectives are to: (a) improve access to post-primary education; (b) improve the quality of post-primary education and training; and (c) improve efficiency in the delivery of post-primary education. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

- **(R) Partial Risk Guarantee for Renewable Energy Development Program:** The objective will provide support for counterpart risk guarantee to cover the payment risk from Uganda Electricity Transmission Company. *Appraisal completed on 21 January 2014.* Bank Approval scheduled for 17 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133318. US\$ 160.0 (GUID). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Kampala Road, PO Box 7270, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 434-9342, E-mail: info@energy.go.ug
- Energy for Rural Transformation APL Phase 2 Additional Financing: The objective is to support the construction of a transmission line between Lira-Gulu-Nebi-Arua in the Northern part of the country. Appropriate technical assistance will be included in the project design. There will be room for some cofinancing from other development partners. Bank Approval completed on 22 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133005. US\$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Kampala Road, PO Box 7270, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 434-9342, E-mail: info@energy. go.ug, Contact: NA
- **Northern Power Transmission Project:** The objective is to support the construction of a transmission line between Lira-Gulu-Nebi-Arua in the Northern part of the country. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Amber House, Room B202, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 423-3331, Fax: (256-41) 423-0220, E-mail: baanabe@energy.go.ug
- Third Energy for Rural Transformation APL: The objective, of the third and final phase of the APL program, is to build on the implementation experience of the ERT-II and will be based on the reform measures that are being developed under the Uganda Accelerated Rural Electrification project (UAREP). Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133312. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development, Kampala Road, PO Box 7270, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 434-9342, Email: info@energy.go.ug
- **Third Energy for Rural Transformation-GEF:** The objective is to build on the implementation experience of the ERT-2 and on the reform measures that are being developed under the Uganda Accelerated Rural Electrification Project (UAREP). Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment

Category B. US\$ 8.9 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

- (R) Health Systems Strengthening Additional Financing: The objective is to increase utilization of the Uganda National Minimum Health Care Package (UNMHCP) with a focus on maternal health and family planning. *Negotiations completed on 22 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 21 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145280. US\$ 58.7/31.3 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, PO Box 7272, Lourdel Road, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-414) 340-872, Fax: (256-414) 231-584, E-mail: ps@health.go.ug
- **(R) Reproductive Health Voucher Project:** The objectives are to: (a) provide subsidized vouchers to vulnerable and poor pregnant women to access a package of safe delivery services; and (b) support project management functions and build national capacity to mainstream; and (c) scale-up implementation of the safe delivery voucher scheme in the health sector. *First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for mid-February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144102. US\$ 13.3 (GPBA). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, PO Box 7272, Lourdel Road, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-414) 340-872, Fax: (256-414) 231-584, E-mail: ps@health.go.ug, Contact: Dr. Asuman Lukwago, Permanent Secretary

Multi sectoral Food Security and Nutrition Project: The objective is to increase production and consumption of diversified and nutrient-dense foods and improve child and maternal care behaviors to contribute to improving the nutritional status of vulnerable groups. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 27.6 (GAFS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Competitiveness and Enterprise Development Project (Cr. 52690-UG): The objectives are to: (a) improve access to financial services, business registration, regulation and licensing procedures; and (b) scale-up the land registry reform, stimulate the export of non-traditional commodities and increase youth employment. *The credit was signed on 31 January 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130471. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development, Plot 2-12, Apollo Kaggwa Road 1, PO Box 8147, Shimoni Road, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 423-2095, Fax: (256-41) 423-0163, E-mail: finance@finance.go.ug, Contact: Roberto Albino Mito, Director

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Financial Sector Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the development of the market for term finance, with a focus on the reform of the public pension system and deepen the access to financial services. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 29 January 2014. Preparation scheduled for 17 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P143635. US\$ 75.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Bank of Uganda, Plot 37/43 Kampala Road, PO Box 7120, Kampala, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 230-051, Fax: (256-41) 258-515, E-mail: jbagyenda@bou.or.ug, Contact: Justine Bagyenda

Transportation

- **(R)** Albertine Region Sustainable Development Project: The objective is to facilitate the development and competitiveness of the Lake Albert region of Uganda. *Appraisal completed on 27 January 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 24 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145101. US\$ 145.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Finance, Planning, and Economic Development, Finance Building, Nile Ave. PO Box 8147, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 232-095, Fax: (256-41) 343-023, E-mail: NA
- **(R)** North-Eastern Corridor Road Asset Management Project: The objective is to support the Government with urban transport and rehabilitation of national roads on critical road corridors. Decision Meeting scheduled for 24 February 2014. Environmental

Assessment Category B. Project: P125590. *US\$ 241.5 (IDA Credit)*. Consultants will be required. Uganda National Road Authority, Plot 11, Yusuf Lule Road, PO Box 28487, Uganda, Tel: (256-41) 423-2814, Fax: (256-41) 423-2807

(R) Second Kampala Institutional and Infrastructure Development Project: The objectives are to: (a) extend coverage and quality of service delivery; and (b) deepen institutional reform. Negotiations completed on 30 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133590. US\$ 175.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Kampala Capital City Authority, Sir Apollo Road, Plot 1-3, PO Box 7010, Kampala, Uganda, Tel: (256-71) 744-0348, E-mail: Jmusisi@kcca.go.ug, Contact: J. Semakula Musisi, Executive Director

Zambia

Energy and Mining

Kariba Dam Rehabilitation Project: The objective is to assist the Zambezi River Authority in securing the long-term safety and reliability of the Kariba Dam Hydro-Electric Scheme. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P146515. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Systems Strengthening for Results: The objective is to strengthen the health systems by: (a) supply chain management, human resources for health and health care financing; (b) MCH outcomes which includes malaria and nutrition; and (c) the current RBF program could possibly expand before the IE results come in mid-2014. Negotiations completed on 13 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 21 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145335. US\$ 46.9/5.1/15.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/HRBF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Ndeke House, Haille Selassie Ave. Lusaka, Zambia, Tel: (260-211) 252-989, Fax: (260-211) 253-344, E-mail: ps@moh.gov. zm. Contact: Dr. Peter Mwaba

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Budget Support: The objective is to strengthen economic management and public sector governance in Zambia which strengthens the national budget process and statutory functions including economic management. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance and National Planning (MoFNP), Government of Zambia, Zambia

Public Financial Management Reform Program-Phase I: The objective is to improve fiscal discipline and public accountability of the Recipient's finances, which will be assessed through impact on public financial management processes in relevant PEFA performance indicators. Appraisal scheduled for 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P147343. US\$ 6.0/14.0/1.0/9.0 (AFS2/DFID/FINN/KFW). Consultants will be required for internal audit, procurement reforms and integrated financial management systeam (IFMS). Ministry of Finance, Zambia; Zambia Institute of Purchasing and Supply; Zambia Procurement Authority; Zambia Revenue Authority

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Lusaka Sanitation Project: The objective is to improve sanitation services and the performance of Lusaka Water and Sanitation Corporation. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 26 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Zimbabwe

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Hwange-Sanyati Biological Corridor Environmental Resource Management and Conservation: The objective is to support sustainable environment and natural resources management in selected ecologically sensitive areas of Zimbabwe focusing on the Hwange Sanyati Biodiversity Corridor (HSBC), by improving pro-

tected area management, land and forest management practices, and communities on sustainable land management. *Decision Meeting completed on 3 February 2014. Appraisal scheduled for 10 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P124625. US\$ 5.7/0.3 (GEFU/TERF). Consultants will be required for: (a) establishing biodiversity, land degradation and socio-economic baseline data for HSBC; and (b) identification and development of criteria for selection of livelihood activities and feasibility studies, among others. World Wildlife Fund Zimbabwe, PO Box CY 1409, Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe, Tel: (236-4) 703-902, Fax: (236-4) 252-533, E-mail: eshumba@wwf.org.zw, Contact: Enos Shumba, Interim Director

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Expansion of Public Work Program/Productive Safety Net Project: The objective is to provide temporary income support to poor non-labor constrained rural households through their participation in labor-intensive community works, while putting in place the building blocks of a National Productive Safety Net system. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for mid-February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145518. US\$ 25.0 (AFRH). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

East Asia and Pacific

Cambodia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Land Allocation for Social and Economic Development Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the process for identification and use of state lands transferred to eligible, poor and formerly landless or land-poor land recipients selected through a transparent and well-targeted process. Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Interior, 275 Norodom Blvd, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-92) 351-666, E-mail: pcheam@ncdd.gov.kh, Contact: Mr. Cheam Pe A, Project Coordinator. Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction, 771-733 Monivong Blvd, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-12) 854-261, E-mail: lased@ezecom.com.kh, Contact: Excellency Dr. Sareth Boramy, Director of LASED Project

Mekong Integrated Water Resources Management_Phase III: The objective is to support the improvement of fisheries management and establish river basin management in areas of regional importance Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 13.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Cambodia National Mekong Committee (CNMC), No. 364, Preah Monivong (St. 93), Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 216-514, Fax: (855-23) 218-506, E-mail: wattbotkosal@gmail.com, Contact: Botkosal Watt, Deputy Secretary General

Education

Global Partnership for Education Second Education Support: The objective is to support the Government to: (a) expand access to early childhood education for 3-5 year olds; and (b) improve access to and quality of basic education for students, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds. GEF Council Approval scheduled for 4 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144715. US\$ 38.5 (EFAF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, 80 Preah Norodom Blvd. Phnom Penh, Cambodia, E-mail: crsmeys@camnet.com.kh, Contact: H. E. Nath Bunroeun, Secretary of State

Health and Other Social Services

Livelihood Enhancement and Association of the Poor in Siem Reap: The objectives are to increase incomes and improve livelihoods of the rural poor in select communes in Siem Reap province by: (a) creating and strengthening self-sustaining institutions of the poor; (b) providing them access to finance; and (c) linking

them to markets and key value chains. Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P097082. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Interior, 275 Norodom Blvd. Sangkat Tonle Bassac, Chamkar Mon, Phnom Penh, Cambodia Tel/Fax: (855-23) 721-791, E-mail: mrdngycp@forum.org.kh, cngy@interior.gov.kh, Contact: H.E. Ngy Chanphal, Secretary of State

Second Health Sector Support Program Additional Financing: The objective is to support the implementation of the Government's Health Strategic Plan 2008-2015 in order to improve health outcomes through strengthening institutional capacity and mechanisms by which the Government and Program Partners can achieve more effective and efficient sector performance. Negotiations scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0/27.5 (IDA Credit/KHFS). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, 151-153 Kampuchea Krom Street, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 722-873, Fax: (855-23) 880-260, E-mail: admin.hssp@online.com.kh, enghuot@online.com.kh, Contact: H.E.Prof. Eng Huot, Prgram Director

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Local Governance and Development Program: The objective is to assist the Royal Government of Cambodia in its implementation of the National Program for Sub National Democratic Development in both local governance and local development objectives. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P096505. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. NCDD Secretariat, Ministry of Interior, 275 Norodom Boulevard, Sangkat Tonle Bassa, Khan Chamcar Mon, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 362-175, 720-038, Fax: (855-23) 726-092, E-mail: info@ncdd.gov.kh; Ngan.chamroeun@ncdd.gov.kh, Contact: HE Ngan Chamroeun, Project Manager and Deputy Director General

Public Financial Management and Accountability Additional Financing: The objective is to scale-up the capacity building and systems implementation for accounting, financial management and procurement reform including the provision of funding for the Independent Procurement Agent. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, 92, Sangkat Wat Phnom, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, Tel: (855-23) 722-964, Fax: (855-23) 430-745, E-mail: rcs.mef@online.com.kh, Contact: Dr. Sok Saravuth, Reform Secretariat Manager

Transportation

(R) Road Asset Management Additional Financing: The objective is to ensure continued effective use of the rehabilitated national and provincial road networks in support of the economic development in Cambodia. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 24 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

China

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Climate Smart Agriculture Project-GEF: The objective is to promote innovative low-emission technologies and practices and soil carbon sequestration in China's foodgrain production. Appraisal scheduled for *14* April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144531. US\$ 5.1 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Guangdong Agricultural Pollution Control: The objective is to reduce water pollutant releases from crop and livestock production in selected areas of Guangdong Province. Signing scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127775. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation. Department of Agriculture, Guangdong Province, 135 East Xianlie Rd, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China, Tel: (86-20) 3728-8910, E-mail: gdmywrzl@126.com, Contact: Zhenghui Chen, Deputy Director General

Guangdong Agricultural Pollution Control-GEF: The objective is to reduce water pollutant releases from crop and livestock production in selected areas of Guangdong Province. Signing scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.1 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Department of Agriculture, Guangdong Province, 135 East Xianlie Rd, Guangzhou, Guangdong, China, Tel: (86-20) 3728-8910, E-mail: gdmywrzl@126.com, Contact: Mr. Chen Zhenghui, Deputy Director General of Guangdong Dept. of Agriculture

Guizhou Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation: The objective is to support an integrated participatory approach to rural development and improve rural incomes through agriculture development in selected poverty stricken areas of Guizhou Province. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133261. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Guizhou Poverty Alleviation Office, Tel: (86-851) 683-2615, E-mail: nsl6687@163.com

Integrated Modern Agriculture Development: The objective is to develop sustainable and climate resilient agricultural production systems in selected areas of Gansu, Hunan, Jiangxi, and Liaoning provinces; Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous region; and Chonqging municipality. Signing scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125496. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Sanlihe Road, Beijing, China Tel/Fax: (86-10) 6855-3312, E-mail: socad_wly@126.com, Contact: Ms. Lanying Wang, Division Chief, SOCAD

Jiangxi Farm Produce Distribution System Development: The objective is to promote upgrading and standardizing of farm produce wholesale markets in Jiangxi Province to tackle the "difficult to sell" problem. The proposed project intends to uplift market service, expand the distribution channel, regulate the distribution and lower the logistic cost of farm produce. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 8 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Finance Department of Jiangxi Province, Xinyuan Building, No. 47, Ruzi Road, Nanchang, China, Tel: (86-791) 8728-7699, E-mail: cxm8286@sina.com

Mainstreaming Integrated Water and Environment Management-GEF: The objective is to mainstream the integrated water and environment management approach to achieve sustainable social and economic development and ecological environment protection, and the large-scale beneficial outcomes in the international Bohai Sea. Preparation scheduled for 24 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145897. US\$ 17.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environmental Protection, Houyingfang Hutong No.5, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8857-5203, E-mail: li.pei@mepfeco.org.cn, Contact: Pei Li, Deputy Director of PMO

Poverty Alleviation and Agriculture Development Demonstration in Poor Areas: The objective is to improve rural incomes and living standards in poor mountain areas through piloting the development of agricultural enterprises and farmers cooperatives that are based on modern technology, operate in environmentally friendly and economically sustainable ways, and can be scaled up for effective rural poverty reduction. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 10 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133326. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. State Council's Leading Group for Poverty Reduction, 25/F,Tower A, Disan Zhiye Building, Jia 1, Shuguang Xili, Chaoyang District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8261-7152, E-mail: fcpmc@cpad.org. cn, Contact: Qingping Ou, Director General

Tiger Habitat Conservation: The objective is to restore tiger habitat in selected areas of northeastern China for the benefit of the tiger population, the local inhabitants and the environment. Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 3.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. State Forestry Administration, 18 East Street, Hepingli, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8423-9030, Fax: (86-10) 6421-7796, E-mail: pmcsfa@ forestry.gov.cn, Contact: Weisheng Wang, Director

Education

(N) Xinjiang Technical Vocational Education and Training: The objective is to improve the quality and relevance of project schools to produce skills that respond to the labor market demand, contributing to Xinjiang's economic and social development. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 5 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

- **(N) Hebei Clean Heating:** The objective is to improve energy efficiency and environmental performance of heating supply in selected cities of Hebei Province. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R) Partnership for Market Readiness:** The objective is to enable China to design a national carbon emissions trading system that supports the Government's efforts to reduce carbon emissions by using market mechanisms. Decision Meeting scheduled for *11 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145586. US\$ 8.0 (PMR). Consultants will be required. Department of Climate Change, NDRC, Yuetan Nan Street, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 6850-1553, Fax: (86-10) 6850-2360, E-mail: wangshu@ndrc.gov.cn, Contact: Shu Wang, Deputy Director
- **(R) Shanxi Gas Utilization:** The objective is to increase gas utilization to reduce GHG emission in selected counties in Shanxi Province, will be achieved by the investment in distributed gas-fired combined heat and power (CHP) plants and the expansion of the gas distribution network in selected counties. *Negotiations completed on 14 February 2014.* Bank Approval scheduled for 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133531. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Shanxi Guoxin Energy Development Group Co. LTD. No. 108 Changfeng Street, Room 1405, Taiyuan Shanxi 030006, China Tel/Fax: (86-351) 721-6054, E-mail: kunkun1994@hotmail.com, Contact: Libin Sun, Director

Concentrated Solar Power (CSP): The objective is to construct a 50 MW CSP power plant in Inner Mongolia that will include a solar field, thermal energy storage, and a power plant. Negotiations scheduled for 10 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129657. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. China Datang Corporation Renewable Power Co. Ltd. A-1002, Building No. 6, Fenghua Haojing, Guanganmennei Street, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8351-1372 Ext. 810, Fax: (86-10) 8351-1372 Ext. 888, E-mail: dtxnywyd@163.com, Contact: Yan Changhui, Deputy Director General

Establish M&V System for Energy Efficiency in China: The objective is to establish Measurement and Verification (M&V) system and pilot market-based mechanism, to support the government to achieve 12th Five-Year Plan energy saving targets in a cost-effective way. Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P132748. US\$ 18.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, No. 3, San Li He Lu, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 6855-1129, Fax: (86-10) 6855-1125, E-mail: mv_pmo@163.com, Contact: Zhongjing Wang, Deputy Director General

Hebei New Energy Development in Rural Areas: The objective is to generate rural energy for local farmer households/communities by: (a) developing large-scale bio-gas facilities and (b) efficiently using local straw and other wastes in rural areas. Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132873. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Hebei Provincial Rural New Energy Office, No. 88, Yuhua East Street, Yuhua District, Shijiazhuang, China, Tel: (86) 1533-331-0209, E-mail: wb_hebei2012@163.com, Contact: Xiangxue Wang, Director

Industry and Trade

Contaminated Site Cleanup: The objective is to support the Chinese government's capacity of identifying and reducing contamination of natural resources and public health risks of exposure to this contamination associated with sites contaminated with POPs and/or other hazardous chemicals. Decision Meeting scheduled

for 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145533. US\$ 15.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Foreign Economic Cooperation Office of Ministry of Environment Protection, 5 Houyingfang Hutong, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8226-8801, Fax: (86-10) 8220-0510, E-mail: ding.qiong@mepfeco.org.cn, Contact: Ms. Qiong Ding, Director

Zhuzhou Brownfield Development: The objective is the remediation of around 7.5 square km of land; the cleanup and rehabilitation of river banks; and environmental monitoring stations for soil, water and ambient air quality at the industrial Qingshuitang area in Zhuzhou's district of Shifeng adjacent to the Xiangjiang River in China. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Promoting China's Reform and Transformation: The objective is to support studies on key reform priorities listed in the reform agenda and in the 12th Five-Year National Development Program, facilitate the implementation of national talent development strategy, and accelerate talent cultivation and human resources development. *Decision Meeting completed on 13 February 2014.* Appraisal scheduled for 21 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144270. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Minstry of Finance, No.3, Sanlihe Nan Road, Xicheng District, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 6855-3166, Fax: (86-10) 6855-2585, E-mail: xl.mo@mof.gov.cn, Contact: Xiaolong Mo, Director

Transportation

- (N) Xiangshan County Sustainable Development: The objective is to pilot innovative finance mechanisms to promote sustainable development in Xiangshan County, Ningbo Municipality. Identification scheduled for 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ningbo Project Management Office, 1506/R F15 Tianning Tower, 138 West Zhongshan Road, Ningbo, China, Tel: (86-574) 8728-0430, E-mail: yuhaifeng78@sina.com, Contact: Mr. Yu Haifeng, Executive Deputy Director
- **(R)** Anhui Yellow Mountain New Countryside Demonstration (Ln. 83090-CN): The objective is to help accelerate economic development in selected districts of the Huangshan region by: (a) improving the rural infrastructure; (b) preserving and protecting the cultural property and the natural environment; and (c) enhancing the livelihoods of rural households. *Signing scheduled for 31 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129563. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Huangshan Municipality Development and Reform Commission, No. 5 Building, New Administrative Area, Huangshan District, Huangshan, China, Tel: (86-599) 234-4872, Fax: (86-599) 235-5892, E-mail: hsshxmb@126. com, Contact: Shili Ding, Deputy Director
- **(R) Gansu Rural-Urban Integration Infrastructure:** The objective is to provide targeted residents of Wuwei Municipality and Linxia County with improved and safe transport access to economic opportunities and social services. Decision Meeting scheduled for *21 May 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P132775. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Gansu Finance Department, West Dongguang Road, Lanzhou, China, Tel: (86-931) 889-1038, E-mail: gsshxx@163.com, Contact: Lei Xin, Deputy Director
- **(R) Guiyang Rural Roads (Ln. 83370-CN):** The objectives are to: (a) provide improved transport accessibility in Guiyang through upgrading and rehabilitation of selected priority rural roads from the sector development plan; and (b) build the maintenance capacity of Guiyang. Negotiations completed on 21 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 18 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129401. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Guiyang Project Management Office, Er Qiao Road No. 42, Shi Ji Xin Yuan Building 1, 4th Floor, Guiyang City, China, Tel: (86-851) 477-0713, Fax: (86-851) 477-0714, E-mail: gpmo@vip.163. com, Contact: Xiang Zhang, Director
- **(R)** Harbin-Jiamusi Railway: The objective is to respond to existing and anticipated transport demand along the Harbin-Jia-

musi corridor by providing: (a) increased capacity for freight and passengers; and (b) faster travel time and increased frequency of services for passengers. *Negotiations completed on 13 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P117341. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Zhengzhou Municipal Government, No. 233, Zhongyun West Road, Zhengzhou, China, Tel: (86-371) 6718-1314, Fax: (86-371) 6718-1301, E-mail: hnzzszwb@126.com, Contact: Lei Ailing, Director

- **(R)** Heilongjiang Cold Weather Smart Public Transportation System: The objective is to improve the management and service level of the bus system in the two extremely cold cities in Northern China, Harbin Municipality and Mudanjiang Municipality. Negotiations completed on 11 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133114. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Heilongjiang Development and Reform Commission, 202 Zhongshan Road, Harbin, China, Tel: (86-451) 8262-7776, Fax: (86-451) 8262-8547, E-mail: xqwang3@163.com, Contact: Wang Xiquan, Director
- **(R) Hubei Xiaogan Logistic Infrastructure:** The objective is to support the development of logistic infrastructure in Hubei Province, advance the development of a modern logistic industry and facilitate the formation of a new logistic terminal for central China, potentially of national significance. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *30 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Xiaogan Urban Construction Investment Corporation, Jiaotong Da Dao 391, Xiaogan, China, Tel: (86-712) 232-8319, E-mail: 290849858@qq.com
- (R) Jiaozuo Safe and Green Transport Development in Transforming Economy: The objectives are to improve transport safety and efficiency along the selected transport corridors and to promote non-motorized trips within the pilot green corridor in Jiaozuo City. Appraisal completed on 28 January 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 1 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132277. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Jiaozou Finance Bureau, Jianshe East Road, Jiaozuo, China, Tel: (86-391) 312-1166, Fax: (86-391) 393-3243, E-mail: jzzwk@126. com, Contact: Zhang Lin, Department Chief
- **(R) Sichuan Chonqqing Cooperation: Guangan Demonstration Area Infrastructure Development:** The objective is to support Linshui Town and Qianfeng District to provide adequate infrastructure services to support current needs and projected growth. *Preparation scheduled for 10 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133456. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Sichuan Province Guang'an Municipal DRC, No. 227 of Chengnan Xing'an Street, Guang'an City, Guang'an, China, Tel: (86-0286) 2345653, E-mail: fuchunlin999@163.com, Contact: Jinling Luo, PMO Deputy Director
- **(R)** Tianjin Transport Improvement: The objective is to develop fast, convenient, socially inclusive, low carbon and resilient transport by relieving traffic congestion, improving urban traffic operation, and improving disaster management and response capacity, in particular with respect to natural events like flooding in the city of Tianjin. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *23 May 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Tianjin Project Management Office, No. 209, Xinhualu, Heping District, Tianjin, China, Tel: (86-22) 2319 1560, Fax: (86-22) 2312 0978, E-mail: tjpmo@public.tpt. tj.cn, Contact: Qi Wenjie, Director
- **(R)** Tongren Rural Transport: The objectives are to upgrade and rehabilitate more than 600 km of rural roads in Dejiang County and upgrade and construct 20 rural bridges in Sinan County. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148071. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Tongren Municipal Transport Bureau, Tongren, China, Tel: (86-856) 520-2505, E-mail: trpmo@vip.163.com, Contact: Yan Xunguang, Director
- **(R)** Wuhan Integrated Transport Development: The objective is to improve mobility and accessibility in Wuhan Metropolitan Area. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *1 April 2014*. Envi-

- ronmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- (R) YinXi Railway: The objective is to address the transport demands along the Yinchuan to Xian corridor by providing increased capacity, faster travel time and increased frequency of services for freight and passengers. Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127869. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Zhengzhou Municipal Government, No. 233, Zhongyun West Road, Zhengzhou, China, Tel: (86-371) 6718-1314, Fax: (86-371) 6718-1301, E-mail: hnzzszwb@126.com, Contact: Lei Ailing, Director
- **(R)** Yunnan Highway Asset Management: The objectives are to: (a) enhance Yunnan Government's highway asset management; and (b) introduce good asset management practices in highway maintenance planning and budgeting process. Decision Meeting scheduled for *20 May 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132621. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Transport Department, No. 1, Huancheng Xi Lu, Kunming, China, Tel: (86-871) 312-6954, E-mail: ynxcj@163.com, Contact: Xu Caijian, Deputy Director

Hainan Fishing Ports: The objective is to promote small town development by supporting the structural transformation of the fishery sector in Hainan. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 22 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 140.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Hainan Department of Ocean and Fisheries, China, E-mail: tcc5hndof@163.com

Henan Xinxiang New Urbanized Community Development: The objective is to upgrade the living quality of farmers through demonstration and urbanized community development and to provide an applicable urbanization model for the middle part of China. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 16 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Hubei Jingzhou Ancient City Restoration and Protection: The objective is to promote the cultural carry-on and sustainable development of Jingzhou Ancient Town through protecting and rehabilitating the ancient town and its structures and improving/cleaning up the town's environment. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 5 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Qinghai Xining Urban Transport: The objective is to enable Xining residents to travel between the CBD and the western part of the city in a fast, comfortable and safe manner, through strategic improvements to Wusixi Road, a major transport and urban development corridor. Signing scheduled for 26 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127867. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Xining Municipal Government, No. 12, Xishan Yi Xiang, Qinghai Province, Xining, China Tel/Fax: (86-971) 613-3495, E-mail: xnsfgwwzc@163.com, Contact: Yang Haiying, Deputy Division Director

Shaanxi Small Town Infrastructure: The objective is to assist Shaanxi province to improve access for sustainable infrastructure in selected cities and towns in the Guanzhong-Tianshui economic development corridor. Appraisal scheduled for 24 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133069. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Investment Promotion Office of Shaanxi Provincial Development and Reform Commission, Building No. 8, Xincheng Compound, Xi'an, Shaanxi 71000, China, Tel: (86-29) 8729-4627, Fax: (86-29) 8729-1248, E-mail: waidaiban@163.com, Contact: Zhengzhi Yu, Division Chief

Urumqi Urban Transport Project II: The objectives are to: (a) improve traffic congestion; (b) reduce energy consumption; and (c) emissions from transport sector through improvement in public transport services, providing better public transport-supporting infrastructure, and introducing intelligent transportation system and traffic management. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 140.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Yunnan Honghe Prefecture Urban Transport: The objective is to improve the transport infrastructures and traffic management system in Mengzi city and Jianshui County of Honghe Hani and Yi Autonomous prefecture of Yunnan Province, China. Negotiations scheduled for 10 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P101525. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Housing and Construction Bureau, No. 1 Huguo Road, Room 401, Honghe, China, Tel: (86-1398) 733-8689, Fax: (86-873) 373-6573, E-mail: 6418737@qq.com, Contact: Mr. Guocai Li, Director

Zhengzhou Urban Rail: The objective is to improve sustainable mobility in Zhengzhou by providing integrated and accessible public transport of suitable capacity and quality along the first phase of the Line 3 corridor. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P128919. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Zhengzhou Municipal Government, No. 233, Zhongyun West Road, Zhengzhou, China, Tel: (86-371) 6718-1314, Fax: (86-371) 6718-1301, E-mail: hnzzszwb@126. com, Contact: Lei Ailing, Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Fujian Fishing Ports: (formerly Transportation sector) The objectives are to: (a) improve the fishing port infrastructure facilities to mitigate the impact of wind and wave; (b) improve disaster protection; and (c) promote regional economic and social development. Appraisal completed on 6 January 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 14 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P129791. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Fujian Provincial Ocean and Fishing Bureau, No. 26 of Ye San Road, Gulou District, Fuzhou, Fujian Province 350001, China, Tel: (86-591) 1380-950-4610, E-mail: songqun@tom.com, Contact: Qun Song, Principal Staff

(R) Guilin Integrated Environment Management: The objective is to improve the water and sanitation services in Guilin. Appraisal scheduled for *20 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133017. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Project Management Unit, No 8, Diecai Lu, Diecai District, Guilin, China, Tel: (86-773) 282-5859, Contact: Liang Gao, PMO Director

(R) Qinghai Xining Environment Management: (formerlyAgriculture, Fishing, and Forestry sector) The objective is to improve the environment of Xining Municipality by: (a) constructing wastewater treatment plants; (b) improving watershed management; and (c) improving capacity building. *Decision Meeting completed on 23 January 2014. Appraisal is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133116. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Qinghai Xining Project Management Office, No. 215 of Xiadu Avenue, Huangshui River Integrated Mgmt Committe, Xining, China, Tel: (86-971) 628-9266, Fax: (86-971) 627-0168, E-mail: xnhjzlshxmb@163.com, Contact: Jin Xu, PMO Director

Chongqing Small Towns Water Environment Management: The objective is to is to reduce flood risks and improve wastewater services in selected counties of the Chongqing Municipality. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133117. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Project Management Office, No. 248, Reminlu, Yuzhong District, Chongqing City, China, Tel: (86-23) 6389-7423, E-mail: cqpmo1993@163.com, Contact: Mr. Zhou Linjun, PMO Director

Huainan Coal Mining Subsidence Area Rehabilitation: The objective is to support environmental remediation and utilization of JiuDa Coal-Minig subsidence area in Huainan City. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 6 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133000. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Huainan PMO, 8th Floor of Jinhai Building, Chen Dong Zhong Lu Rd, Huainan FB, Huainan, China, Tel: (86-554) 666-7335, Fax: (86-554) 666-7849, E-mail: jiawencjw@163.com, Contact: Jiawen Chen, Contact Person

Municipal Solid Waste Management-GEF: The objective is to strengthen the legislative and institutional framework and demonstrate in three municipalities the application of best available techniques to reduce the release of unintended persistent organic pollutants from municipal solid waste disposal areas and incinerators. Decision Meeting scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmen-

tal Assessment Category A. Project: P126832. US\$ 12.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environmental Protection, 115 Xizhimennei Nanxiaojie, Beijing, China, Tel: (86-10) 8226-8807, Fax: (86-10) 8220-0510, E-mail: yu.lifeng@mepfeco. org.cn, Contact: Ding Qiong, Department Head

Shanxi Internet of Things for Environmental Protection: The objective is to implement "Total Life Cycle Environment Management" of major pollution sources, build a new and integrated environment protection management system, and enable more scientific, timely, and accurate decision making regarding environment management for China's central and western regions. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Environmental Protection of Shanxi Province, No. 21 Binhe West Road, Taiyuan City, China, Tel: (86-351) 637-1083, E-mail: duanzw8341@163.com

Zhejiang Rural Area Wastewater Management: The objective is to improve the quality of the environment in Anji County, Fuyang City, Tiantai County and Longquan City of Zhejiang Province through construction of rural domestic wastewater treatment systems. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133018. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Project Management Office, No. 5, Huan cheng Xi Lu, West Lake Distr, Hangzhou, China, Tel: (86-571) 8705-5538, Fax: (86-571) 8705-4151, E-mail: ch@zei.gov.cn, Contact: He Cai, Director of PMO

Indonesia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Coral Reef Rehabilitation and Management Program Phase III (Ln. 83360-ID): The objectives are to: (a) improve the management of ecologically and economically critical coral reef resources in Indonesia; (b) sustain productivity of these ecosystems; and (c) improve livelihoods of dependent coastal communities. Bank Approval completed on 12 February 2014. Signing scheduled for 1 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127813. US\$ 47.4 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry for Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF), Indonesian Institute of Science (LIPI), PHKA, Jl. Medan Merdeka Timur No. 16, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 351-9070, Fax: (62-21) 352-2560, E-mail: agusder81@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Agus Dermawan, Director of Marine and Aquatic Resources Conservation

(R) Coral Reel Rehabilitation and Management Program III: The objective is to provide communities with the capacity and incentives to co-manage their coral reefs sustainably, by supporting: (a) more effective local governance; (b) livelihoods development and business innovation based on coral reef ecosystem goods and services; and (c) knowledge creation, dissemination, and regional networking. Negotiations completed on 17 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 21 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF), Jl. Medan Merdeka Timur No. 16, Jakarta Pusat, Tel: (62-21) 351-9070, Fax: (62-21) 352-2560/2045, E-mail: truchimat@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Tony Ruchimat, Director, Coasts and Small Islands

Forest Carbon: The objective is to develop good practice in finance incentive payments to reduce deforestation and forest degradation. Bank Approval completed on 12 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 6.8 (TF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Forestry, Manggala Wanabakti Building Block I 8th, Jl. Gatot Subroto, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 573-0315, Fax: (62-21) 573-4818, E-mail: dirjenphka@dephut.go.id, Contact: Darori Wonodipuro, Director General

Forest Investment Program: Forest Management Unit Development: The objectives are to: (a) pilot the strengthening of decentralized forest management units; and (b) increase local capacity for sustainable forest management. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144269. US\$ 17.0 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sumatra Wildlife Biodiversity: The objective is to improve the management of the remaining critical habitat for key wildlife in Sumatra to conserve key species at risk of extinction and prevent the loss of essential habitat biodiversity. Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 January 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 9.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Forestry, Manggala Wanabhakti, Jl Gatot Subroto, Jakarta, Indonesia Tel/Fax: (62-21) 572-0227, Contact: Mr. Agus Budi Sutito, Head of Species and Genetic Conservation Division

Energy and Mining

(R) Large Enterprises Energy Efficiency: The objective is to remove barriers to and stimulate energy efficiency investments in large industrial enterprises in Indonesia. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *17 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 5.5 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy Efficiency Financing: The objective is to finance energy efficiency projects in Indonesia's manufacturing sub-sectors to reduce energy intensity and related GHG emissions. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Industry, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 525-5509 Ext. 4063, Fax: (62-21) 525-3582, E-mail: harjantom@kemenperin.go.id, Contact: Mr. Harjanto, Director

Geothermal Energy Upstream Development: The objective is to increase the utilization of clean geothermal-based electricity in order to reduce pollution and improve the environment. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 200.0/75.0 (IBRD/ZBIL). Consulting services to be determined. Pertamina Geothermal Energy (PGE), Menara Cakrawala Lantai, 15th Floor, Jl. MH Thamrin No. 9, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 3983-3222, Fax: (62-21) 3983-3230, E-mail: info@pgeindonesia.com, Contact: Narendra Widjajanto, Finance Director CFO

Matenggeng Pumped Storage Hydro-Electrical: The objectives are to: (a) increase the peaking capacity of the power generation system in Java- Bali in an environmentally and socially sustainable way; and (b) strengthen the institutional capacity of the project implementing entity (PLN) in hydropower planning, development, and operation. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. PLN (Persero), Jl. Trunojoyo Block M1/135, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 722-1332, Fax: (62-21) 726-3119, E-mail: murtaqi@pln.co.id, Contact: Murtaqi Syamsuddin, Director

Partnership for Market Readiness: The objective is to create and/or improve the conditions in Indonesia for use of carbon market instruments in the regulation and mitigation of GHG emission. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.7 (PMR). Consultants will be required. National Climate Change Council, Jalan Medan Merdeka Selatan No. 13, Lantai 18, Jakarta, Indonesia, E-mail: info@dnpi.go.id, Contact: Dicky Edwin Hindarto, Head

Poko Hydropower: The objective is to supply electricity from renewable energy resources for economic development and rural electrification expansion in South and West Sulawesi in a least-cost and environmentally and socially sustainable way. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 360.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Renewable Energy for Electrification: The objective is to support the Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN) to prepare, finance, and implement the 1,000 islands electrification program. Specifically, this would focus on grid connected renewable energy development and electricity access scale-up. Appraisal scheduled for 24 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128568. US\$ 150.0/150.0 (IBRD/KFW). Consultants will be required. PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara, Jl, Trunojoyo Blok M 1/135, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 725-1234, E-mail: murtaqi@pln.co.id, Contact: Mr. Murtaqi Syamsuddin, Director, Planning

Finance

(R) Lampung Water Supply Guarantee: The objectives are to: (a) expand coverage of piped water connections to residents of Lampung not currently served by the water utility; and (b) mobilize private financing for bulk water treatment and construction of the transmission and distribution network for expanded capacity of the water supply system. Appraisal scheduled for *16 May 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (GUAR). Consultants will be required. Perusahaan Daerah Air Minum Way Rilau, Jl. P Emir M. Noer No. 11A, Bandar Lampung, Tel: (62-21) 487-823, Fax: (62-21) 484-611, E-mail: penigustimigo@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Hi. AZP Gustimigo, Director

Financial Sector and Investment Climate Reform and Modernization Development Policy Loan Second: The objectives are to promote the development of a sound, efficient and inclusive financial sector, and support improvements in the investment climate in Indonesia. This project would help the Government of Indonesia (GOI) achieve its medium-term economic development and poverty reduction goals. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P145550. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 350-0841, Fax: (62-21) 384-6635, E-mail: rpakpah@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Robert Pakpahan, Director General of Debt Management

Health and Other Social Services

(R) PNPM Generasi Program Additional Financing: The objective is to empower local communities in poor, rural sub-districts in project provinces to increase utilization of health and education services and foster accountability in local service delivery. Appraisal scheduled for *27 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147658. US\$ 151.7 (IDPN). Consultants will be required. Directorate General of Village Community Empowerment (PMD) Ministry of Home Affairs, Jl. Medan Merdeka Utara No. 7, Jakarta 10110, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 794-2373, E-mail: ppkpmd@yahoo.com, Contact: Tarmizi Karim, Director General Village and Community Empowerment

Industry and Trade

Lombok Regional Economic Development: The objective is to promote private sector development in the tourism industry in Indonesia and at the same time contribute to sustainable preservation, development, and management of Indonesia's prime tourism assets. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131001. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Local Government and Decentralization Additional Financing: The objective is to support the Government to promote greater transparency and quality in the delivery of outputs in the infrastructure sectors by: disbursing results and policy actions specified in the DLIs that will be structured around the Government's regulations on DAK transfers. Appraisal scheduled for 30 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Jl. Dr. Wahidin No. 1, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 384-1067, Fax: (62-21) 386-6120, E-mail: herusubiyantoro@depkeu.go.id; herusubiyantoro@gmai, Contact: T. Lumban Tobing, Deputy Director for Funds

Metropolitan and Urban Development: The objective is to improve planning and investment in participating cities in projects that will be economically and ecologically sustainable. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P129406. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Bappenas, Jl. Taman Surapati No. 2, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 392-3462, Fax: (62-21) 3193-4731, E-mail: pohan@bappenas.go.id, Contact: Dr. Max Pohan, Deputy Minister. City Government of Makassar, Jl. Jend. Ahmad Yani No. 9, Makassar, Indonesia, Tel: (62-411) 317-007, Fax: (62-411) 317-720, E-mail: walikota@makassar.go.id, Contact: Mr. Ilham Arief Sirajuddin, Mayor of Makassar. City Government of Balikpapan, Jl. Jend. Sudirman No. 1, Balikpapan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-542) 421-420, Fax: (62-542) 422-941, E-mail: walikota@

balikpapan.go.id, Contact: Mr. Rizal Effendi, Mayor of Balikpapan. City Government of Surabaya, Jl. Taman Surya No. 1, Surabaya, Indonesia, Tel: (62-31) 534-5689, Fax: (62-31) 531-2144, E-mail: walikota@surabaya.go.id, Contact: Ms. Tri Rismaharini, Mayor of Surabaya

Transportation

(R) Road Asset Preservation: The objective is to improve the usage (execution, effectiveness, and delivery of outputs) of the subnational roads. Decision Meeting scheduled for 23 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Directorate General of Highways, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 720-0281, Fax: (62-21) 720 1760, E-mail: harris_batubara@hotmail.com, Contact: Mr. Harris Batubara Batubara, Director of Planning

Ports Modernization: The objective is to assist in the pre-investment stage of the port development program and assist the Ministry of Transport to implement considerable improvements in their capacity for port infrastructure development, management, and financing. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 67.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport, Jl.Merdeka Barat No. 8, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 381-1308, Fax: (62-21) 345-1657, E-mail: heryandri@yahoo.com, Contact: Kemal Heryandri, Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) PAMSIMAS Support Trust Fund Additional Financing: The objective is to increase the number of under-served and low income rural and peri-urban populations accessing improved and sustained water and sanitation services and practicing improved hygiene behaviors. *Negotiations completed on 4 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 14 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 44.0 (IDFS). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, DG Cipta Karya, Pattimura No. 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta, Indonesia Tel/Fax: (62-21) 7279-6904, E-mail: dsutjiono@yahoo.co.id, Contact: Danny Sutjiono, Director of Water Supply Development

(R) Urban Solid Waste Management Program: The objective is to improve solid waste collection and disposal in selected participating municipalities through improvements in the operations, maintenance and cost recovery of the solid waste management systems in these municipalities. Appraisal scheduled for *22 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127134. US\$ 100.0/35.0 (IBRD/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura 20, Kebayoran Baru, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia Tel/Fax: (62-21) 724-7564, E-mail: dkirmanto@pu.go.id, Contact: Ir. Djoko Kirmanto, Minister

Water and Sanitation Investment Facility: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to water supply and sanitation services by supporting the central government programs of capital, output-based grants and loans through program partner facilities; and (b) supporting central and local government capacity strengthening. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129002. US\$ 100.0/30.0 (IBRD/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura No. 20, Jakarta Selatan, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 7279-6158, Fax: (62-21) 7279-6155, E-mail: di_bpck@yahoo.com, Contact: Iman Emawi, Director General of Human Settlements. Indonesia Investment Agency, Graha Mandiri, 5th Floor, Jl Imam Bonjol, No. 61, Jakarta, Indonesia, Tel: (62-21) 3983-2091/94, Fax: (62-21) 3983-2095, E-mail: pip@pip-indonesia.com, Contact: Soritaon Siregar, CEO

Kiribati

Transportation

Road Rehabilitation Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the condition of South Tarawa's main road network and help strengthen road financing and maintenance capacity. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144099. US\$ 14.4 (PRIF). Consultants will be required for technical assistance studies in the areas of road safety, and micro-enterprises for road management. Ministry of Finance

and Economic Development, PO Box 487, Tarawa, Kiribati, Tel: (686) 21-806, E-mail: abeiatau@mfep.gov.ki, Contact: Mr. Atanteora Beiatau, Permanent Secretary of Finance

Lao People's Democratic Republic

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Strengthening Protection and Management Effectiveness for Wildlife and Protected Areas: The objective is to increase capacity for effective protected area management, wildlife conservation and control of illegal wildlife trade. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128393. US\$ 12.5/4.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MONRE), Tel: (856-20) 5569-9461, E-mail: b_phan. thavong@yahoo.com, Contact: Bouaphanh Phanthavong, Director (R) Strengthening Protection and Management Effectiveness for Wildlife and Protected Areas: The objective is to

ness for Wildlife and Protected Areas: The objective is to increase capacity for effective protected area management, wildlife conservation and control of illegal wildlife trade. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128392. US\$ 6.8 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Environment Protection Fund (EPF), STEA Building, 3rd Floor, Sidamduan Road, PO Box 7647, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-21) 252-739, Fax: (856-21) 252-741, E-mail: soukatav@laoepf.org.la, Contact: Soukata Vichit, Executive Director

Natural Resources and Environment Management: The objective is to support the Government of Lao PDR's development goals in sustainable natural resource and environmental management including climate change. Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.5/7.5/8.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/AUSL). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-20) 5569-9461, E-mail: phanthavong2020@ hotmail.com, Contact: Virana Sonnasinh, Deputy Director

Education

(R) Early Childhood Development: The objective is to increase coverage and improve the quality of pre-primary education and early childhood care services for 3-5 year old children in disadvantaged districts. Negotiations completed on 28 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145544. US\$ 14.0/14.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Minister of Education and Sports, Lane Xang Avenue, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-20) 5551-5647, Fax: (856-21) 216-004, E-mail: lbouapao@gmail.com, Contact: H.E. Lytou Bouapao, Vice Minister

Education Quality Improvement: The objective is to strengthen school-level management capacity and improve educational outcomes. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 16.8 (EFAF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education and Sports, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-21) 243-572, E-mail: edpiimoe@laopdr.com, Contact: Madame Khampseuth Kitignavon, Project Director

Energy and Mining

(R) Capacity Development in Hydropower and Mining Sectors Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) increase human capacity; and (b) improve the performance of government oversight institutions for the hydropower and mining sectors. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *17 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 17.8 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Energy and Mines, PO Box 4708, Lao People's Democratic Republic Tel/Fax: (856-21) 263-451, E-mail: ichareune@yahoo.com, Contact: Chareune Inthavy, Deputy Director General

Finance

(R) Small and Medium Enterprise Access to Finance: The objective is to provide access to finance in Laos though technical assistance to financial intermediaries and the Government's implementing agency. *Decision Meeting completed on 23 January 2014. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 27 March 2014.* Environmental Assess-

ment Category F. Project: P131201. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Nong Bone Road, PO Box 474, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-21) 414-065, Fax: (856-21) 263-590, E-mail: sinmyxai@smepdo.org, Contact: Mr. Somdy Inmyxai, Director General

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Tenth Poverty Reduction Support Operation: The objective is to support policies and institutional reforms enabling the sustainable management of increasing revenues going to and generated from natural resource sectors to deliver improved public services. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 10.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, 23 Singha Road, PO Box 46, Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Tel: (856-21) 911-611, Fax: (856-21) 412-142, E-mail: chanthavongsa.t@ gmail.com, Contact: Mrs. Thipphakone Chanthavongsa, Director General

Marshall Islands

Information and Communications

(R) Second ICT Sector Development Policy Operation: The objective is to increase access to telecommunications in the Marshall Islands, which will increase the availability of telecommunications infrastructure and enable the more widespread application of ICT services supporting improvements in economic and social development. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. *US\$* 3.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Micronesia, Federated States of

Energy and Mining

(R) Energy Sector Development: The objective is to provide technical assistance to the Energy Division at the Department of Resources and Development, and to the Four State Utilities to strengthen their energy planning and technical capacity. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 14 February 2014. Appraisal scheduled for 6 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. *US\$ 13.9 (IDA Grant)*. Consultants will be required. Department of Resources and Development, PS12, Palikir, Micronesia, Federated States of, Tel: (691) 320-2646, Fax: (691) 320-5854, E-mail: fsmrd@dea.fm, Contact: Mr. Hubert Yamada, Assistant Secretary

Mongolia

Education

(R) Education Quality Reform: The objective is to improve the quality of education for primary school children in Mongolia by improving learning outcomes and increasing instructional time. Negotiations scheduled for 13 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148110. *US\$ 26.0 (IDA Credit)*. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Culture and Science, Government Building 111, Baga Toiruu 44, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 260-816, Fax: (976-11) 323-158, E-mail: info@mecs.gov.mn, Contact: Ts Bayarkhuu, Head of Finance and Investment, MES

Finance

(R) Export Development: The objective is to support diversification and expansion of Mongolian exports by: (a) improving access of Mongolian exporters to export finance products and services; and (b) strengthening competitiveness of Mongolian exports through capacity building of exporters and quality improvements in export products. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F.* Project: P147438. *US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit)*. Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economic Development, Government Building-2, Unitd Nations Street 5/1, UlaanBaatar, Mongolia, Tel: (976-51) 264-181/82, Fax: (976-11) 327-914, E-mail: zoltuya@med.gov.mn, Contact: Ms. B. Zoltuya, Senior Officer, Economic Cooperation

Health and Other Social Services

(R) E-Health: The objective is to improve integration and utilization of health information and e-health solutions for better health service delivery in selected sites. Negotiations scheduled for *4 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131290. US\$ 15.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Government Building 8, Olympic Street 2 Sukhbaatar District 142, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 5126-0474, Fax: (976-11) 320-916, E-mail: tsolmongerel@moh.mon, Contact: Tsolmongerel Tsilajaav, Director

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Accountable, Responsive, and Transparent Government (SMART): The objective is to focus on leveraging Mongolia's well developed ICT infrastructure for accountable, responsive, and transparent government through the implementation of e-Government and m-Government applications and open government data initiatives. Negotiations scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P130891. US\$ 19.4 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Information, Communications Technology and Post Authority, Sq. Sukhbaatar-1, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 330-790, Fax: (976-11) 330-780, E-mail: info@ictpa. gov.mn, Contact: Ch. Davaajamts, Chief Technology Officer

Third Sustainable Livelihoods: The objective is to institutionalize appropriate mechanisms utilized in phase I and II of the Sustainable Livelihoods Program to reduce the vulnerability of rural communities throughout Mongolia. Negotiations scheduled for 24 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125232. US\$ 37.0/11.4 (IDA Credit/SWTZ). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Khuvisgalchdiin Avenue 38, State Building No 7, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Tel: (976-11) 322-465, Fax: (976-11) 328-107, E-mail: support@mof.gov.mn, Contact: A. Khashtsetseg, Project Director

Myanmar

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Smallholder Agriculture Development: The objective is to increase crop yields and farm incomes from crop production in selected sites served by the project. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147629. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Building No. 26, Naypyi Taw, Myanmar, Tel: (95-67) 410-322, E-mail: nwenwewin1957@gmail.com, Contact: Nwe New Win, Budget Director

Education

Decentralizing Funding to Schools: The objectives are to: (a) improve and expand Myanmar's existing decentralized funding mechanisms (schools grants and student stipends), and (b) establish a baseline of reading acquisition skills in lower primary education (grades 1-3). Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146332. US\$ 60.0/20.0 (IDA Credit/GAUL). No consultants are required. Ministry of Education, Building No. 13, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, Tel: (95-67) 407-534, Fax: (95-67) 407-394, E-mail: myo.theingyi@gmail.com, Contact: Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Deputy Director General

Information and Communications

(R) Telecommunications Sector Reform (Cr. 53530-MM):

The objectives are to improve: (a) telecommunications access; and (b) performance of telecommunications sector through strengthening elements of the policy, institutional, and regulatory framework to promote the competitive provision of telecommunications infrastructure and services. Bank Approval completed on 6 February 2014. Signing scheduled for 6 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145534. US\$ 31.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required to support client in implementation of the eGovernment component of the project. Ministry of Communication and Information Technology, Building No.2, Special Development Zone, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar, Tel: (95-67) 407-225, Fax: (95-67) 407-216, E-mail: dg.ptd@mptmail.net.mm, Contact: Than Htun Aung, Deputy Director

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Finance Management Modernization: The objective is to support the Union of the Republic of Myanmar's sequenced implementation of its PFM reform program to support more responsive and inclusive delivery of public services across the country. *Decision Meeting completed on 22 January 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 17 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P144952. US\$ 30.0/25.0 (IDA Credit/MMSP). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Building No. 26, Naypyi Taw, Myanmar, Tel: (95-67) 410-322, Email: nwenwewin1957@gmail.com, Contact: Maung Maung Win, Director General

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Ayeyarwady Integrated River Basin Management: The objective is to support the Government of Myanmar in developing and managing the Ayeyarwady Basin and national water resources in a sustainable and integrated manner. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, Myanmar, Tel: (95-6) 741-1030, E-mail: dgdwir@mptmail.com.mm, Contact: Htun Lwin Oo, Director General

Papua New Guinea

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Productive Partnerships in Agriculture Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the livelihoods of smallholder cocoa and coffee producers supported by the project. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146003. US\$ 30.0/6.4/22.0/10.1 (IDA Credit/ECEU/ IFAD/ZPCO). Consultants will be required for project implementation (evaluation studies, media production and broadcasting, trainings, etc.) National Department of Agriculture and Livestock, PO Box 2033, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (675) 321-4096, Fax: (675) 321-1387, E-mail: vvision888@gmail.com, vele_success@yahoo.com.au, Contact: Dr Vele Ila'ava, Secretary. Coffee Industry Corporation Ltd (CIC), PO Box 137, Goroka, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (675) 732-1266, Fax: (675) 732-1431, E-mail: abenjamin@cic.org.pg, Contact: Mr. Anton Benjamin, CEO. Cocoa Board of Papua New Guinea, PO Box 532, Kokopo, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (675) 982-9083, Fax: (675) 982-8712, E-mail: ceo@cocoaboard.gov. pg, Contact: Mr. Boto Gaupu, CEO

Transportation

Second Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Project (RMRP) Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve road transport to project areas through providing satisfactory physical condition and safety in selected roads; and (b) strengthen institutional arrangements for road maintenance including the participation of the private sector and communities. Bank Approval scheduled for 19 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145120. US\$ 126.5 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Department of Works, Boroko, PO Box 1108, NCD, Papua New Guinea, Tel: (675) 324-1482, E-mail: ssapalo@works.gov.pg, Contact: Steven Sapalo, Project Director

Philippines

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Gearing Rural Organizations for Wealth Creation Towards Household Income Improvement (GROWTH): The objective is to raise farm productivity and household income of agrarian reform beneficiaries and smallholders by: (a) empowering the beneficiaries and their organizations; (b) facilitating and scaling-up the development of livelihood and agribusiness opportunities; and (c) improving access to critical infrastructure and key support services. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131622. US\$ 95.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Government of the Philippines, Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon

City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 453-1826, 928-7031, Contact: Jerry Pacturan, Undersecretary

Rural Development Program: The objective is to increase rural incomes and enhance farm and fishery productivity in targeted areas. Negotiations scheduled for 31 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132317. US\$ 501.3 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for pre-implementation and implementation activities. Department of Agriculture, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 920-4369, Fax: (63-2) 929-8183, E-mail: spja_osec@da.gov.ph, Contact: Hon. Proceso J. Alcala, Secretary

Rural Development Program: The objective is to increase rural incomes and enhance farm and fishery productivity in targeted areas. Negotiations scheduled for 31 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132424. US\$ 7.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Department of Agriculture, 2/F Department of Agriculture, Elliptical Road, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (632) 920-4369, Fax: (632) 929-8183, E-mail: spja_osec@yahoo.com, Contact: Hon. Proceso J. Alcala, Secretary of Agriculture

Education

(R) Learning, Equity and Accountability Program Support: The objective is to improve the quality of grade 1 to 3 reading and math skills of children in Target Regions and Target shools, with a special focus on those belonging to Target Disadvantaged Groups. Negotiations completed on 15 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 18 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P118904. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Education, Meralco Avenue Extension, Pasig City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 631-2527, Fax: (63-2) 633-7302, E-mail: fmvarela68@gmail.com, Contact: Francisco Varela, Undersecretary

Energy and Mining

- **(R)** Renewable Energy Development: The objective is to support the renewable energy generation and distribution efficiency projects. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P118994. US\$ 44.0 (CCTF).
- **(R) Renewable Energy Development:** The objective is to increase renewable energy generation in all parts of the Philippines, including in off-grid areas, and to bolster private sector lending to electric cooperatives that are focused on operational and financial efficiency. Appraisal scheduled for *17 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P147646. US\$ 44.0 (CCTF). Consultants will be required. LGU Guarantee Corporation, 121 Valero Street, Antel Corporate Center, Makati City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 751-8764, E-mail: dengorial@lgugc.com, Contact: Lydia Orial, President and CEO

Health and Other Social Services

Multi Donor Facility-Mindanao Reconstruction and Devel**opment:** The objective is to improve social and economic recovery in conflict-affected communities of Mindanao through activities which promote confidence-building, peace and demand-driven governance. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.6 (PHMF). Consultants will be required. Mindanao Land Foundation, Inc. Reves Bldg, Jade St. Saniel Subd, Kidapawan City, Cotabato, Philippines, Tel: (63-64) 278-3077, E-mail: minland-cmo@minland.ph, Contact: Damaso Vertido, Executive Director. International Labour Organization, 19th Floor, Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue, Metro Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 580-9900, Fax: (63-2) 856-7597, E-mail: johnsonl@ilo.org, Contact: Mr. Lawrence Jeff Johnson, Director. Community and Family Services International, 2/F Torres Building, 2442 Park Avenue, Pasay City, Metro Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-91) 7812-8523, E-mail: vhernandez@cfsi.ph, Contact: Vlad Hernandez, Director, Philippine Programs

Industry and Trade

(R) Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) Phase-out: The objective is to assist the Philippines in meeting its HCFC phase-out obligations to the Montreal Protocol. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 23 December 2016*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (MPIN). Consultants will be required. De-

partment of Environment and Natural Resources, 4/F DENR Main Building, Visayas Avenue, Quezon City, Tel: (63-2) 926-2672, Fax: (63-2) 924-2540, E-mail: osec@denr.gov.ph, Contact: Jose Atienza, Jr. Secretary

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Land Administration and Management Additional Financing: The objective is to fast-track the national roll-out of the Land Administration and Management System (LAMS) in all sixteen regions in support of the land surveying and titling program being implemented through local government units (LGU) for LGU-led titling activities and also under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP). This project is currently on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127962. US\$ 61.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, DENR Compound, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 928-1197, Fax: (63-2) 928-1195, E-mail: lamp@denr.ov.ph, Contact: Manuel D. Gerochi, Undersecretary for Staff Bureaus and Project Management

(R) Manila Bay Integrated Water Quality Management: The objective is to improve the quality of water in the Manila Bay, Pasig River and Laguna Lake system, through institutional mechanisms enabling integrated and comprehensive support for public and private initiatives, to address sources of pollution, sedimentation and flooding in key pollution hotspots. Appraisal scheduled for *29 August 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (632) 929-6626, Fax: (632) 926-8074, E-mail: tehannao8@gmail.com, Contact: Analiza R. Teh, Undersecretary

(R) Post Typhoon Recovery Loan: The objective is to provide budget support for relief and reconstruction efforts in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan. *The loan was signed on 23 December 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P148862. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Department of Finance, 5/F DOF Bldg. BSP Complex, Roxas Blvd. Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 523-9223, Fax: (63-2) 523-9216, E-mail: sclaureano@gmail.com, Contact: Stella Laureano, Director

(R) Third Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support specific efforts by the government to help shift the Philippines into a new inclusive growth trajectory. The operation's five pillars all serve to tackle binding constraints to promoting the sustained reduction in extreme poverty reduction and improved livelihoods for notably the poorest 40% of Filipinos. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

National Community Driven Development Program: The objective is to empower local communities in targeted poor municipalities and urban areas in achieving improved access to basic services and more inclusive local government planning and budgeting. Bank Approval scheduled for 14 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127741. US\$ 479.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required during implementation for local training and capacity building, and short-term assistance with management information systems, surveys and evaluations. Department of Social Welfare and Development, Constitution Hills, Batasan Complex, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 931-8101, Fax: (63-2) 931-8191, E-mail: dinky@dswd.gov.ph, Contact: Hon. Corazon Juliano-Soliman, Secretary

Transportation

Cebu Bus Rapid Transit (BRT): The objectives are to improve the over-all performance of the urban passenger transport system in the project corridor in Cebu City in terms of the quality and level of service, affordability, safety, and environmental efficiency. Appraisal scheduled for 16 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P119343. US\$ 116.0/57.5/25.0 (IBRD/AFD/CCTF). Consultants will be required. Department of Transportation and Communications, Ortigas Ave, Brgy. Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 723-1507, 727-7960, Fax: (63-2) 726-7128, E-mail: reneklimcaoco@yahoo.com, Contact: Rene Limcaoco, Under Secretary

Manila Urban Transport: The objective is to improve the overall performance of the urban passenger transport system along a few corridors in Metro Manila in terms of quality and level of service, affordability, safety, and environmental efficiency. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 53.0/23.0/25.0 (IBRD/AFD/CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Transportation and Communications, Ortigas Ave, Brgy. Wack-Wack, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 723-1507, 727-7960, Fax: (63-2) 726-7128, E-mail: reneklimcaoco@yahoo.com, Contact: Rene Limcaoco, Under Secretary

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Manila Bay Integrated Water Quality Management-GEFU: The objective is to contribute to the improvement of the quality of water in Manila Bay, Pasig River and Laguna Lake system through the establishment of institutional mechanisms and implementation of investments in priority pollution hotspots through public and private actions. Appraisal scheduled for *17 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.4 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Quezon City, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 929-6626/27/28/29, Fax: (63-2) 926-8074, E-mail: tehanna08@gmail.com, tehanna17@yahoo.com, Contact: Analiza Teh, Undersecretary

(R) Studies for Sustainable Flood Management: The objective is to prepare priority projects that aim to improve flood management and resilience in the Greater Metro Manila Area. *Preparation completed on 31 January 2014.* Appraisal scheduled for 15 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 7.0 (PHFS). Consultants will be required for technical studies (dam and land raising), social and environmental assessments, including detailed social surveys. Department of Public Works and Highways, Bonifacio Drive, Port Area, Manila, Philippines, Tel: (63-2) 304-3000, Fax: (63-2) 304-3487, E-mail: Webmaster@dpwh.gov.ph, Contact: Mr. R. L. Singson, Secretary

Regional

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Pacific Regional Program-Identifying and Implementing practical CCA and Related DRR Knowledge and Experience: The objective is to support and facilitate the dissemination and better utilization of local, national and regional knowledge and information on climate change adaptation (CCA) and related disaster risk reduction (DRR) to build and strengthen the capacity of Pacific Island countries to manage climate change risks to food security and critical infrastructure. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 30 January 2013. Preparation scheduled for 15 May 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.1 (CSCF). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program: The objective is to sustainably increase the economic benefits captured by Pacific Island Countries from the ecosystem services provided by the Western Pacific Ocean. This abundant oceanscape, and the ecosystem services it provides, is a shared natural capital asset for the entire region. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131655. US\$ 74.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and Communications

Federated States of Micronesia/Palau Connectivity: The objective is to reduce the cost and increase the availability of international bandwidth for participating countries by: (a) facilitating a wide range of ICT applications to support social and economic development in the Pacific region; and (b) enhancing the participation of these countries in the global economy. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 12.5/40.5/12.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit/ASDB). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Transportation, Communication and Infrastructure, PO Box PS-2, Palikir, Pohnpei, Micronesia, Federated States of, Tel: (691) 320-2865, Fax: (691) 320-5853, E-mail: itimaif@mail.fm, Contact: Francis Itimai, Department Secretary.

Ministry of Public Infrastructure, Industries and Commerce, PO Box 1471, Ngerulmud, Palau, Tel: (680) 767-2111, Fax: (680) 767-3207, E-mail: tchin@palaunet.gov, Contact: Mr. Takkon Chin, Chief Division of Communications

Pacific Regional ICT Regulatory Development: The objective is to strengthen the capacity of the Pacific ICT Regulatory Resource Centre (PIRRC) to deliver timely and relevant knowledge and technical expertise to pacific regulatory institutions and enhance regional collaboration on regulatory issues. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 4.5 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Pacific ICT Regulatory Resource Centre, Level 4, Japan Pacific ICT Centre, USP, Laucala Campu, Suva, Fiji, Tel: (679) 323-1444, Fax: (679) 323-1516, Contact: Wangay Dorji, Centre Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Managing Disaster Risks in the Pacific: The objective is to strengthen disaster and climate resilience and improve post disaster financial response capacity of participating countries. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/ZBIL). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Samoa

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Enhancing the Climate Resilience of Coastal Resources and Communities: The objectives are to: (a) reduce vulnerability; and (b) enhance the capacity of natural systems and coastal communities to recover from impacts (chronic and acute) associated with climate change and extreme weather events. *The loan was signed on 7 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126596. US\$ 14.6 (CSCF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 2, 3, 4th Floors, Central Bank Building, Matafele, Apia, Samoa, Tel: (685) 34-333, E-mail: litara.taulealo@mof.gov.ws, Contact: Ms. Litara Taulealo, Program Coordinator

Information and Communications

(R) Pacific Regional Connectivity Program: Phase II Samoa Connectivity: The objective is to reduce the cost and increase the availability of international bandwidth for participating countries, and thereby facilitate the development of a wide range of ICT applications to support social and economic development in the Pacific region, and to enhance the participation of these countries in the global economy. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 24 October 2013. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.5/18.5 (IDA Credit/ASDB). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, 1st Floor Chan Mow Plaza, Savalalo, Apia, Samoa, Tel: (685) 777-1133, E-mail: a.ahsam@mcit.gov.ws, Contact: Tua'imáló Asamu Ah Sam, Chief Executive Officer. Ministry of Finance, Central Bank of Samoa, Matafele, Samoa, Tel: (685) 34-331, Fax: (685) 21-312, Contact: Tupa'imatuna Iulai Lavea, Chief Executive Officer

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Samoa First Economic and Fiscal Reform Operation: The objective is to support the Government of Samoa's efforts to strengthen public financial management and facilitate the growth of key sectors of the economy over the medium term. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 7.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Pacific Aviation Investment (Cr. H9140-WS): The objective is to improve operational safety and oversight of international air transport infrastructure. *Negotiations completed on 22 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 6 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143408. US\$ 25.0/8.3/0.3 (IDA Grant/EUIB/PRIF). Consultants will be required for the design and supervision of investments, institutional strengthening activities, and the assignment to develop an aviation strategy and master plan. Samoa Airport Authority, Private Bag, Faleolo International Airpo,

Apia, Samoa, Tel: (685) 23-201, Fax: (685) 24-281, E-mail: hoe. jerome@airportssamoa.ws, Contact: Magele Hoe Viali, Chief Executive Officer

Solomon Islands

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Community Resilience to Climate and Disaster Risk in Solomon Islands: The objective is to implement climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction priority measures. Bank Approval scheduled for 6 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P112613. US\$ 7.3/1.8 (GEFU/GFDR). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Conservation, PO Box G13, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Tel: (677) 21-074, Fax: (677) 212-7855, E-mail: minister@mecm.gov.sb, Contact: Mr. Shadrack Fanega, Permanent Secretary

Energy and Mining

Sustainable Energy Additional Financing: The objective is to improve operational efficiency, system reliability and financial sustainability of SIEA. Bank Approval scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 13.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Solomon Islands Electricity Authority, PO Box 6, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Tel: (677) 38-596, Fax: (677) 39-472, E-mail: n_nicholls@siea.com.sb, Contact: Norman Nicholls, General Manager

Tina River Hydropower Development: The objectives are to: (a) improve the affordability of electricity on Guadalcanal by switching energy production from very expensive, imported, diesel power to hydropower, a sustainable, lower cost, and renewable alternative; and (b) mobilize private financing for power generation to supplement limited public resources. Decision Meeting scheduled for 24 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P114317. US\$ 12.0/8.0 (EUIB/GUID). Consultants will be required for various preparatory studies (environmental and social impact assessment, market and pricing, geological, feasibility) and for dam safety advisory and environmental and social panel of experts. Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification, PO Box G37, Lengakiki Ridge, Honiara, Solomon Islands, Tel: (677) 28-609/25-937, Fax: (677) 25-811, E-mail: ps@mines.gov.sb, Contact: Rene Sore, Permanent Secretary

Health and Other Social Services

Solomon Islands Rural Development Program II: The objective is to reduce rural poverty by increasing incomes from agriculture and access to basic social and economic infrastructure and services. Identification scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 2.5/2.5/10.0/4.5 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/AUSL/IFAD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

E-Government Support: The objective is to establish the basic foundations of e-Government to support public sector modernization. Identification scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 3.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(N) Solomon Islands Aviation Investment: The objective is to improve operational safety and oversight of international air transport and associated infrastructure. Preparation scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 2.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Thailand

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Supporting Capacity Building, Law Enforcement, and Market Incentives for Wildlife Conservation: The objective is to support direct conservation activities, enforce wildlife conservation laws, and reduce pressures on forest resources that fits well with the goals of the GEF objectives in the biodiversity focal area. Decision

Meeting scheduled for 22 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126225. US\$ 7.3 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of National Resources and Environment, 61 Paholyothin Road, Lad Yao, Jatujak, Bangkok, Thailand, Tel: (66-02) 2561-4835, E-mail: chatw@dnp.go.th, Contact: Chatchawan Pisdamkham, Director of Wildlife Conservation Office

Industry and Trade

Hydrochlorofluorocarbon (HCFC) Phase-out Phase I: The objective is to assist the Government to meet its obligations to HCFC consumption phase-out: (a) a freeze of HCFC consumption at the baseline level by 2013; and (b) 10% reductions from the baseline level by 2015 as per the Montreal Protocol through adoption of low-carbon alternative technologies, where possible, as replacement to HCFCs. Negotiations scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P115761. US\$ 23.8 (MPIN). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Industry, Department of Industrial Works, 75/6 Rama VI Road, Ratchthewi, Bangkok, Thailand, Tel: (66-2) 202-4101, Fax: (66-2) 354-3390, E-mail: arthit.w@diw.mail. go.th, Contact: Mr. Arthit Wuthikaro, Director General

Tuvalu

Energy and Mining

Energy Sector Development: The objective is to support Tuvalu enhance its energy security by improving the efficiency and sustainability of the electricity system. Appraisal scheduled for 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144573. US\$ 7.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Tuvalu Electricity Corporaton, Funafuti, Tuvalu, Tel: (688) 20-350, E-mail: mafaluloto2@gmail.com, Contact: Mafalu Lotolua, General Manager

Vanuatu

Energy and Mining

Rural Electrification: The objective is to increase access to electricity services for rural households and public institutions located in dispersed off-grid areas. Appraisal scheduled for 25 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148079. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Department of Energy, Vanuatu, Tel: (678) 25-201, E-mail: jbenjamin@vanuatu.com.vu, Contact: Mr. Jesse Benjamin, Director

Transportation

(R) Pacific Aviation Investment: The objective is to improve operational safety and oversight of international air transport infrastructure. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit).

Vietnam

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Market Led Agricultural Modernization: The objective is to accelerate the pace of agricultural restructuring and the realization of sectoral goals related to the triple bottom line of sustainable development. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *14 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 275.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Irrigation Efficiency: The objective is to increase water productivity by improving the efficiency in irrigation water use through technical, management reform, and modernization processes. Bank Approval completed on 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130014. US\$ 180.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, 2, Ngoc Ha Street, Ha Noi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3843-3400, E-mail: longtk.htqt@mard.gov.vn, Contact: Tran Kim Long Tran, Deputy Director General, ICD

Poverty Reduction in Central Highlands: The objective is to improve the well-being (as measured by income/consumption, access to key services and satisfaction with support) of beneficiaries in targeted districts of the Central Highlands region. Bank Approval completed on 27 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Cat-

egory B. Project: P128072. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning and Investment, No. 2 Hoang Van Thu Street, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3845-5298, Fax: (84-4) 3823-4453, E-mail: tranhungmpi@yahoo.com.vn, Contact: Mr. Tran Ngoc Hung, Director, Project Management Unit

Second Northern Mountain Poverty Reduction Project (NMPRP) Additional Financing: The objectives are a continuation to: (a) consolidate the achievements; and (b) prepare the institutionalization of the key features of the project into the overall poverty efforts in the target Provinces. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Third Power Sector Reform DPO: The objective is to support the implementation of a market for electricity generation, restructuring of the power sector and reform of electricity tariffs that will facilitate effective competition, transparency and predictability to encourage generation investment, and implement programs and incentives for efficient use of electricity. Negotiations scheduled for *9 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Electricity Regulatory Authority of Vietnam (ERAV), D11 Khuat Duy Tien, Thanh Xuan, Dong Da, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3554-3049, Fax: (84-4) 3554-3223, Email: cuongdh@moit.gov.vn, Contact: Mr. Dang Huy Cuong, General Director

Third Climate Change Development Policy: The objective is to support the Government in its efforts to address climate change by: (a) adopting policies; and (b) strengthening institutional capacity to promote climate resilient and lower carbon intensity development. Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, 83 Nguyen Chi Thanh Street, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3259-5505, E-mail: lcthanh@monre.gov.vn, Contact: Dr. L. C. Thanh, Deputy Director General

Transmission Efficiency Project (TEP): The objective is to improve the technical and operational performance of NPT in providing reliable and energy efficient electricity transmission services in Vietnam. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131558. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. National Power Transmission Corporation, No. 4, Nguyen Khac Nhu Street, Ba Dinh District, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3554-3049, E-mail: phucdt@moit.gov.vn, Contact: Mr. Manh Hung Nguyen, President and CEO

Finance

(R) Second Economic Management Competitiveness Credit: The objective is to enhance competitiveness to boost growth and poverty reduction that will strive for a new economic growth model, which targets competitiveness and the quality of growth. *Appraisal completed on 17 January 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 24 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P146095. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. State Bank of Vietnam, 49, Ly Thai To, Hoan Kiem District, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-43) 826-5974, Fax: (84-43) 934-9569, E-mail: doanhoaianh@yahoo.com, Contact: Mme Doan Hoai Anh, Director General

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Professions Education and Training (HPET): The objective is to improve the quality of medical and nursing education and the competencies of Primary Health Care Teams, especially in disadvantages areas. Negotiations scheduled for 10 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131825. US\$ 106.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/ECEU). Consultants will be required for MOH in accredited areas of medical programs, family health and management of human resources. Ministry of Health, 138A Giang Vo Street, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 6273-2244, E-mail: dr_nguyen_cong_khan@yahoo.com, Contact: Prof. Nguyen Cong Khan, Director

(R) Hospital Waste Management Support-GEF: The objective is to reduce the environmental degradation and potential risks for human health through improved management of health care waste and reducing the releases of Persistent Organic Pollutants, mercury and toxic waste from the health care sector. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.0 (GEFU).

(R) Social Assistance System Strengthening (Cr. 53540-VN): The objective is to strengthen Vietnam's social safety net to alleviate chronic poverty, help vulnerable households deal with shocks, and help poor households invest in human capital for long-term poverty reduction. *GEF Council Approval completed on 22 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P123960. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Government of Vietnam, 710B Lac Long Quan, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3710-0596, Fax: (84-4) 3710-0597, E-mail: nvhoi11@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Nguyen Van Hoi, Deputy Director

Industry and Trade

(R) Vietnam Regional Industry Competitiveness: The objective is to improve competitiveness of the Thanh Hoa Province which is one of the poorest provinces in Vietnam. Preparation scheduled for *2 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 96.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Government of Vietnam, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 2221-8345, Fax: (84-4) 2221-8383, Email: LuyenNV@moit.gov.vn, Contact: Nguyen Van Luyen, Division Head, Local Industry and Trade Department

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Service Delivery Reform: The objectives are to strengthen the Ministry of Health and other health sector governance institutions' capacity and management systems in areas of policy making, implementation of key policies, monitoring and evaluation, supervision, and policy inspection. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, 138 Giang Vo Street, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-4) 3846-4914, Fax: (84-4) 3846-4051, E-mail: phamtuandr2003@yahoo.com, Contact: Dr. Pham Le Tuan, Director

Transportation

(R) Dau Giay-Phan Thiet Expressway Pilot PPP: The objective is to support the Government to attract private sector expertise and capital for the construction and operation of the Dau Giay-Phan Thiet Expressway. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 24 January 2014. Appraisal scheduled for 31 December 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 348.0/277.0/152.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit/ZPCO). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Road Asset Management (Cr. 53310-VN): The objective is to enhance road asset management capacity in Vietnam and ensure continued effective use of the national and provincial road network in support of the economic development, as well as to minimize negative impacts resulted from infrastructure development such as traffic safety, congestion, environmental and social issues. *The credit was signed on 14 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123961. US\$ 250.0/1.7 (IDA Credit/VNAB). Consultants will be required. Project Management Unit No. 3 (PMU3), 122 Trung Hoa Street, Trung Yen New Urban Area, Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (844) 3768-9986, Fax: (844) 3643 6572, E-mail: pmu2@mt.gov.vn, Contact: Nguyen Xuan Truong, Acting General Director

Dau Giay-Phan Thiet Expressway Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Pilots: The objective is to support the implementation of pilot PPP projects that will be passed through the PPP Financing Framework to demonstrate its added value to the government, and to learn early lessons from implementation. Decision Meeting scheduled for 29 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0/120.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Ho Chi Minh City Green Transport: The objectives are to: (a) address urgent urban mobility demands (BRT and Bus Modernization); (b) maximize the impacts of major metro and road invest-

ments; and (c) strengthen institutions for HCMC's future modern transport system. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126507. US\$ 142.3 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. UCCI - Urban-Civil Works Construction Investment Management Authority of HCMC, 3 Nguyen Thi Dieu, Ward 6, District 3, Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam, Tel: (84-8) 3930-2462, Fax: (84-8) 3930-6638, E-mail: anhphucpl@yahoo.com, haquoclinh@yahoo.com, Contact: Luong Minh Phuc, General Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Ho Chi Minh CityFlood Risk Management: The objective is to reduce the risk of flooding in selected areas of Ho Chi Minh City through a combination of structural and non-structural measures. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 23 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Programmatic Urban Development in Northern Mountains: The objective is to enable participating Northern Mountains cities to effectively plan, deliver and sustain priority infrastructure services through strengthened systems and capacity, with the support of the Ministry of Construction. Decision Meeting scheduled for *25 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Constructions, 37 Le Dai Hanh Str. Hai Ba Trung Dist. Hanoi, Vietnam, Tel: (84-98) 302-5527, E-mail: tranquocthai.moc@gmail. com, Contact: Mr. Tran Quoc Thai, Deputy General Director

Second Ho Chi Minh City Environmental Sanitation: The objectives are to collect and treat waste water from Nhieu Loc-Thi Nghe Basin and District 2 in Ho Chi Minh City in an environmentally and financially sustainable manner by constructing wastewater interceptor with its corresponding sewer system and wastewater treatment plant. Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127978. US\$ 250.0/200.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Steering Center of Urban Flood Control Program, 10 Tran Nhat Duat Street, Tan Dinh Ward, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, Tel: (84-8) 3526-7498, E-mail: hcmces@gmail.com, Contact: Pham Van Chin, Director

South Asia

Afghanistan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Physical and Institutional Infrastructure for Strategic Grain Reserves: The objective is to improve food security for the poor and other food-insecure people in Afghanistan by creating the physical and institutional infrastructure required for the establishment and efficient functioning of a Strategic Grain Reserves (SGR) for emergency relief and limited price stabilization. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 28 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126288. US\$ 12.0/12.0 (ARTF/JSDF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock, Jamal Mena, Karte Sakhi, Afghanistan

Education

Higher Education Expansion and Systems Improvement Project: The objective is to expand and orient the higher education system to the economic needs of the country. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Higher Education, Main Road, Kar-e-char, Afghanistan

Non-formal Approach to Training Education and Jobs Project: The objective is to increase the potential for employment and higher earnings of targeted young Afghan women and men in rural and semi-urban areas through non-formal skills training. Bank Approval scheduled for 4 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146015. US\$ 15.0 (ARTF). Consulting services

to be determined. Ministry of Labor Social Affairs, Martyr and Disabled, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-794) 455-309, E-mail: e.mayel@nsdp. gov.af, Contact: Dr. Enayatullah Mayel, Executive Director National Skills Development Program

Energy and Mining

(N) CASA-1000 Community Support Program: The objective is to provide access to electricity or other social and economic infrastructure services to communities in the project area in order to strengthen community support for CASA-1000 transmission line. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (ARTF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

DABS Planning and Capacity Support: The objective is to plan the operations and improve the safety standards. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131228. US\$ 7.5 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. DABS, Afghanistan

Naghlu Hydropower Rehabilitation Project: The objective is to increase the supply of least cost electricity to the Afghan power system in a safe and environmentally and socially sustainable way. Appraisal scheduled for 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P132944. US\$ 85.0 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-7) 0029-4722, E-mail: shekeeb.nessar@dabs.af, Contact: Eng. Shekeeb Nessar, Chief Operations Officer. Ministry of Energy and Water, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-7) 5200-4998, E-mail: gfaruq11@yahoo.com, Contact: Eng. Ghulam Faruq Qazizada, Deputy Minister

Finance

(R) Access to Finance (Cr. H8940-AF): The objective is to increase micro, small and medium enterprises' access to financial services, notably credit. *The grant was signed on 11 January 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P128048. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Microfinance Investment Facility, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-20) 797-192-704, E-mail: bahram.barzin@misfa.org.af, Contact: Bahram Barzin, Acting Managing Director. Ministry of Finance, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-20) 702-329-101, E-mail: adris.walli@gmail.com, Contact: Adris Walli, Aid Coordination Specialist

Financial Sector Rapid Response Project Additional Financing: The objective is to assist DAB to develop action plans for improved banking supervision and to establish key building blocks of financial sector infrastructure. Bank Approval completed on 26 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 6.7 (IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Pashtoonistan Square, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-070) 232-9101, E-mail: adris.walli@budgetmof.gov.af, Contact: Adris Walli, Aide Coordination Specialist. Da Afghanistan Bank, Ibni Sena Watt Kabul Afghanistan, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-79) 722-3340, E-mail: zalmei. sherzad@centralbank.gov.af, Contact: Zalmie Sherzad, Project Director

Industry and Trade

(R) Rural Enterprise Development Project II: The objective is to improve employment opportunities and incomes of rural men and women in Afghanistan. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *12 May 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.3 (ARTF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Municipal Development Project (MDP): The objectives are to: (a) strengthen MUDA's capacity for granting legitimacy through inclusive planning to existing development; and (b) test the viability of a municipal development support model in Afghanistan through IDLG. Decision Meeting scheduled for 21 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(N) Afghanistan Rural Access Project Additional Financing: The objective is to enable rural communities to benefit from

road access to basic services and facilities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0/130.0 (IDA Grant/ARTF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Baghlan (Dushi) Bamyan: The objectives are to improve: (a) connectivity between central and north and north east Afghanistan via rehabiliation of baghlan to Bamyan road; and (b) accessibility along the corridor. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0/180.0 (IDA Grant/ARTF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Kabul Urban Road Improvement Stage 2: The objective is to improve transport service efficiency on selected corridors. *Bank Approval scheduled for 14 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 90.5 (ARTF). Consulting services to be determined. Kabul Municipality, Kabul Municipality Building, Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-20) 7002-85259, E-mail: arcwahid@hotmail.com, Contact: M.Y Nawandish, Engineer

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Kabul Municipal Development Program: The objectives are to: (i) increase access to basic municipal services in selected residential areas of Kabul city; (ii) redesign KM's financial management systems to support better service delivery (iii) and enable enable early emergency response in the event of an eligible emergency. *Bank Approval scheduled for 14 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125597. *US\$ 110.0 (ARTF).* Consulting services to be determined. Kabul Municipality (KM), Kabul, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-700) 285-259, E-mail: arcwahid@hotmail.com, Contact: M.Y Nawandish, Engineer

Urban Policy Project (UPP): The objective is to support the Ministry of Urban Development strengthen it's analytic and advocacy skills to be the premier strategic thinker on urban issues on Afghanistan. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 11 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Bangladesh

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Bangladesh National Agricultural and Food Technology Program (NAFTEC): The objective is to support the Government to improve food security and promote agricultural growth. The NAFTEC will design a two-pronged objective to achieve an increase in rural income and raise farm productivity and promote agricultural diversification. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0/22.8 (IDA Credit/BDCC). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(N) Nuton Jibon Livelihood Improvement and Empowerment Project II: The objective of the project is to improve the livelihoods of the extreme poor in rural areas of Bangladesh. The proposed target group would be the extreme poor and poor in the 26 poorest districts (16 under SIPP-II + 10 under SIPP-III). Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Agriculture Adaptation to Climate Change Additional Financing: The objective is to enhance the resilience of farming households in Bangladesh's climate risk prone areas through the promotion of climate-smart agricultural technologies and capacity development. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 22.8 (BDCC). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Modern Food Storage Facilities Phase-I (Cr. 52650-BD): The objective is to increase the grain reserve available to households to meet their post-disaster needs and improve the efficiency of grain storage management. Signing scheduled for 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P120583. US\$ 210.0/25.0 (IDA Credit/BDCC). Consultants will be required.

Ministry of Food, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-181) 752-6902, E-mail: k.ahmedhossain@gmail.com, Contact: Ahmed Hossain Khan

(R) National Agricultural Technology Project Additional Financing: The objective is to improve agricultural productivity and farm incomes in the country. Bank Approval scheduled for *4 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133251. US\$ 23.7 (FSCO). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 717-1602

Education

Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the quality and relevance of teaching and the research environment in higher educational institution through encouraging both innovation and accountability within the universities and by enhancing the technical and institutional capacity of the higher education sector. Bank Approval completed on 3 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145749. US\$ 125.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, 29/1. Agargaon. Shere-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (88-02) 818-1631, E-mail: chairmanugc@yahoo.com, Contact: University Grants Commission, Chairman

Secondary Education Quality and Access Enhancement Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality of secondary education, systematically monitor learning outcomes; and (b) increase access and equity in project upazilas. Bank Approval completed on 3 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 265.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, Bangladesh, E-mail: seqaep@bdcom.net, Contact: Ministry of Education, Project Director, SE-QAEP Project

Skills and Training Enhancement Project Additional Financing: The objective is to strengthen selected public and private training institutions to improve training quality and employability of trainees, including those from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds. First Grant Funding Request Approval completed on 26 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 16.7 (FSSA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (88-02) 911-0664, E-mail: techeduo9@gmail.com, Contact: Directorate of Technical Education, Director General

Energy and Mining

Rural Electricity Transmission and Distribution: The objective is to improve the reliability and quality of supply of electricity to rural consumers in Bangladesh through improvements in technical efficiency of the rural distribution system. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129920. US\$ 600.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Rural Electrification Board, Joarshahara, Khilkhet, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (88-02) 891-6414, Fax: (88-02) 891-6400, E-mail: rebdirpp@gmail.com, Contact: Moin Uddin, Chairman. Power Grid Company of Bangladesh (PGCB), IEB Bhaban 4th Floor Ramna, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 955-0514, 956-0883, Fax: (880-2) 717-1833, E-mail: md@pgcb.org.bd, dir-pnd@pgcb.org.bd, Contact: Chowdhury Alamgir Hossain, Managing Director and Director Planning and Design

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Emergency 2007 Cyclone Recovery and Restoration Project Additional Financing II: The objectives are to: (a) meet the financing gap that existed since the inception of project and also a gap created due to exchange rate fluctuation; and (b) scale up construction and rehabilitation of disaster shelters in the coastal areas and carry out necessary repairs/improvement to about ten polders. Signing scheduled for *18 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146500. US\$ 140.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Disaster and Relief, 92-93 Mohakhali C/A, Dhaka-1212, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-18) 1911-7754, E-mail: cms@dmb.gov.bd, Contact: Syed Ashraful Islam, Communication Media Specialist

Conditional Cash Transfer Project: The objective is to improve nutritional outcomes of poorest children and pregnant mothers via conditional cash transfers. Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 200.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

- **(N) Bangladesh Urban Resilience Project:** The objective is to increase the effectiveness of disaster management and response in Dhaka and Sylhet, to address existing and emergent risks in the built environment in Dhaka and Sylhet, and to improve the cities' capacity to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 207.6 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R)** Community Empowerment and Development Fund: (formerly Finance sector) The objective is to pilot a housing fund for slums to develop and empower the community to counter the problem of squatting, insecure tenure arrangements and uncontrolled growth of slums in Dhaka. Decision Meeting scheduled for 23 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P130710. US\$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. National Housing Authority, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-02) 951-1029, E-mail: jsm@ mohpw.gov.bd, Contact: Kamal Uddin Talukder, Project Director
- **(R)** Enabling Open Government: The objectives are to: (a) support improved transparency and responsiveness in public sector management; and (b) enhanced financial resource mobilization to help ensure the delivery of quality services to people. *Appraisal completed on 31 January 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 12 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P129770. US\$ 60.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Cabinet Division, Paribahan Pool Bhaban, Room 802, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (88-02) 836-0635, Fax: (88-02) 831-6143, E-mail: nazrulmislam@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Nazrul Islam, Secretariat
- **(R)** Multipurpose Disaster Shelter Phase II: The objective is to provide greater protection for the vulnerable population and livestock in the cyclone prone areas. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *14* April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 350.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(N) Dhaka Transport Development Project: The objective is to improve the urban passenger transport system in Dhaka, especially in terms of quality of service, affordability, safety, and environmental impact. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

- **(N) River Bank Improvement Program:** The objective is to reduce the erosion of riparian land at selected locations on the bank of the Brahmaputra River by the construction and maintenance of improved river-bank protection works. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 29 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- (R) Municipal Governance and Services Project (Cr. 53390-BD): The objective is to improve urban infrastructure and services provision through improved governance and strengthened institutional capacity of participating municipalities and city corporations. *The credit was signed on 10 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133653. US\$ 410.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Local Government Engineering Department, 7/B Agargaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 912-7158, Fax: (880-2) 811-6390, E-mail: iftekhar_ahmed_2000@yahoo.com, Contact: Iftekhar Ahmed, Superintending Engineer (Planning). Bangladesh Municipal Development Fund, Grameen Bank Bhaban, Level 13, Mirpur, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 805-8485, Fax: (880-2)

901-6239, E-mail: mdbmdf@grameen.grameen.com, Contact: K. M. Nurul Huda, Managing Director. Government of Bangladesh, Bangladesh, Ministry for Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives in Bangladesh, Contact: Mr. Abu Alam Khan, Secretary, the Local Government Division

Community Climate Change: The objective is to enhance the capacity of selected communities to increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change. First Grant Funding Request Approval completed on 31 December 2012. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P125447. US\$ 12.5 (BDCC). Consulting services to be determined. Palli Karma-Sahayak Foundation (PKSF), E-4/B, Agargaon Administrative Area, Sher-e-Bangla Nagar, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Tel: (880-2) 914-0056, Fax: (880-2) 912-6244, E-mail: pksf@pksf-bd.org, Contact: Dr. Quazi Mesbahuddin Ahmed, Managing Director

Bhutan

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Urban Development Project Additional Financing: The objective are to: (a) strengthen the municipal finance and management systems in selected Thromdes; (b) improve infrastructure services in Thimphu; and (c) support implementation of the existing urbanization policies under the Recipient's Eleventh Five Year Plan. Negotiations scheduled for 12 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145392. US\$ 12.4 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

India

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

- **(R)** Neeranchal National Watershed: The objective is to improve the incremental conservation outcomes and agricultural yields for communities in selected project areas, and adoption of improved processes and technologies into the broader IWMP in participating project states. Negotiations scheduled for *17 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132739. US\$ 178.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2306-2454, Fax: (91-11) 2306-3568, Contact: Dr. Sandeep Dave, Joint Secretary IWMP and Project Director (Neeranchal)
- **(R)** Sustainable Livelihoods and Adaptation to Climate Change: The objective is to focus on adaptation and transfer of environmentally sustainable and climate resilient technologies and socially resilient approaches in sustainable land management and agriculture. *Decision Meeting completed on 7 February 2014. Appraisal scheduled for 10 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132623. US\$ 8.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Rural Development, New Delhi, India, Tel: (62-11) 4100-0472, Fax: (62-11) 4100-0475, E-mail: pkkatare@nic.in
- **(R) UP Sodic Lands Reclamation III Project Additional Financing:** The objective is to sustainably reclaim additional ravine lands within the umbrella on the on-going UPSLRPIII project. This will enable the sustainable reclamation of ravine lands leading to an increase in agricultural productivity for a majority of who are likely to be small and marginal farmers. Appraisal scheduled for *14 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 84.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R)** Uttarakhand Decentralized Watershed Development Phase II: The objective of the Project is to increase the efficiency of natural resource use and productivity of rainfed agriculture by participating communities in selected microwatersheds of the State of Uttarakhand. Bank Approval scheduled for *31 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131235. US\$ 121.2 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Watershed Management Directorate (WMD), Indira Nagar, Forest Colony, Dehradun, 248006, Uttarakhand, India, Tel: (91-135) 276-0170, E-mail: wmd-ua@nic.in, Contact: Mr. B. P. Pandey, FRDC and Chief Project Director

Andhra Pradesh Rural Inclusive Growth: The objective is to enable the existing institutional platforms to achieve inclusive

growth by: (a) expanding and diversifying livelihood opportunities; (b) improving livelihood development; and (c) promoting human development with focus on health and nutrition services and entitlements for the poorest households. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. SERP, Hyderabad, India, Tel: (91-40) 2329-8469, Fax: (91-40) 2321-1848, E-mail: brajsekhar@gmail.com, Contact: B. Rajsekhar, CEO

Integrated Biodiversity Conservation and Ecosystem Services Improvement: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen institutional capacities for conservation of globally significant biodiversity; and (b) enhanced carbon sequestration and sustainable flow of ecosystem services in production forests of central Indian highlands and Western Ghats hotspot. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 20.5 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2436-1727, Contact: B.M.S. Rathore, Dr

Integrated Sustainable Land and Ecosystem Management Approaches: The objective is to invest in preventing land degradation and desertification by addressing the key sector challenges of low capacity in monitoring land degradation, difficulty in scaling up Sustainable Land and Ecosystem Management (SLEM). Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 4.6 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2436-1727; ICFRE, Ministry of Environment and Forests, P O New Forest, Dehradun, India Tel/Fax: (91-135) 275-0693, E-mail: saibaldasgupta@icfre.org, Contact: Saibal Dasgupta, Mr

Education

- **(R)** Elementary Education III: The objectives are to: (a) provide training for newly enrolled out of school children and enable them to attend age-appropriate classes; (b) appoint qualified teachers; and (c) ensure adequate physical infrastructure for schools. Negotiations scheduled for *14 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144447. US\$ 400.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R)** Enhancing Teacher Effectiveness through ICT in Bihar: The objective is to increase access to quality teacher education and continuous professional development for improved teacher performance and accountability. Decision Meeting scheduled for *9 May 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132665. US\$ 217.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

- **(R)** Partial Risk Sharing Facility in Energy Efficiency: The objective is to achieve energy savings by mobilizing the private sector in energy efficiency industries of India. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F.* Project: P132620. US\$ 25.0 (CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, Ministry of Power, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K, Puram 110-066, India, Tel: (91-11) 2617-8316, Fax: (91-11) 2617-9699
- **(R)** Partial Risk Sharing Facility in Energy Efficiency: The objective is to achieve energy savings by catalyzing the market for Energy Service Companies (ESCO)-implemented energy efficiency projects in India. *Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0 (CIF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R)** Partial Risk Sharing Facility in Energy Efficiency and Renewables: The objective is to develop a performance contracting industry in energy efficiency and renewable industry in India, using innovative financial product. Decision Meeting scheduled for *20 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128921. US\$ 19.8 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, Ministry of Power, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram 110-066, India, Tel: (91-11) 2617-8316, Fax: (91-11) 2617-9699

(R) Second Development Policy Loan to Support Inclusive Green Growth and Sustainable Development in Himachal Pradesh: The objectives are to: (a) support Himachal Pradesh in the improved management of its natural resources across growth engines of the economy; and (b) promote inclusive green growth and sustainable development. *Decision Meeting completed on 21 January 2014. Appraisal scheduled for 12 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (CCTF). Consultants will be required. Government of Himachal Pradesh, Room No. E-201B, Armsdale HP Secretariat, Shimla, India, Tel: (91-177) 262-1022, 288-0714, Fax: (91-177) 262-1813, E-mail: cs-hp@nic.in, envsecy-hp@nic.in, tourismsecy-hp@nic.in

Establish Pilots for Access through Renewable Energy: The objective is to demonstrate renewable energy based decentralised models of improving energy access in target states of UP and Bihar area. Decision Meeting scheduled for 31 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144678. US\$ 14.0/14.0 (GEFU/ZPCO). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Jharkhand Power Sector: The objective is to support DVC to strengthen its institutional capacity and organizational effectiveness as the company prepares to expand into new areas along the electricity value chain, which include rural electrification, smart grid initiatives and investment in solar powered generation capacity. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC), DVC Headquarters, DVC Towers, VIP Road, Kolkata, India, Tel: (91-33) 2355-7935, Fax: (91-33) 2355-1252

Luhri Hydro Electric: The objectives are to: (a) increase the supply of clean, renewable, low-carbon and peaking energy to India's northern grid; and (b) enhance the reliability of the grid. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 15 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P102843. US\$ 650.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. SJVN Limited, Himfed Building, New Shimla, India, Tel: (91-177) 267-0741/0064/0490, Fax: (91-177) 267-0642, E-mail: sjvncp@yahoo.co.in, cpsjvn@hotmail.com

NMEEE-Super Energy-Efficient Equipment Program: The objective is to provide an incentive to commercialize higher efficiency electric fans as a pilot. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (CIF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

National Mission on Enhanced Energy Efficiency: The objective is to scale-up actions to implement energy efficiency improvements in some of the most energy-intensive large industries. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0/50.0 (IBRD/CIF). Consulting services to be determined. Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, Ministry of Power, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram 110-066, India, Tel: (91-11) 2617-8316, Fax: (91-11) 2617-9699

Network for Climate Technology Innovations: The objective is to convene different players to bring innovations that could help bring new technologies to the market. Decision Meeting scheduled for 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, Ministry of Power, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram 110-066, India, Tel: (91-11) 2617-8316, Fax: (91-11) 2617-9699

North Eastern Region Power System Improvement: The objective is to improve the availability and reliability of electricity supply through expansion and reinforcement of power systems in the participating states in the North Eastern Region. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127974. US\$ 425.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited (MeECL), Lumjingshai, Short Round Road, Shillong, India, Tel: (91-364) 259-0289, Fax: (91-364) 259-1174, E-mail: cdsaio@rediffmail.com, Contact: C D Saio, Director (Distribution). Electricity Department, Manipur, Keisampat, Imphal, India, Tel: (91-385) 245-0050, Fax: (91-385) 245-1172, E-mail: n.dwijen@gmail.com, Contact: N Dwijen Singh,

Superintending Engineer. Assam State Electricity Board, Bijulee Bhawan, Paltan Bazar, Guwahati, India, Tel: (91-361) 273-9520, Fax: (91-361) 223-7062, E-mail: pmu_aseb@rediffmail.com, Contact: Bikash Paul Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL), Bidyut Bhavan, Banamalipur, Agartala, India, Tel: (91-381) 231-8001, Fax: (91-381) 231-9427, E-mail: cmd.tsecl@rediffmail.com, Contact: K. Chakrabarti, Director (Technical). Power and Electricity Department, Mizoram, Ngur-Eng House, Tuikhuahtlang, Aizawl, India, Tel: (91-389) 231-1025, Fax: (91-389) 231-1070, E-mail: el_pachuau@yahoo. co.uk, Contact: L. Pachuau, Chief Engineer (Distribution)

Super Efficient Equipment Program: The objective is to scaleup and speed up the rate of energy efficiency market transformation in the area of end-use appliances and equipment. Bank Approval scheduled for 31 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129794. US\$ 50.0 (SPF). Consulting services to be determined. Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, Ministry of Power, 4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram 110-066, India, Tel: (91-11) 2617-8316, Fax: (91-11) 2617-9699

Finance

Enhancing the Global Competitiveness of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs): The objective is to help improve the competitiveness of MSMEs in the machine tool sector which is a crucial sector to the competitiveness of manufacturing, which will help increase the skills of the workers in the machine tool sector as well as help MSMEs access/adopt new technologies. Bank Approval scheduled for 24 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145502. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. MSME Ministry, Office of the Development Commissioner, Room No. 723-A, India, Tel: (91-11)-2306-2561, Fax: (91-11)-2306-1068, E-mail: rk.rai@nic.in, Contact: R.K. Rai, Director

Health and Other Social Services

(N) Nagaland Multisectoral Health Initiative: The objective is to improve the supply, utilization and quality of health and nutrition services in Nagaland through investments in several sectors. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 31.2 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Accelerating Universal Access to Early and Effective Tuberculosis Care: The objective is to expand access to and improve diagnosis and treatment of drug-sensitive and drug-resistant tuberculosis for patients who seek care from the public and private sectors. *Negotiations completed on 21 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 8 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148604. US\$ 100.0/97.0 (IDA Grant/GFND). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-112) 301-8126, E-mail: ddgtb@rntcp.org, Contact: Central TB Division, Deputy Director General

(R) Uttarakhand Health Systems Development Project Phase II: The objectives are to assist the state of Uttarakhand operationalize the State Health and Population Policy and attain health-related goals laid down by the central and state government. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 23 January 2014. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148531. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Kerala Health System Management and Performance Improvement Project: The objective is to improve Kerala's public hospital and health system performance in terms of quality, efficiency, and equity. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0/40.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Odisha Disaster Recovery Project (Cr. 5378o-IN): The objectives are to: (a) restore and improve housing and public services in communities of Odisha; and (b) increase the capacity of the State entities to respond promptly and effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. *Bank Approval scheduled for 20 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148868. US\$ 153.0

(IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Government of Odisha, Rajiv Bhawan, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, 751001, India, Tel: (91-0674) 239-5398, E-mail: mdosdma@osdma.org, Contact: Dr. Taradatt, Managing Director, OSDMA

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Bihar Social Protection: The objective is to increase the poverty reduction impact of social protection (SP) programs for the poorest and most vulnerable households in Bihar through systemic improvements and demonstrated innovations in SP program delivery. Bank Approval completed on 30 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P118826. US\$ 84.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Department of Social Welfare, Government of Bihar, Patna, India, Tel: (91-612) 223-4830, Fax: (91-612) 221-7672, E-mail: secysw-bih@nic.in, Contact: Rajit Punahani, Secretary. Rural Development Department, Government of Bihar, Patna, India, Tel: (91-612) 221-7496, Fax: (91-612) 221-7857, E-mail: amritlalmeena@ lib.in, Contact: Amrit Lal Meena Lal Meena, Secretary

Efficient and Sustainable City Bus Services: The objective is to promote a shift to sustainable modes of transport through a more comprehensive focus on city bus transport. Decision Meeting scheduled for 29 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.1 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Urban Development, Ground Floor, NBO Building, G-Wing, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2306-2615, E-mail: iutindia. sutp@gmail.com, Contact: I C Sharma, National Project Manager

Uttar Pradesh Pro-poor Tourism Development Project: The objective is to support the development of tourism in the Buddhist Circuit and the Braj-Agra Corridor. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 210.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

West Bengal Secondary Cities Development and Management: The objective is to support urban renewal in Kolkata and expand the delivery of appropriately planned and effectively managed local and regional urban infrastructure in secondary cities by strengthened urban bodies through an improved urban institutional and financing framework. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 July 2015. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Urban Development, Nagarayan, Sector 1, Block DF-8, Salt Lake, Kolkata, India, Tel: (91-33) 2334-9394, Fax: (91-33) 2334-7880, E-mail: psecy-ud-wb@nic.in, Contact: Debashis Sen, Principal Secretary

Transportation

(N) National Waterways Development Project: The objective is to facilitate all weather navigability in a selected section of National Waterway 1 and to undertake market development and technical feasibility studies to explore the transport development potential for National Waterway 5. Project Concept Note scheduled for 30 September 2014. Awaiting request from the Government of India. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Mizoram State Roads II_Regional Transport Connectivity Project: The objective is to finance the state roads in the State of Mizoram in Northeastern India, a landlocked, lagging region, and trade-related infrastructure, systems and processes in India and Myanmar to facilitate trade between the two countries and other regional neighbors. *Appraisal scheduled for 20 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145778. *US\$ 107.0 (IDA Credit)*. Consultants will be required. Public Works, Government of Mizoram, Tuikhuah Tlang, Aizwal, India, Tel: (91-0389) 232-4001, E-mail: piupwd@yahoo.com, Contact: Lalrinkima Hnamte, Project Director

(R) Uttarakhand Emergency Flood Recovery Project (Cr. 53130-IN): The objective is to support the recovery from floods and increase the resilience of affected communities in the state of Uttrakhand to a range of hydro-meteorological and geophysical hazards including building capacity of the state entities to respond to natural hazards and eligible crisis. *The credit was signed on 9 January 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146653. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Public Works Department (PWD) Government of Uttarakhand (GOUK), India,

Tel: NA, Email: NA, Contact: Juan Bosco Marti Ascencio, Titular de la Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales. Universal Infrastructure Development Company (UIDC), Nerkundram ,Chennai 107, India, Tel: NA, Email: NA, Contact: Juan Bosco Marti Ascencio, Titular de la Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales. SDMA, India, Tel: NA, Email: NA, Contact: Juan Bosco Marti Ascencio, Titular de la Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales

National Highways Interconnectivity Improvement: The objectives are to: (a) improve connectivity in less-developed areas in project states by upgrading selected sections of the National Highway (NH) network, and (b) strengthen the sector capacity for development and management of NH network assets and road safety. Bank Approval completed on 29 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P121185. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Bhavan 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2335-4356, Fax: (91-11) 2331-4352, E-mail: Sarangi_dkc@yahoo.co.in, Contact: Mr. A. K. Nagpal

Second Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor: The objectives are to: (a) provide additional rail transport capacity, improved service quality and higher freight throughput on the 393 km Kanpur to Mughal Sarai section of the Eastern rail corridor; and (b) develop the institutional capacity of DFCCIL to build and maintain the DFC infrastructure network. Negotiations scheduled for 17 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131765. US\$ 1100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited, 5th Floor, Pragati Maidan, Metro Station Building Complex, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2337-9820, Fax: (91-11) 2345-4701, E-mail: rkgupta@dfcc.co.in, Contact: R.K. Gupta, Managing Director, DFCCIL

Second Gujarat State Highway: The objective is to improve capacity, and enhance quality and safety of road services for the users of the core road network of state highways in Gujarat, through institutional strengthening and efficient contracting and financing strategies. Bank Approval completed on 13 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P114827. US\$ 175.0/37.0 (IBRD/SPF). Consultants will be required. Government of Gujarat, Block 4, 2nd Floor, New Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, India, Tel: (91-79) 2325-1801/02, Fax: (91-79) 2325-2509, E-mail: secrnb@gujarat. gov.in, Contact: Mr. S. S. Rathore, Secretary

Second Tamil Nadu Road Sector Project: The objective is to assist the Highways Department of the Government of Tamil Nadu in improving the road services over its core road network (CRN) in terms of capacity enhancement, better maintenance and lower accident fatalities. Decision Meeting scheduled for 22 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P143751. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Tamil Nadu, TNHB Complex, 2nd Floor, 48, Dr. Muthulakshmi Salai, Adyar, Chennai, India, Tel: (91-44) 2446-5360, Fax: (91-44) 2446-4414, E-mail: tnrsp1@gmail.com, Contact: Dr. P. Umanath, Project Director

Uttar Pradesh Core Road Network Development Program: The objectives are to: (a) improve quality, safety and sustainability of targeted state highway corridors; and (b) introduce better asset management practices. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2015. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P147864. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project Additional Financing: The objective is to reduce the vulnerability of coastal communities to cyclone and other hydro meteorological hazards. Appraisal scheduled for 6 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 105.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA), Rajiv Bhawan, Unit -5, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, 751001, India, Tel: (91-0674) 239-5398, Fax: (91-0674) 239-1871, E-mail: mdosdma@osdma.org, Contact: Rajiv Bhawan

(R) Informal Settlements Improvement: The objective is to provide support for Rajiv Awas Yojana, a centrally-sponsored program to pursue an agenda for slum free cities, to be led by the Min-

istry of Housing and Poverty Alleviation. *Appraisal scheduled for mid-February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125928. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation, Government of India, Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi, India

- **(R) Karnataka Urban Water Supply Modernization:** The objective is to improve service quality to 24/7 across the project cities of Belgaum, Gulbarga and Hubli-Dharwad through the establishment of sustainable service delivery arrangements at ULB level. *Preparation scheduled for 7 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130544. US\$ 190.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- (R) National Cyclone Risk Mitigation Project Second: The objective is to reduce the vulnerability of coastal communities in project states to cyclone and other hydro meteorological hazards. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 February 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category A.* Project: P144726. US\$ 250.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Relief and Rehabilitation, Government of Maharashtra, Maharashtra, India, Tel: (91-22) 2202-5274; Kerala Department of Revenue, Tel: (91-471) 232-2330; Gujarat State Disaster Management Agency, Ahmedabad, Tel: (92-79) 2325-9220; Department of Disaster Management, Government of West Bengal, Tel: (92-33) 221-43678
- (R) Northeast India Water Resources and Institutions Building: The objective is to support the eight Northeastern States of India to manage their water resources in an integrated and optimized manner for multi-purpose benefits. *Preparation scheduled for 17 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P128421. US\$ 150.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Vigyan Bhawan Annexe, Maulana Azad Road, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2302-2400/2401, Fax: (91-11) 2306-2754, E-mail: secydoner@nic. in; Ministry of Water Resources, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2371-5919, Fax: (91-11) 2373-1553, E-mail: secy-mowr@nic.in
- (R) Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project for Low Income States (Cr. 53450-IN): The objective is to improve piped water supply and sanitation services for selected rural communities in the target states through decentralized delivery systems. *The credit was signed on 7 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132173. US\$ 500.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. This amount includes a recommitment of cancelled IDA credit funds in the amount of SDR 31,400,000. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Room No. 247, A Wing, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-11) 2306-1207, Fax: (91-11) 2306-2715, E-mail: secydws@nic.in, Contact: Shri Solanki, Hon'ble Ministry of State

Kosi Flood Rehabilitation Program Phase II: The objectives are to: (a) increase the State's agricultural productivity; and (b) enhance access to markets and agriculture services in targeted areas by increasing resilience to floods and droughts and supporting the development of rural infrastructure. Decision Meeting scheduled for 4 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P127725. US\$ 150.0/100.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Bihar, Patna, Bihar, India, Tel: (91-612) 221-5804, Fax: (91-612) 222-3983

Rajasthan Water Supply and Sanitation: The objective is to increase access to improved, affordable and sustained water and sanitation services of urban and rural communities in Rajasthan. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 180.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Public Health and Engineering Department (PHED) and GWD (Ground Water Department), GoR, Secretariat Jaipur, Jaipur, India, Tel: (91-141) 222-7654, Contact: Dr. Purshottam Aggarwal, Principal Secretary

Third Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (Jalswarajya-II): The objective is to improve the performance of GoM's sector institutions in planning, implementation and monitoring of its RWSS program and to improve access to quality and sustainable water services in peri-urban villages, and in water-stressed and water quality-affected areas. Bank Approval scheduled for 11 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126325.

US\$ 165.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required for developing Sector wide M&E and preparing an institutional strengthening strategy for developing state level training institute Nasik Research and Training Centre. Government of Maharashtra, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, Tel: (91-22) 2756-5087, E-mail: jalswarajya_pm@hotmail.com, Contact: Sweta Singhal, Project Manager

Uttrakhand RWSS Additional Financing: The objective is to restore services of damaged Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Schemes in the target disaster affected areas of Uttarakhand. Bank Approval scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148009. US\$ 24.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, New Delhi, India, Tel: (91-135) 273-3455/3380, E-mail: pmu_uttaranchal@rediffmail.com, Contact: Mr. S. Raju, Principal Secretary

Maldives

Energy and Mining

Accelerating Sustainable Private Investment in Renewable Energy (ASPIRE) Project: The objective is to scale-up renewable energy investments by encouraging and facilitating private investments in the sector through the introduction of risk mitigation facilities and other incentive programs. Appraisal scheduled for 17 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145482. US\$ 0.4/11.9/2.9/4.0/11.0/0.8 (ASDB/CSCF/GTZ/GUID/JICA/MSC1). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment Energy and Water (Environment Research Center), Maldives

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Financial Management (PFM) Systems Strengthening Project: The objective is to support the government to build an efficient system for the existing Public Accounting System as a tool for better budget execution, internal control, cash management, accounting and fiscal reporting. Decision Meeting scheduled for 24 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145317. US\$ 6.5 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Nepal

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Enhancing Resilience of Endangered Species to Climate Change: The objective is to assist the Government of Nepal enhances capacity, knowledge and incentives to improve climate resilience of critically endangered species by safeguarding their natural habitats against climate threats. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 11 February 2013.* Appraisal scheduled for 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130015. US\$ 5.0 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Department of National Parks and Wildlife Conservation, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 422-0912, Fax: (977-1) 422-7675, E-mail: pandey.megh@gmail.com, Contact: Megh Bahadur Pandey, Chief Enforcement Coordinator

Irrigation and Water Resources Management Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve irrigated agriculture productivity and management of selected irrigation schemes; and (b) enhance institutional capacity for integrated water resource management. Signing scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0/20.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). No consultants are required. Department of Irrigation, Jawlakhel, Lalitpur, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 553-5382, Fax: (977-1) 553-7169, Email: iwrmp_doi@yahoo.com, Contact: Shiv Kumar Sharma, Acting Director General

Education

Higher Education Reforms Program: The objective is to reform higher education system for excellence, relevance, equity and efficiency for meeting human resources needs of Nepal. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

- **(R)** Business Models for Private Sector-Led Off-Grid Energy Access Project: The objective is to support the development of a local market for private-sector led off-grid energy provision using the innovative and renewable energy based 'Anchor-Business-Community (A-B-C)' business model. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 8.0 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- (R) Kabeli "A" Hydroelectric: The objective is to increase hydropower generation capacity of NEA grid through public private investment. Bank Approval scheduled for 29 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P122406. US\$ 40.0/6.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Kabeli Energy Limited, Ganga Devi Marga No. 313, Buddha Nagar, New Baneshwor, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 478-5735, Fax: (977-1) 478-5393, E-mail: kel@kel.com.np www.kel.com.np, Contact: Juan Bosco Marti Ascencio, Titular de la Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales
- (R) Scaling-up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries (SREP) Supported Extended Biogas Project: The objective is to promote market-led approaches to commercially viable off-grid biogas energy generation from organic waste, through better management of waste, and public-private partnership. Bank Approval scheduled for 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131592. US\$ 8.0 (CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Alternative Energy Promotion Center, Khumaltar Heights, Lalitpur Sub Metropol, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: 977-1-553-9237, Fax: (977-1) 553-9392, E-mail: samir.thapa@aepc.gov.np, Contact: Mr. Samir Thapa, Assistant Director

Grid-Connected Solar and Energy Efficiency: The objectives are to: (a) increase grid power supply through installation of solar power generation facility; and (b) improve NEA's financial performance through distribution system loss reduction and financial restructuring. Decision Meeting scheduled for 3 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 80.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Nepal Electricity Authority, Durbar Marg, Kathmandu, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 415 3007, Fax: (977-1) 415-3067, E-mail: neamd@nea.org.np, Contact: Arjun Karki, Managing Director

Information and Communications

National Identification Project: The objectives are to: (a) support the Government improve the design of the NID program; and (b) implement the identity management infrastructure in Nepal. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Strengthening the National Rural Transport Program (SNRTP): The objective for this operation is to enhance the availability and reliability of transport connectivity for rural communities in participating districts. Bank Approval completed on 23 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132750. US\$ 100.0/11.5 (IDA Credit/DFID). Consultants will be required. Department of Local Infrastructure Development and Agricultural Roads (DoLIDAR), Shree Mahal, Pulchok, Lalitpur, Nepal, Tel: (977-1) 555-0482, E-mail: rsapkota@dolidar.gov.np, Contact: Ram Krishna Sapkota, Deputy Director General

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Improvement Project: The objective is to improve and expand access to water supply and sanitation services in the rural areas. Negotiations scheduled for *15* April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143036. US\$ 65.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Pakistan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Sindh Barrages Improvement Phase I Project: The objective is to help secure Gudu barrage, one of the major water diversion

structures in Sindh. *Project Concept Note completed on 24 January 2014. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131324. US\$ 160.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Punjab, Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 910-003, Fax: (92-42) 921-2116

(R) Sindh On-Farm Water and Agriculture Productivity Enhancement Program: The objective is to improve water productivity in irrigated agriculture resulting in increased agricultural output per unit of water used. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. *US\$ 199.3 (IDA Credit)*. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sindh Agricultural Growth Project: The objective is to improve the productivity and market access of small and medium producers in selected commodity value chains. Negotiations scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 78.7 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Sindh Department of Agriculture, Karachi, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 9921-1462, E-mail: secretary@sindhagri.gov.pk; Sindh Department of Livestock and Fisheries, Karachi, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 9920-3291, Fax: (92-21) 9920-3290

Sindh Water Sector Improvement Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of irrigation water distribution in three AWBs (Ghotki, Nara and Left Bank canals), particularly the measures of reliability, equity and user satisfaction. Appraisal scheduled for 2 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 160.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Sindh Irrigation and Drainage Authority (SIDA), 28-A, Civil Lines, Hyderabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-221) 920-0646, Fax: (92-221) 920-0164, E-mail: MDSIDA@sida.org.pk

Education

- **(R)** Global Partnership for Education Balochistan Education Project: The objective is to support the Government to reach the education MDGs, which will follow a review and approval process stipulated by the GPE quality assurance arrangements. *Appraisal scheduled for mid-Febuary 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144454. US\$ 34.1 (EFAS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R)** Sindh Global Partnership for Education Project: The objective is to improve access to quality education through strengthening the capacity for evidence-based planning and accountability. *Appraisal scheduled for mid-February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146451. US\$ 66.0 (EFAS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Gilgit-Baltistan Education: The objective is to improve access to and the quality of education in Gilgit-Baltistan. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 9 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Education, Education Department, Civil Secretariat, Gilgit, Pakistan, Tel: (92-5811) 920-212, Contact: Ijaz Asad Rasool, Secretary

Punjab Skills Development: The objective is to support the Government of Punjab in improving their training programs. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Dasu Hydropower Stage I: The objectives are to: (a) add hydropower generation to the total energy mix; (b) reduce electricity shortages; and (c) contribute to the institutional development of WAPDA Hydel which owns and operates the existing hydropower plants. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P121507. US\$ 700.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Water and Power Development Authority (WAPDA), WAPDA House, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-995) 660-198, Fax: (92-995) 660-003, E-mail: tarbela4thext@yahoo.com

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Enhanced Nutrition for Mothers and Children: The objective is to assist Pakistan in improving coverage of effective nutrition interventions delivered through the health sector, with a focus on the poor and on marginalized groups, in order to improve the nutritional status of children under two years old and that of pregnant and lactating women. Negotiations scheduled for 11 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131850. US\$ 42.8/12.0 (IDA Credit/PPIN). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Health, Government of Sindh, I and I MS Depot, Rafiq Shaheed Road, Karachi, Sindh, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 3522-3888, Email: d-dsk@hotmail.com, Contact: Dur-e-Shewar Khan, Nutrition Focal Person. Department of Health, Balochistan, Civil Secretariat, Quetta, Pakistan, Tel: (92-81) 921-1592, E-mail: provincialnutritioncellqta@yahoo.com, dralibugti@yahoo.com, Contact: Ali Nasir Bugti, Program Manager

Immunization Support: The objective is to improve the coverage, efficiency and quality of immunization services in Pakistan. Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132308. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Expanded Program on Immunization, Ministry of Interprovincial Coordination, Cabinet Division, PM Secretariat, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-3248, Fax: (92-51) 920-7760, E-mail: secretaryipc@yahoo.com, Contact: Mr. Anisul Hasnain Musavi, Secretary

KP and FATA Emergency Recovery Credit: The objective is to assist the Government of Pakistan/KP/FATA restore social protection through income transfers and cash for work opportunities to the most affected households and vulnerable groups in the areas affected by military operation against militants and floods. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P121394. US\$ 250.0/35.0 (IDA Credit/PKNF). Consultants will be required. Provincial Relief Rehabilitation and Settlement Authority (PaRRSA), Pakistan, Tel: (92-91) 921-3855, Fax: (92-91) 921-4025, E-mail: shakeelqadir@pdma.gov.pk, Contact: Shakee Qadir Khan, Director General

Industry and Trade

Punjab Agricultural Competitiveness: The objective is to improve agriculture productivity, value addition and marketing. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 155.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Growth, Investment and Competitivenes: The objective of this credit is to support the government's strategy to accelerate inclusive economic growth, particularly through increased investment and competitiveness. Decision Meeting scheduled for *25 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P147557. *US\$ 500.0 (IDA Credit)*. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Sindh Governance Project: The objective is to support the Government to improve efficiency and expansion of public resources through the enhancement of tax administration and compliance, budget credibility, transparency, and budget execution. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Finance Department, Government of Sindh, Sindh Secretariat No. 1, Karachi, Pakistan, Tel: (92-21) 9922-2102, Fax: (92-21) 9922-2105, E-mail: rajputsohail@yahoo.com, Contact: Sohail Rajput

Power Sector Reform Development Policy Credit: The objectives are to: (a) increase output and availability of existing assets; (b) accelerate steps to import energy; (c) increase domestic gas supply; (d) develop least cost renewable energy to increase access or replace oil generation; and (e) prioritize investments for public financing and encouraging private investment through PPP. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 500.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Q Block, Pak Secretariat, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 921-1168, E-mail: nazrat.bashir@gmail.com, Contact: Nazrat Bashir, Senior Joint Secretary

(R) Revenue Mobilization Disbursement-Linked Indicator:

The objectives are to build a modern tax system and a transparent, effective and results-oriented tax administration to facilitate and improve tax compliance with tax laws. Decision Meeting scheduled for February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P128182. US\$ 300.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Federal Board of Revenue, Constitution Avenue, Shahra-e-Dastoor, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 920-3399, Fax: (92-51) 920-8864, E-mail: taxreforms@fbr.gov.pk, Contact: Samir Khan, FBR Member. Pakistan Federal Tax Ombudsman, 5-A, Constitution Avenue, Islamabad, Pakistan, Tel: (92-51) 921-1382, Contact: Sajid Khan, Advisor

Transportation

(R) MDTF KP Emergency Roads Recovery Project: The objective is to enable the population along the MDTF KP corridor to benefit from year round improved access and mobility through reconstruction of priority damaged roads and bridges in the conflict hit areas. *Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-February* 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149311. US\$ 7.8 (PKNF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) MDTF Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Emergency Roads Recovery Project Additional Financing: The objective is to enable the population along the project corridor to benefit from year round improved access and mobility through reconstruction of priority damaged roads and bridges in the conflict hit areas. *Bank Approval completed on 15 January 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 9.1 (PKNF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Regional

Energy and Mining

(R) Central Asia South Asia Electricity Transmission and **Trade Project (CASA-1000):** The objective is to develop an electricity trade among Tajikistan, Kyrgyz Republic, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. Negotiations scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145054. US\$ 158.3/368 .3/40.0/15.0/250.0/31.0 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant/ARTF/GUSA/ ISDB/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC), WAPDA House, Room 414, Lahore, Pakistan, Tel: (92-42) 9920-2229, Fax: (92-42) 9920-2053, E-mail: ceo@ntdc.com.pk, Contact: Mr. Muhammad Zia-ur-Rehman, Managing Director. Barki Tajik, 64, I.Somoni Street, 734026, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 358-766, Fax: (992-372) 358-694, E-mail: elrpbt@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Ali Nazarov, Chairman. National Electric Grid of Kyrgyzstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-31) 266-1001, E-mail: nesk@elcat.kg, Contact: Mr. Medetbek Aitkulov, nesk@elcat. kg. Da Afghanistan Breshna Sherkat, Afghanistan, Tel: (93-700) 294-722, E-mail: shekeeb.nessar@dabs.af, Contact: Eng. Shekeeb Nessar, Chief Operations Officer

Sri Lanka

Education

(R) Skills Development Project: The objective is to support the Government of Sri Lanka to improve the quality and relevance of the skills development sector. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 February 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category B.* Project: P132698. *US\$* 90.0/100.0/26.0/17.0 (*IDA Credit/ASDB/GKOR/GTZ*). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Catastrophe Deferred Drawdown Option (DDO): The objective is to enhance the Government's capacity to quickly mobilize resources in the event of a natural disaster on the condition of an adequate ex-ante macroeconomic environment and the maintenance of a satisfactory disaster risk management framework. *Decision Meeting completed on 17 January 2014. Appraisal scheduled for 25 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 102.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Planning, The Secretariat, Sri Lanka

Transportation

(R) Strategic Cities Development Project: The objective is to improve selected urban services and public urban spaces in the Participating City Regions of Sri Lanka. *Appraisal completed on 20 January 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 6 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P130548. *US\$ 147.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Defense and Urban Development, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-77) 767-8907, E-mail: janakauda@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Janaka Kurukulasuriya, janakauda@gmail.com

(R) Transport Connectivity: The objective is to provide lower costs of transport by: (a) reducing congestion and improving road condition; and (b) providing better connectivity of inter-urban transport. The project supports the overall strategy of developing public transport and managing motorization. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *5 June 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 275.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Road Development Authority, 9th Floor, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla 10120, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-11) 286-2795, Fax: (94-11) 287-2272

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Integrated Urban Rural Water Supply Project: The objective is to increase the water and sanitation service coverage and achieve effective and sustainable use of water services in water scarce and low coverage Provinces. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 26 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Dam Safety WRP Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) establish long-term sustainable arrangements for operation and maintenance (O&M) of large dams; and (b) improve water resources planning. *Appraisal scheduled for 18 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 70.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources Management, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-11) 267-5315, Fax: (94-11) 269-1163, E-mail: pddswrpp@sltnet.lk

(R) Improving Climate Resilience: The objective is to reduce exposure of people in vulnerable areas to hydrometeorological risk, through evidence-based investment planning and urgent mitigation measures, and to improve Government's capacity to respond effectively to an eligible crisis or emergency. *Negotiations scheduled for 17 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146314. US\$ 110.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Road Development Authority, 9th Floor, Sethsiripaya, Battaramulla 10120, Sri Lanka, Tel: (94-11) 286-2795, Fax: (94-11) 287-2272

Europe and Central Asia

Albania

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Environmental Services: The objective is to continue to extend environmentally, socially and financially sustainable community based natural resources management planning and implementation in erosion prone upland areas, reversing land degradation and sediment runoff, while increasing carbon sequestration and biodiversity benefits. Appraisal scheduled for *5 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0/10.0/2.9 (IBRD/F7SD/GFCO). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Administration, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 222-4537, Fax: (355-4) 227-0627, E-mail: kabineti@moe.gov.al

(R) Environmental Services: The objective is a continuation to extend of environmentally, socially, economically and financially sustainable community based natural resource management planning and implementation, in erosion prone upland areas, reversing land degradation and sediment runoff, while increasing carbon sequestration and biodiversity benefits. Appraisal scheduled for *5 March* 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0/10.0/2.9

(IBRD/F7SD/GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Water Administration, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 222-4537, Fax: (355-4) 227-0627, E-mail: kabineti@moe.gov.al

Education

Education Sector Project: The objective is to improve access to quality education, especially for poor or vulnerable children. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Power Emergency: The objectives are: i) to put the sector on a self-sustaining trajectory; and ii) to enhance security of supply in the power system. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 March 2014.* The project is going thru some structural changes. Environmental Assessment Category B. *US\$ 160.0 (IBRD)*. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

(R) Financial Sector Development Policy Loan: The objective is to strengthen legal and institutional capacities of the financial sector regulators to mitigate emerging risks. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 16 January 2014. Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance-Albania, Albania; Bank of Albania, Sheshi "Avni Rustemi" 24, Tirana, Albania

Health and Other Social Services

Health System Improvement: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the reform in the health financing system; (b) improve the quality in primary care services, and rationalize hospital care services; and (c) support the capacity building for health policy, regulation and management. Project Concept Note scheduled for 12 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Second Public Finance DPL: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen public financial management; and (b) improve the fiscal outlook. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 26 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined

(R) Public Finance Development Policy Loan: The objective is to strengthen public financial management and to improve the Albania's fiscal sustainability outlook through structural reforms of the pension system and the energy sector. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 26 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Boulevard Deshmoret e Kombit, No. 3, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-69) 207-4196, E-mail: eluci@minfin.gov.al, Contact: Erjon Luci, Deputy Minister

Transportation

(R) Results-based Road Maintenance and Safety: The objective is to support the Government of Albania to improve safety of the national road network through implementing the Albania National Transport Plan and Road Safety Action Plan by introducing and efficiently using a road asset management system and road safety principles and audits. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. *US\$ 75.0* (*IBRD*). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Tirana, Albania, Tel: (355-4) 225-6091

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Water Sector Investment (Ln. 83230-AL): The objectives are to: (a) improve the reliability of the water service and cost recovery in the Durres region; and (b) support the Government's efforts to implement its sector strategy, including meeting EU accession requirements, while supporting the broader reform agenda at the

national level. *The loan was signed on 16 January 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P102733. US\$ 85.3 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Works and Transport, Rruga Sami Frasheri Nr 4, Tirana, Albania Tel/Fax: (355-4) 225-0336, E-mail: nbraho@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Nikolin Braho, Director

Armenia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Second Community Agriculture Resource Management and Competitiveness: The objective is to improve Armenia's agrifood sector competitiveness and market access by enhancing selected value chains in targeted communities. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133705. US\$ 23.0/7.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Government House 3, Republic Square, Yerevan, Armenia Tel/Fax: (374-10) 524-641, Email: gkhachatryan@arspiu.com, Contact: Mr. Gagik Khachatryan, PIU Director

Education

(R) Education (Ln. 83420-AM, Cr. 53870-AM): The objective is to support the Government to: (a) enhance the quality of General Secondary Education; and (b) support the Tertiary Education reforms in the context of the Bologna Declaration. Bank Approval scheduled for 13 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130182. US\$ 15.0/15.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Project Implementation Unit (PIU), 73 Vratsyan Street, 0070 Yerevan, Armenia, Tel: (374-10) 575-690, Fax: (374-10) 559-750, E-mail: cfep@arminco.com, Contact: Hasmik Ghazaryan, Director

Social Investment and Local Development Project: The objective is to support the implementation of the Armenia Social Investment Fund's (ASIF) Evolution Strategy 2015-2019. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Electricity Supply Reliability Additional Financing: The objective is to finance urgent investments in power transmission assets, including substations and power transmission lines. *Pre-appraisal scheduled for 20 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. High Voltage Electric Networks, Armenia

Electricity Transmission Network Improvement: The objective is to rehabilitate critical substations and construct new transmission line sections to improve electricity supply reliability. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146199. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. High Voltage Electric Networks; Yerevan TPP

Finance

(R) Long Term Finance: The objective is to provide long-term financing to private enterprises through the Panarmenian Bank (PAB). *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P131812. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD).

(R) Second Social Protection Administration Project: The objectives are to: (a) improve social protection benefit and service provision by integrating social assistance, disability, labor market, and pension administration into ISPCs for social protection beneficiaries; and (b) increase capacity of the MLSI to create effective and efficient social protection policy options. Negotiations completed on 4 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 24 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146318. US\$ 21.2 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Labor and Social Issues, Government Building 3, Republic Square, Yerevan, Armenia, Tel: (374-10) 526-831, E-mail: mss@mss.am, Contact: Artem Asatryan, Minster of Labor and Social Issues

Industry and Trade

Trade Promotion and Quality Infrastructure: The objective is to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Government's interventions to support the competitiveness of Armenian enterprises. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146994. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Azerbaijan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Water Users Association Development Support Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the effectiveness and financial viability of on-farm irrigation water distribution and management in the project area. Preparation scheduled for 4 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Amelioration and Irrigation Open Joint Stock Company, Azerbaijan

Education

(R) Tertiary Education Project: The objectives are to: (a) improve the tertiary education system; (b) improve tertiary education institutions; and (c) project management and monitoring and evaluation. Decision Meeting scheduled for 8 July 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 45.0 (IBRD)*. Consultants will be required. Ministry of Education, 49 Khatai Prospekt, Baku AZ1008, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 496-2242, Fax: (994-12) 496-9368, E-mail: erustamov@ultel.net, Contact: Elvin Rustamov, Director

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Second Health Sector Reform Project: The objective is to improve quality and availability of health-care services and strengthen the capacity of the health authorities to manage the system (stewardship). Project Concept Note scheduled for *15 May 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, 4 Kicik Deniz St. Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 493-2977, E-mail: sabdullayev65@ yahoo.com

Industry and Trade

Agricultural Competitiveness Improvement: The objectives are to: (a) enhance competitiveness of agricultural products; (b) increase rural productivity and incomes; and (c) enhance agricultural support services including advisory and veterinary services. Bank Approval completed on 30 September 2013. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P122812. US\$ 34.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, 40, U. Hajibayov Street, Government House, Baku AZ1016, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 497-1301, Fax: (994-12) 498-1395, E-mail: adcp@agroagency.gov. az, Contact: Mr. Huseyn Huseynov, Director

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Judicial Services and Smart Infrastructure Project: The objective is to scale-up the provision of selected user-friendly judicial services, with smart infrastructure and strengthened institutional capacity. *Negotiations scheduled for 20 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144700. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Justice, Trg Bosne i herzegovine br. 1, Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (387-33) 223-503, E-mail: ramingurbanov@yahoo.com, Contact: Ramin Gurbanov, Chief, Reform Implementation Division

Transportation

(R) Second Rural Investment Additional Financing: The objective is to improve access to and use of community-driven rural infrastructure, expand economic activities for rural households, and improve the economic and social well-being of rural communities in selected areas through upgrading of local road networks. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 30 January 2014.* Pre-appraisal scheduled for *5 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P147861. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. AZRIP PMU in State Agency on Agricultural Credit, 40 U. Hadjibekov Street, Government House, 8th Floor Room 801,

AZ 1016 Baku, Azerbaijan Tel/Fax: (994-12) 493-4813, E-mail: sub-han@azrip.org

Fourth Highway: The objectives are to: (a) support the improvement of the main road network to improve Azerbaijan competitiveness by strengthening the inter-country linkages; and (b) provide greater export market access, and build Azerbaijan's role as a regional transit corridor. Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P122200. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Azer Road Service, 72/4, Uzeyir Hajibeyov Street, AZ1010, Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 493-0045, Fax: (994-12) 493-4665, E-mail: silkway@online.az, Contact: Mr. Javid Gurbanov, Chief of AzerRoadService OJC

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Second National Water Supply and Sanitation Additional Financing: The objective is to provide quality and reliable water supply and sanitation services in selected regional (rayon) centers in Azerbaijan. *Appraisal scheduled for 10 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Amelioration and Water Management Open Joint Stock Company, 40 U. Hadjibekov Street, House of Government, AZ1016 Baku, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 596-7184, Fax: (994-12) 473-1176

Integrated Solid Waste Management Additional Financing: The objective is to rehabilitate the Balakhani Landfill to extend disposal capacity for waste from the Greater Baku area for long-term operation of up to 20 years. The extended activities financed by this AF would include (i) opening of new waste cells and (ii) upward expansion of waste disposal. Bank Approval completed on 27 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144279. US\$ 47.1 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economic Development, 23 Niyazi street, Azerbaijan, Tel: (994-12) 492-4110, Fax: (994-12) 492-5895, E-mail: sahil.babayev@economy.gov.az, Contact: Mr. Sahil Babayev, Head of Department/PIU Director

Belarus

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Forestry Development: The objective is to increase the contribution from the forest sector to GDP, whilst maintaining and enhancing environmental and social services provided by the forest sector. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *21 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Forestry, 39 Myasnikov Str. Minsk, Belarus

Education

Belarus Education Modernization Project: The objective is to enhance the efficiency of the general secondary education system and contribute to an improvement in quality of education at system level and at targeted schools. Identification scheduled for 28 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Miinistry of Education, Belarus

Energy and Mining

(R) Biomass District Heating: The objectives are to: (a) improve the energy efficiency of district heating systems; (b) increase the use of biomass in heat generation; and (c) reduce the carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions of heat generation and supply in selected towns of Belarus. Bank Approval scheduled for 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146194. US\$ 90.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. The Energy Efficient Department, Svobody Squre 17, 220030 Minsk, Belarus, Tel: (375-17) 327-50-51, Fax: (375-17) 327-55-63, E-mail: energoeffect@bc.by, Contact: Mr. Sergei Semashko, Director

Transportation

(N) Transit Corridor Improvement: The objective is to finance the improvement of the M-6 International Transit corridor between Minsk and Grodno to facilitate improved transport connectivity domestically and on international routes. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 5 March 2014. Environmental Assessment

Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Water Supply and Sanitation Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) increase access to the water supply services; and (b) improve the quality of water supply and wastewater services in selected urban areas. Bank Approval scheduled for 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 90.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Housing and Utilities, Bersona Street, 16, Minsk, Belarus, Tel: (375-17) 200-1545, Fax: (375-17) 200-8708, E-mail: info@mjkx.gov.by, Contact: Mr. Anatolyi Shagun, Deputy Minister

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Drina Flood Protection: The objective is to provide protection against 1-in-100 year flood events to agricultural, residential and industrial interests in the municipalities of Bijeljina, Janja, Gorazde, Foca-Ustikolina and Pale-Praca. Negotiations scheduled for 5 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143844. US\$ 24.0 (IDA Credit). *Consultants will be required.* Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Project Implementation Unit in Forestry (FBiH PIU), Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina Tel/Fax: (387-33) 726-550, E-mail: hazima.hadzovic@fmps.gov.ba, Contact: Mr. Hazima Hadzovic, Assistant Minister. Republica Srpska Agriculture PCU, Trg Republike, Srpske 1, Banja Luka Tel/Fax: (387-51) 338-368, E-mail: m.stevanovic@mps.vladars.net, Contact: Mr. Mihajlo Stevanovic, Assistant Minister

Sustainable Forest and Abandoned Land Management: The objectives are to: (a) improve the biodiversity conservation in forests, scrub and abandoned pasture; (b) reduce erosion through poor forest road infrastructure and harvesting; and (c) increase the sustainability of forest management. Bank Approval completed on 15 January 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129961. US\$ 5.6 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture Water Management and Forestry, Marka Marulica br 2, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 726-638, Fax: (387-33) 726-664, E-mail: danic.cigelj@fmpvs.gov.ba, Contact: Mr. Danica Cigelj, Assistant Minister for Forestry

Energy and Mining

Energy Efficiency: The objectives are to reduce: (a) energy intensity; (b) consumption of imported oil and gas to the extent it is used for space heating; and (c) carbon intensity of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Bank Approval scheduled for 13 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143580. US\$ 32.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Republika Serpska Ministry of Spatial Planning, Civil Engineering and Ecology, Trg Republike Srpske 1, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-51) 339-592, Fax: (387-51) 339-653, E-mail: M.Jokic@mgr.vladars.net, Contact: Mr. Milos Jokic, Assistant Minister. Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina Ministry of Physical Planning, Marka Marulica 2/3, Sarajevo, Tel: (387-33) 226-420, Fax: (387-33) 227-188, E-mail: katicajasmina@gmail.com, Contact: Ms. Jasmina Katica, Head

Finance

SEEC Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility APL4: The objective is to help increase access to financial protection from losses caused by climate change and geological hazards to homeowners, farmers, and the enterprise sector and government agencies. Negotiations scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127788. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Europa RE, Weinbergstrasse 56/58, Zurich, Switzerland, Tel: (41-44) 380-5090, Fax: (41-44) 380-5091, E-mail: heinz. vollenweider@europa-re.com, Contact: Mr. Heinz Vollenweider, Chairman of the Board

Industry and Trade

Development Policy Loan I: The objective is to support the government in implementing the business climate reforms agenda. Negotiations scheduled for 10 April 2014. Environmental Assessment

Category U. Project: P146740. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. RS Ministry of Finance, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Federation BiH Ministry of Finance, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Transportation

(R) Sava Waterway Rehabilitation: The objective is to improve the navigability of the Sava River to facilitate full return to operational use of the inland waterway for the first time after the cessation of hostilities. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P108000. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit).

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Second Solid Waste Management Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the availability, quality, environmental soundness, and financial viability of solid waste management services in participating utilities/regions. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 14 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.0 (F7U4). Consulting services to be determined. FBiH Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Marka Marulica 2, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-33) 726-374, Fax: (387-33) 726-747, E-mail: sswmp@fmoit.gov.ba, Contact: Mr. Anto Covic, Team Leader. RS Ministry of Spatial Planning, Trg Republike Srpske 1, 78000 Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Tel: (387-51) 339-504, Fax: (387 51) 339-592, E-mail: s.cvijic@mgr.vladars.net, swmp2@mgr.vladars.net, Contact: Mr. Sveto Cvijic, Team Leader

Croatia

Finance

Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development Partial Credit Guarantee: The objectives are to support: (a) HBOR's move towards market-based funding through a Partial Credit Guarantee (PCG); and (b) investment projects in Croatia by providing medium and long-term funding. Signing scheduled for 30 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P133471. US\$ 256.4 (GUAR). Consulting services to be determined. Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Strossmayerov trg 9, 10000 Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 459-1586, Fax: (385-1) 459-1705, E-mail: bberkovic@hbor.hr, Contact: B. Berkovic

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Sector Reform: The objective is to improve the quality and efficiency of health services in Croatia. *Negotiations scheduled for 10 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144871. US\$ 103.5 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Social System Modernization Project: The objective is to support the Government: (a) rationalize and harmonize the current system of cash benefits; (b) improve the administration of social assistance; and (c) support the de-institutionalization of children without parental care and of the disabled. Appraisal scheduled for 30 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145171. US\$ 95.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

Enterprise Finance: The objective is to establish a programmatic vehicle for providing Croatian enterprises with finance and technical assistance for their operations at appropriate stages of their development. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Economic Recovery Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support economic recovery through: (a) enhanced fiscal sustainability through expenditure-based consolidation; and (b) fostered private sector growth. *Preparation completed on 23 January 2014. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P127665. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). *No consultants are required.* Ministry of Finance, Katanciceva 5, Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-1) 459-1258, Fax: (385-1)

492-2598, E-mail: maroje.lang@mfin.hr, Contact: Maroje Lang, Assistant Minister

Transportation

Railways Sector Improvement: The objective is to support the railway sector improvement through: (a) Sector restructuring; (b) capacity building of the administration to oversee the sector; and (c) Select investment in infrastructure Decision Meeting scheduled for 15 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P147499. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Transport and Infrastructure, Prisavlje 14, Zagreb, Croatia, Tel: (385-) 616-9080, Fax: (385-1) 619-6477, E-mail: danijel.krakic@mmpi.hr, Contact: Danijel Krakic

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

EU Coastal Waters Compliance: The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality of water on Croatia's Adriatic coasts; and (b) fulfill the EU environmental requirements in a financially and operationally sustainable manner. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 17 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 205.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Croatian Waters, Croatia

Georgia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Irrigation and Land Market Development: The objective is to stimulate private sector investment in agriculture by investing in: (a) irrigation and drainage improvement; and (b) land market development. Negotiations scheduled for 5 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133828. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, 6 Marshal Gelovani Street, Tbilisi, 0159, Georgia, Tel: (995 32) 237-6689, Fax: (995 32) 237-8013, E-mail: infomoa@moa.gov.ge, Contact: Mr. Ilia Kvitiashvili, Deputy Minister

Energy and Mining

(R) Transmission Grid Strengthening: The objective is to strengthen the national transmission system to enable evacuation of electricity from new hydropower generation stations and to enable regional and national electricity trade. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P147348. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Georgian State Electrosystem, Georgia, Fax: 995322357807, E-mail: m.valishvili@menr.gov.ge

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Competitiveness and Growth DPO3: The objective is to support the Government of Georgia's medium-term reform program aimed at strengthening competitiveness and inclusive growth. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P146890. US\$ 60.0/20.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Third Secondary and Local Roads: The objective is to improve local connectivity and travel time for selected secondary and local roads, and to strengthen the local road network management capacity in Georgia. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148048. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Road Department of the Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure, 12 Kazbegi Avenue, Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 37-6216, E-mail: info@georoad.ge

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Second Regional and Municipal Infrastructure Development: The objective is to improve the efficiency, quality and reliability of municipal services, and build the capacity of local governments to provide sustainable services. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147521. *US\$ 30.0 (IBRD)*. Consulting services to be determined. Georgia Municipal Development Fund, 150 David Aghmashenebeli Avenue, Tbilisi, Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 243-7001, Fax:

(995-32) 243-7077, E-mail: mdf@mdf.org.ge, Contact: Mr. Elguja Khokrishvili, Executive Director

(R) Supporting Sustainable Wastewater Management: The objectives are to: (a) promote sustainable wastewater management in Georgia; and (b) pilot implementation of wastewater treatment plants, aligned with World Bank safeguards policies and in harmonization with the EU legislation. Appraisal scheduled for 17 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145040. US\$ 10.5 (SGWM). Consulting services to be determined. Municipal Development Fund of Georgia, 150 David Agmashenebeli Ave. Georgia, Tel: (995-32) 243-7001, Fax: (995-32) 243-7077, E-mail: ekhokrishvili@mdf.org.ge, Contact: Mr. Elguja Khokrishvili, Executive Director

Kazakhstan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Second Irrigation and Drainage Improvement: The objectives are to: (a) improve irrigation, drainage systems, water management and environmental services; and (b) strengthen agricultural practices and farmers' information services. Bank Approval completed on 27 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: Po86592. US\$ 102.9 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environmental Protection, 31 Pobedy Ave. Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3172) 591-972, Fax: (7-3172) 591-973, E-mail: a_braliev@nature.kz, Contact: Alzhan Braliev, Vice-Minister

Education

(R) Youth Corps Program: The objective is to promote positive youth development through service learning opportunities that serve the community and foster constructive engagement between youth and society at large. Bank Approval scheduled for *31 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127966. US\$ 21.8 (TF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Science of RK, Tel: (7-7172) 742-335, E-mail: m_kozhakhmet@edu.gov.kz, Contact: Madiyar Kozhakhmet, Director of the Youth Policy Department

Energy and Mining

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: The objectives are to: (a) raise awareness about the energy efficiency potential in Kazakhstan by designing and implementing some sustainable projects for demonstration and awareness of the EE/RE potential; and (b) support capacity building of Kazakh counterparts in developing a sustainable EE/RE framework, design and implementation capacity. First Grant Funding Request Approval completed on 22 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130013. US\$ 21.8 (F7VP). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Industry and New Technologies, 47 Kabanbai Batyr Avenue, Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3272) 299-010, Fax: (7-3272) 290-853, E-mail: ta.mukanov@mint.gov.kz. Contact: Mr. Talgat Mukanov, Head of Energy Efficiency Department

Industry and Trade

(N) Competitiveness and Access to Finance: The objective is to help increase economic competitiveness and diversification of the SME sector in Kazakhstan. Decision Meeting scheduled for 5 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P147705. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Justice System Support Project: The objective is to improve the efficiency of selected aspects of Kazakhstan's justice system. Negotiations completed on 10 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 13 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143274. US\$ 36.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Justice, Orynbor Street 8, Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-7172) 740-226, Fax: (7-7172) 740-677, E-mail: wbproject@minjust. kz, Contact: Marat Beketayev, Executive Secretary

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Hazardous and POPs Waste Management-GEF: The objective is to create hazardous waste treatment capacity in compliance with

international environmental standards and to reduce contamination of Kazakhstan's natural resources and public health risks of exposure to this contamination from selected PCB contaminated sites. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 10.4 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second Elimination of POP Wastes: The objective is to support the development of environmentally sound management of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) with the country's obligations under the Stockholm Convention. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 34.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environmental Protection, 31 Pobedy Ave. Astana, Kazakhstan, Tel: (7-3172) 591-972, Fax: (7-3172) 591-973, E-mail: a_braliev@nature.kz

Kosovo

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Water Supply and Canal Protection: The objective is to improve the reliability and quality of water supply to Central Kosovo, home to the commercial and administrative center of the country, by undertaking the investment measures needed to secure uninterrupted and good-quality water supply from the Iber-Lepenc Canal. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133829. US\$ 17.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Pristina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 2003-2307, E-mail: arben.citaku@ks-gov.net, Contact: Mr. Arben Citaku

Education

(R) Education Improvement Project: The objectives are to: (a) support improvements in the quality and efficiency of the education sector of pre-university education; (b) build on the achievements of a predecessor project, and based on Kosovo's education strategy; (c) improve allocation and efficiency of resources; and (d) provide quality assurance mechanisms. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *24 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: The objective is to assist the Government of Kosovo with the implementation of a low carbon growth strategy by contributing to increase: (a) energy efficiency in public and residential buildings; and (b) investment in renewable energy projects. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 11 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143055. US\$ 32.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economic Development, Nena Tereza Square, 10000 Pristina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 2002-1505, Fax: (381-38) 2002-1302, E-mail: agron.dida@ks-gov.net

Lignite Power: The objective is to support a private sector independent power producer and lignite mining company. Appraisal scheduled for 15 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P118287. US\$ 50.0/725.0/725.0 (GUID/ZBIL/ZEXP). No consultants are required. Ministry of Economic Development, Nena Tereza Square, 10000 Pristina, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 2002-1505, Fax: (381-38) 2002-1302, E-mail: agron.dida@ks-gov.net, Contact: Mr. Besim Beqaj, Minister

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Project: The objective is to support the on-going health sector reforms in order to: (a) improve financial protection from the burden of health expenses, particularly among the poor; (b) improve the quality of Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services; and (c) improve access to MCH services among disadvantaged groups. *Appraisal scheduled for 7 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P147402. US\$ 25.5 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

Danish Support for Rural Development Grant Program: The objective is to promote competitiveness and growth in the livestock and horticulture sub-sectors over the next decade through implementation of selected measures of its agricultural strategy and institutional development. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 9.2 (FSSP). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Development, Street Mother Tereza 35, Kosovo, Tel: (381-38) 211-131, E-mail: shqipe.dema@ks-gov.net, Contact: Mr. Belrand Stavileci, Minister

Kyrgyz Republic

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Agriculture Productivity and Nutrition Improvements: The objective is to increase agricultural productivity and food security of rural households in selected areas nationwide. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 02 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132754. US\$ 38.0 (GAFS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Processing Industry (MAWRPI), 96A Kievskaya St. Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 665-625, Fax: (996-312) 661-572, E-mail: morbekova@apiu.elcat.kg

National Water Resources Management: The objectives are to improve: (a) the river basin water management capacity in Kyrgyzstan; (b) irrigation system and on-farm level to increase water and food security; and (c) livelihoods and raise socio-economic indicators particularly in rural areas. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 15 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144336. US\$ 7.8 (F7U8). Consulting services to be determined. Department of Water Resources, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 541-174, E-mail: onfarmir@elcat.kg, Contact: Mr. Nurbek Sharshekeev, Project Director

Pasture and Livestock Management Improvement: The objectives are to: (a) ensure fair access to pastures; (b) raise livestock owners' incomes; and (c) arrest long term pasture degradation, which will contribute to improved food security, agricultural competitiveness, environmental sustainability and social stability. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 17 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture, Kyrgyz Republic

Education

Global Partnership for Education (GPE) 3: The objective is to increase equitable access to pre-school education and establish conditions for improving its quality. Bank Approval scheduled for 2 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132490. US\$ 12.7 (EFAS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education and Science of the Kyrgyz Republic, Tunustanova Street, 257, Ap. 410, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 662-442, Email: minedukg@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Sadykov Kanat, Minister of Education

Energy and Mining

(R) Electricity Supply Accountability and Reliability Improvement: The objective is to establish a transparent accountability framework for the power and financial flows in OJSC Severelectro, the distribution company serving capital city of Bishkek and a few surrounding towns. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133446. *US\$ 25.0/0.5 (IDA Credit/F7VP)*. Consulting services to be determined. JSC Severelectro, 3 Chkalova Street, Lebedinovka Village, Alamudunski District, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 631-685, E-mail: azamatm@mail.ru

Industry and Trade

(R) Second Development Policy Operation: The objective is to support the Government to achieve a more transparent and accountable use of public resources, and an improved environment for doing business. Decision Meeting scheduled for *12 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 25.0 (IDA Credit).

Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Third Village Investment:(formerly Health and Other Social Services sector) The objective is to finance small-scale physical community infrastructure and services investments jointly identified and subsequently implemented by local authorities and communities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Education

(R) Skills Development and Innovation Support Project (Ln. 83320-MK): The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the quality and relevance of tertiary and technical vocational education to better respond to the needs of the labor market; and (b) improve the innovative capacity of enterprises and research entities through better access to skills, knowledge, finance and technology. *The loan was signed on 7 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128378. US\$ 24.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tel: NA, Email: NA, Contact: Biljana Trajkovska, Advisor

Energy and Mining

(R) Lukovo Pole Water Regulation and Renewable Energy: The objective is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the national and regional power systems. *Appraisal scheduled for 1 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P112730. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. ELEM Macedonian Power Plants, 11 Oktomvri 9, 1000 Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tel: (389-23) 149-166, Fax: (389-23) 149-176, E-mail: nevenka.jakimova.filipovska@elem.com.mk, Contact: Nevenka Jakimova Filipovska, Head of Development Division

Industry and Trade

(N) Third Programmatic Competitiveness DPL: The objective is to support the Government to strengthen the competitiveness of FYR Macedonia's economy by incentivizing productive investment and technological upgrading in the manufacturing, agribusiness and trade logistics sectors, and establishing enabling conditions to progressively increase labor market flexibility and innovation capacity. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 67.5 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Second Macedonia Competitiveness Development Policy Loan: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the institutional and implementation capacity for FDI attraction and export promotion; (b) introduce reforms that bring about better functional factor markets, especially markets for agricultural land, labor and skills; and (c) introduce reforms that remove sector-specific constraints in key export-oriented sectors. Negotiations completed on 29 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 13 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P130847. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required.

Transportation

(R) National and Regional Roads Rehabilitation: The objective is to enhance the connectivity of selected national and regional roads, primarily to Corridors X and VIII, and to improve PESR's capacity for road safety and climate resilience. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Public Enterprise for State Roads, 1000 Skopje, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, E-mail: a.stojanov@roads.org.mk, Contact: Aleksandar Stojanov, Deputy Director

Moldova

Energy and Mining

District Heating Efficiency Improvement: The objective is to assist the newly merged district heating/CHP company to improve the sustainability of its operations and financial viability by: (a) improving the efficiency of its operations; and (b) supporting the resolution of the historical debt stock. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 28 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132443. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Moldova, Tel: (373-22) 250-554, E-mail: vadim.ceban@mec.gov.md, Contact: Mr. Vadim Ceban, Director

District Heating Efficiency Improvement Partial Credit Guarantee: The objective is to assist the newly merged district heating/CHP company to improve the sustainability of its operations and financial viability. Appraisal scheduled for 12 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 80.0/138.0 (GUAR/ZPCO). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy, Moldova, Tel: (373-22) 250-554, E-mail: vadim.ceban@mec.gov.md

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Transformation Project: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen the health insurance program to reduce the financial burden on the poor; (b) improve services, especially in the hospital sub-sector; (c) improve quality of care; (d) fight NCDs, especially the primary and secondary prevention; and (e) improve human resources for health. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Second Competitiveness Enhancement Project (CEP) II: (formerly Public Administration, Law, and Justice sector) The objective is to support the Government to increase the competitiveness of enterprises by: (a) improving the Regulatory Reform Strategy and competition policy reforms; and (b) expanding access to financing. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P144103. US\$ 30.0/15.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) First Development Policy Operation: The objectives are to support: (a) advancing regulatory reforms to improve the business climate; (b) promoting financial sector stability and development; and (c) increasing the efficiency and equity of public expenditures. Negotiations completed on 13 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 9.0/21.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 7, Cosmonautilor Str. Chisinau, Moldova, Tel: (373-022) 262-600, Fax: (373-022) 221-307, E-mail: protocol@mf.gov.md, Contact: Anatol Arapu, Minister. State Chancellery, 1, Piata Marii Adunari Nationale, Chisinau, Moldova, Tel: (373-022) 250-104, Fax: (373-022) 250-273, E-mail: victor.bodiu@gov.md, Contact: Victor Bodiu, Secretary General

Disaster and Climate Risk Management Additional Financing: The objective is to strengthen the State Hydrometeorological Service's ability to forecast severe weather and improve Moldova's capacity to prepare for and respond to natural disasters. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 1 August 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 2.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Strengthening Public Financial Management (PFM) and Tax Administration: The objective is to strengthen institutions and systems for public finance management and tax administration in Moldova. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Strengthening Public Sector Management: The objective is to support the implementation of the Government Strategy for Strengthening Public Sector Management with the focus on strengthening capacity for policy coordination and enhancing public sector

performance. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Montenegro

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Agriculture and Rural Development Institution Building: The objective is to support the Government to: (a) gain experience in implementing rural development; and (b) strengthen the competitiveness of agricultural production and processing (farms/processing companies) while building-up the capacity of operating structure until its accreditation for conferral of management. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 10 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (TF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Rimski trg 46, Podgorica, Montenegro, Tel: (382-20) 482-109, Fax: (382-20) 234-306, E-mail: velizar.vojinovic@mpr.gov.me, Contact: Mr. Velizar Vojinovic, Minister

Energy and Mining

Energy Efficiency Additional Financing: The objective is to improve energy efficiency performance in targeted public sector buildings in order to provide a demonstrated basis for development of a sustainable energy efficiency improvement program in the public sector in Montenegro. Bank Approval completed on 23 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145399. US\$ 6.8 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy, Rimski trg 46, 81000, Podgorica, Montenegro, Tel: (382-20) 482-185; 482-446, Fax: (382-20) 234-081, E-mail: info@ee-me.org, Contact: Mr. Dragica Sekulic, Deputy Minister

Finance

Montenegro SEEC Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility APL3: The objective is to help increase access to financial protection from losses caused by climate change and geological hazards to homeowners, farmers enterprise sector and government agencies. Negotiations scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127044. US\$ 2.5 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Europa RE, Weinbergstrasse 56/58, Zurich, Switzerland, Tel: (41-44) 380-5090, Fax: (41-44) 380-5091, E-mail: heinz.vollenweider@europa-re.com, Contact: Mr. Heinz Vollenweider. Chairman of the Board

Health and Other Social Services

(N) Second Montenegro Health Project: The objective is to support the Government of Montenegro in enhancing the efficiency of the health system through advanced management and planning, reform of financing in primary and secondary health care and improvement of quality of care. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 7 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 12.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Public Expenditure and Growth Development Policy Loan: The objectives are: (a) fiscal consolidation (to underpin a gradual reduction of the high public debt over the medium term); and (b) business environment reforms to support sustainable economic recovery, competitiveness and growth. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 June 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Stanka Dragojevica 2, Podgorica, 81000, Montenegro, Tel: (382-20) 243-274, Fax: (382-20) 224-450, E-mail: nemanja.pavlicic@mif.gov. me, Contact: Nemanja Pavlici, Assistant Minister for Budget

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Industrial Waste Management and Cleanup: The objectives are to: (a) reduce the risks to Montenegro's natural resources and public health from selected industrial waste disposal sites; (b) develop infrastructure for the management of hazardous waste; and (c) strengthen institutional capacity to regulate both hazardous and non-hazardous industrial waste management. Bank Approval scheduled for 29 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project:

P122139. US\$ 65.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Government of Montenegro, IV Proleterske 19, Podgorica, 81000, Montenegro, Tel: (382-20) 618-250, Fax: (382-20) 618-246, E-mail: danilo.kujovic@epa.org.me, epamontenegro@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Danilo Kujovic, Spec. of Environmental Protection Advisor

Poland

Health and Other Social Services

(N) Health Service Delivery Project: The objective is to support the Government of Poland in initiating the transformation of service delivery to respond more effectively to new demographic and epidemiological profile of the population. Identification scheduled for 14 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Poland Growth and Resilience DPL2: The objective is to support the government of Poland's goal of accelerating economic growth, while strengthening public finances. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 800.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Resiliance and growth Development Policy Loan: The objective, the first of two series, is to support the Government to strengthen institutional resilience to promote economic growth, which is key to fostering shared prosperity and particularly income growth for the bottom forty percent of the population. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P146243. US\$ 800.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, ul. Swietokrzyska 12, Warszawa, Poland, Tel: (48-22) 694-5555, E-mail: Michal.Baj@mofnet.gov.pl, Contact: Michal Baj, Director

Transportation

Railway Restructuring and Safety: The objective is to improve the efficiency and sustainability of PLK (Polish Railway Infrastructure Company) through strategic staff restructuring and strengthening safety. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 16 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 195.4 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Polskie Linie Kolejowe S.A. ul. Targowa 74, Warsaw, Poland

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Vistula Basin Flood Protection: The objective is to finance technical assistance and works to develop and build flood protection measures for selected urban areas and sub-catchments in the Vistula river basin. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Wawelska Str. 52/54, Warsaw, Poland, Tel: (48-22) 579-2205, Fax: (48-22) 579-2347, Contact: Beata Jaczewska

Regional

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Regional Animal Disease Control: The objective is to help three Central Asian countries (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) access to regional livestock and dairy markets which are frequently closed to central Asian countries because of their failure to meet sanitary standards. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 25 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Central Asia Road Links: The objectives are to: (a) rehabilitate priority road sections in Sugd Oblast (along the Osh-Khujand road corridor); and (b) improve road operations and maintenance practices along the core road network. Decision Meeting scheduled for *15 July 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport, Tel: (992-37) 221-1713

(R) Second National Road Rehabilitation (Osh-Batken-Isfana): The objective is to scale-up the on-going National Road Rehabilitation Project implemented activities of the road rehabilitation works along the corridor and provide for sector planning and programming for road maintenance activities. Negotiations scheduled for *11 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132270. US\$ 45.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport and Communication, 6/F 42 Isanova Street, Kyrgyz Republic, Tel: (996-312) 900-970/893, Fax: (996-312) 314-378, E-mail: bishkekoshroad@infotel.kg, Contact: K. Mamaev, State Secretary

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Croatia and Bosnia Herzegovina Nutrient Reduction: The objective is to reduce transboundary pollution in selected hot-spots of the Eastern Adriatic Sea and improve regional capacity for project preparation and environmental monitoring of sensitive areas. Bank Approval scheduled for 7 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143921. US\$ 6.8 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. MOE and Natural Resources, Ksaver 208, Zagreb, Tel: (385-01) 539-1923, Fax: (385-01) 539-1950, E-mail: predrag.cul-jak@fzoeu.hr, Contact: Mr. Predrag Culjak, Senior Expert Adviser. MFTER MUN. MOSTAR, Musala 9, 71000, Sarajevo, Tel: (387-33) 953-536, Fax: (387-33) 206-141, E-mail: senad.oprasic@mvteo.gov. ba, Contact: Mr. Senad Oprasic, Head of Department

West Balkans Drina River Basin Management: The objective is to enhance more sustainable management of the Drina River basin, balancing interests in hydropower, environmental development and conservation, agriculture, and flood protection. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 9 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145048. US\$ 5.0 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Romania

Education

(R) Education Quality and Inclusion Project: The objective is to increase the quality and ensure inclusion within the education sector in Romania. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. *US\$ 200.0 (IBRD)*. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Sector Reform: The objective is to improve the access, quality and efficiency of public health services. *Bank Approval scheduled for 10 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145174. *US\$ 338.8 (IBRD)*. Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Health, 1-3 Cristian Popisteanu, Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (4-021) 307-2641, Fax: (4-021) 307-2587, E-mail: francisc.czobor@ms.ro

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

- **(N) Second Fiscal Effectiveness and Growth DPL:** The objective is to support the Government to improve its fiscal effectiveness and enhance the functioning of property, energy and capital markets. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 16 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 700.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R)** First Public Sector Effectiveness and Growth Development Policy Loan: The objective is to enhance the country's growth potential by increasing the effectiveness of public sector interventions and enhancing the efficiency of property, capital and energy markets. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 22 January 2014. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P148957. US\$ 700.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Public Finance, 17 Apolodor Street, Sector 5, Bucharest, Romania, Tel: (40-21) 319-9743, Fax: (40-21) 319-9739

Russian Federation

Education

(R) Vocational Education System Development: The objective is to support the modernization of Vocational Education and Training (VET) systems in selected Russian regions to foster their links with national and regional socio-economic development strategies and to pilot innovative ways of engaging the private sector to enhance the labor market relevance of VET systems. *Preparation scheduled for 13 March 2014*. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 330.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Innovative Development of Preschool Education of Sakha (Yakutia): The objective is to improve the access and quality of the early childhood care and education services in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia). Bank Approval scheduled for 1 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127405. US\$ 117.7 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for an architect's assistant, permafrost engineer, ECD specialists' assistant with background in Russia and CIS. Ministry of Education of Sakha (Yakutia), 30 Lenina Avenue, Yakutsk city, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-4112) 422-921, Fax: (7-4112) 424-929, E-mail: nsitni@yandex.ru, Contact: Natalia Sitnikova, Head of General Education Department

Energy and Mining

Energy Efficiency: The objective is to support the Government in reducing the energy intensity of the economy by 40%, by the year 2020. Negotiations scheduled for 15 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P122492. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Gazprombank and Ministry of Energy, Russian Energy Agency, Nikitskiy per. 5, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 789-9292, E-mail: Ivanov@rosenergo.gov. ru, Contact: Ms. Tatiana Yurlova, First Vice President

Energy Efficiency-GEF: The objective is to support the institutional, regulatory and market barriers facing commercial financing of Energy Efficiency projects across Russia. Negotiations scheduled for 15 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P123692. US\$ 22.7 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Gazprombank and Ministry of Energy, Russian Energy Agency, Nikitskiy per. 5, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 789-9292, E-mail: Ivanov@rosenergo.gov.ru, Contact: Ms. Tatiana Yurlova, First Vice President

Finance

Microfinance: The objective is to assist the Government to develop a sustainable, safe and sound national financial cooperative, and microfinance system that will enhance access to financial services by the poorer and underserved segments of the population, especially in the rural areas. Bank Approval completed on 31 January 2013. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: Po95554. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Finance, Iljinka street, 9, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 648-3541, E-mail: po530_ka@minfin.ru, Contact: Alexey Savatyugin, Deputy Minister

Health and Other Social Services

Social Inclusion through Sports: The objectives are to: (a) develop an integrated system to provide conditions for regular physical training and sports activities for socially disadvantaged groups; and (b) create pilot test for the municipalities of the Russian Federation with a view to further replication throughout the Russian Federation. Bank Approval scheduled for 15 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126283. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Sports, Tourism and Youth Policy, Kazakova Street, 18, 105064, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 601-9440, Fax: (7-495) 604-6209, E-mail: varaksin@minstm.gov. ru, Contact: Mr. Pavel Varaksin, Lead Expert

Industry and Trade

(R) Special Economic Zones Enhancement Project: The objective is to promote economic diversification away from the Oil and Gas sector through increased non-oil investment, technology transfer and innovation, productivity and employment. Project Con-

cept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 132.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) St. Petersburg Economic Development Additional Financing: The objective is to support the reconstruction of the State Mariinsky Theater and two inner courtyards of the Mikhailovsky Palace of the State Russian Museum. *Appraisal scheduled for 3 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation, Maly Gnezdnikovsky Pereulok, 7/6, Street 1-2, Moscow, Russian Federation

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Russian Federation Historic Towns: The objective is to support cultural heritage restoration and tourism development in selected small historic towns. It is expected that these efforts will, in the medium-term, contribute to increased tourism and, therefore, to the economic development of the selected historic towns and settlements. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 26 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Culture, Maliy Gnezdnikovsky proezd, bld. 7/6, Stroenie 1,2, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 629-2008, Fax: (7-495) 629-7269, E-mail: tsvetnov@mkrf.ru Integrated Environmental Monitoring: The objective is to improve institutional efficiency of state environmental monitoring authorities and support investments to fill in main gaps of the existing environmental monitoring infrastructure. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 5 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143159. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology, Russian Federation, Tel: (749-9) 254-8266, E-mail: kea@mnr.gov.ru, Contact: Semyon Romanovich Levi, Deputy Minister

Transportation

National Urban Transport Improvement: The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality and condition of urban transport; and (b) reduce adverse environmental impacts of transport in selected Russian cities through: (i) physical investments, (ii) operational and technological improvements, (iii) legal reforms, and (iv) institutional development. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 24 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133201. US\$ 119.0/9.0 (IBRD/GFIA). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport, 1/1, Rozhdestvenka Street, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 626-1088, E-mail: asaulna@mintrans.ru, Contact: Mr. Nikolay A. Asaul, Deputy Minister

National Urban Transport Improvement: The objectives are to: (a) improve the quality and condition of urban transport; and (b) reduce adverse environmental impacts of transport in selected Russian cities. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 24 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145582. US\$ 9.1 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport, 1/1, Rozhdestvenka Street, Moscow, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 626-1088, E-mail: asaulna@mintrans.ru

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Arctic Environment: The objective is to strengthen Russia's environmental management systems to deal with growing environmental concerns in the Arctic Zone caused by climate change and increasing human activities. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 19 June 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.5 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Arctic Program: The objective is to improve Russia's environmental management systems to deal with growing pollution and environmental risks in the Arctic Zone caused by climate change and increasing human activities. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *19 June 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economic Development, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-495) 694-0353, E-mail: mineconom@economy.gov.ru

(R) Hydrometeorological Services Modernization (Ln. 82910-RU): The objectives are to: (a) increase accuracy and timely

delivery of basic weather forecasts, river flow forecasts; and (b) have better client satisfaction based on client satisfaction surveys. *The loan was signed on 17 January 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127676. US\$ 60.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Russia Hydrometeorological Service, 12, Novovagankovski Pereulok GSP-5, Moscow 123995, Russian Federation, Tel: (7-499) 252-1389; 252-1467, Fax: (7-499) 795-2216, E-mail: afrolov@mecom.ru, Contact: Mr. Alexander Frolov, Director

Serbia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Second Irrigation and Drainage Rehabilitation: The objective is to rehabilitate and modernize the irrigation and drainage infrastructure in priority areas and improve the overall institutional capacity for water resources management. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Technology Transfer Project: The objective is to enhance elements of the national innovation system to facilitate commercialization of public sector R&D and facilitate Serbia's competitive positioning in the European research community. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2014. *Environmental Assessment Category C.* US\$ 3.5 (F7PF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

Energy Efficiency: The objective is to scale-up energy efficiency improvements in public buildings in order to make heating more affordable as well as to improve the functional and health environment of the users. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

(N) Finance and Private Results Based IPF: The objective is to strengthen the banking sector, improve access to finance and improve export competitiveness. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 15 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 125.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Deposit Insurance (Ln. 83400-YF): The objective is to support the recapitalizing and reforming the Deposit Insurance Agency of Serbia (DIA), which is critical to mobilizing savings for higher productive investements and increasing productivity. Negotiations completed on 22 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 25 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146248. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Deposit Insurance Agency (DIA), Belgrade, Serbia, Tel: (381-11) 207-5100, Email: zoran.obradovic@aod.rs, Contact: Zoran Obradovic, Director

Non-Private Enterprise Restructuring Development Policy Loan: The objective is to enhance the contribution of the public enterprise sector to the competitiveness of the Serbian economy. Appraisal scheduled for 7 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P127408. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Second Health (Ln. 83380-YF): The objective is to support the government in enhancing the efficiency of the Serbian health system through improved planning and management, enhanced financial incentives and greater transparency and accountability. Negotiations completed on 16 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 25 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129539. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Nemanjina 22-26, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia, Tel: (381-11) 361-4890, Fax: (381-11) 265-6548, E-mail: ep@zdravlje. gov.rs, Contact: Elizabet Paunovic, State Secretary

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Real Estate Management: The objective is to support the government in improving the efficiency, transparency and reliability of the real estate management system. Pre-appraisal scheduled for *22 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147050. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Construction and Urban Planning

Public Expenditure Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Government's reforms to improve public expenditures management and policy at the central and local government levels. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Tajikistan

Education

First Development Policy Operation: The objective is to assist the Government to maintain high growth within a sustainable macroeconomic framework. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 2 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Higher Education Project: The objective is to support the government in enhancing the efficiency, equity, quality and relevance of higher education in Tajikistan. Identification scheduled for 26 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second Development Policy Operation: The objective is to assist the Government to maintain high growth within a sustainable macroeconomic framework. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 March 2015. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Finance

Agricultural Competitiveness: The objective is to increase the productivity, profitability and market access of the Oklaton Oblast farmers. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132652. US\$ 22.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Project implementation Unit, Tajikistan

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Communal Services Development Fund: The objective is to help establish a sustainable financing mechanism to improve communal services in Tajikistan such as water supply and sanitation. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 10 November 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 30.0/15.0 (IDA Credit/EBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Khochagii Manziliu Komunali, 56 N Karabaev Street, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, Tel: (992-372) 217-798, E-mail: khmk@tojikiston.com

Turkey

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Basin Management: The objective is to support the implementation of the NBMS and the new water sector reforms. Decision Meeting scheduled for *2 September 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 204.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 207-5696, E-mail: havci@cob.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Hanifi Avci

Energy and Mining

(R) EU/IPA Energy Sector Technical Assistance: The objective is to support and accelerate the implementation of the Government of Turkey's strategy to reform Turkey's energy sector in line with the EU energy strategies and priorities. *First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for mid-February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131921. US\$ 14.3 (F7SD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources (MENR), Inonu Bulvari 27, Bahcelievler, Ankara, Turkey,

Tel: (90-312) 213-1124, E-mail: mbecerikli@enerji.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Ali Murat Becerikli, Department Head

- (R) Gas Sector Development Additional Financing: The objective is to increase the reliability and stability of gas supply in Turkey by: (a) implementing critically needed gas storage and network infrastructure; and (b) support BOTA_ in developing a gas trading platform and strengthening its operations as a financially stable and commercially managed corporation. Bank Approval scheduled for 21 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P133565. US\$ 225.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. BOTAS Turkish Pipeline Company, Bilkent Plaza A, II Blok, Bilkent, 06800 ANKARA, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 297-2018, Fax: (90-312) 266-0733, E-mail: mgazi.dulger@botas.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Mehmet Gazi Dulger, Project Director
- **(R) Renewable Energy Integration:** The objective is to strengthen and expand the transmission system to meet the increasing demand of electricity and to facilitate the integration of large-scale renewable energy generation. Negotiations scheduled for *10 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144534. US\$ 300.0/50.0 (IBRD/CCTF). Consultants will be required. Turkish Electicity Transmission Corporation (TEIAS), Inonu Bulvarı No.27 Bahcelievler, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 222-9283, Fax: (90-312) 222-8160, E-mail: kemal.yildir@teias.gov.tr, Contact: Mr. Kemal Yildir, General Manager

Finance

(R) Financial Intermediation: The objective is to support of support export-driven growth and strengthen the analytical basis related to trade finance instruments. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for* 17 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. *US\$* 250.0 (*IBRD*). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Long Term Finance Guarantee: The objective is to enhance access to medium and long term finance for exporters and small and medium enterprises. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 300.0 (GUAR). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Shared Prosperity Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Government with the: (a) energy reform; (b) competitiveness and employment creation; and (c) social inclusion. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 6 February 2014. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Undersecretariat of Treasury, Inonu Bulvari, Eskisehir Yolu, Emek, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 204-6000, Fax: (90-312) 212-8550, E-mail: hazine@hazine.gov.tr

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Sustainable Cities: The objective is to shift municipal planning visions several years into the future for cities that are striving to be sustainable. It encourages cities to avoid the "lock-in" effect of unplanned development and investments that will have high energy and green house gas emission costs over time. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Iller Bank, Yeni Ziraat Mahali, 14 Sokak, Diskapi, Ankara, Turkey, Tel: (90-312) 384-6126, Fax: (90-312) 341-2071, E-mail: h.atasoy@ilbank.gov.tr

Ukraine

Energy and Mining

(R) District Heating Energy Efficiency: The objective is to improve energy efficiency of selected Ukrainian district heating utilities and increase their quality of service. *Bank Approval scheduled for 31 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132741. US\$ 332.0/50.0 (IBRD/CCTF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Regional Development, Construction, Housing and Utilities, 73, Artema Str. Floors 11-12, Kyiv, Ukraine, Tel: (380-50) 310-5212, E-mail: minregion@minregion.gov.ua, Contact: Mr. Oleksandr Alipov, Firat Deputy Minister

(R) Partnership for Market Readiness: The objectives are to: (a) support building the market readiness components; (b) pilot, test and sequence new concepts for market instruments; (c) support Ukraine's participation in the PMR platform that enables policy makers to share experiences and information regarding elements of market readiness; and (d) share lessons learned. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.4 (PMR). Consulting services to be determined. State Environmental Investment Agency, 35 Urytskogo St. Kyiv, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 594-9111, Fax: (380-44) 594-9115, E-mail: info.neia@gmail.com, Contact: Mr. Koval Mikhail Ivanovich, Head of International Relations Department

Second Power Transmission: The objective is to support the implementation policy to assure security and reliability of power supply in Ukraine. Decision Meeting scheduled for 28 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 354.0/48.5 (IBRD/CCTF). Consulting services to be determined. Ukrenergo, Ukraine

Health and Other Social Services

Oblast Health Sector Reform Project: The objectives are improve health services' quality and efficiency by: (a) scaling-up prevention and control of Non Communicable Diseases; (b) right-sizing and restructuring hospitals and secondary ambulatory services; and (c) improve the governance structure, towards greater autonomy and accountability for results. Appraisal scheduled for 14 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Second Social Assistance Modernization: The objective is to improve the efficiency and equity of Ukraine's social safety net through a fiscally sustainable expansion and strengthening of the well targeted programs and down scaling those that have the low targeting accuracy. Negotiations scheduled for 29 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128344. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Social Policy, 8/10 Esplanade Blvd. Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 289-5448, Fax: (380-44) 289-0098, Contact: Vyacheslav Kolomiets, Deputy Minister

Transportation

(R) Road Sector Development: The objective is to extend the upgrade of the M-03 road from Poltava to Kharkiv with four standard lanes to include bypasses and bridges. *Pre-appraisal scheduled for 1 October 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 600.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. UKRAVTODOR, Kiev, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44)287-2449, Fax: (380-44)278-2449, E-mail: forec@ukravtodor.goc.ua

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Second Urban Infrastructure: The objectives are to support: (a) municipal investments in water and sewerage in selected municipalities in Ukraine; (b) pilot solid waste investment project; and (c) increase energy efficiency of utilities' operations. Negotiations scheduled for 8 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132386. US\$ 300.0/50.0 (IBRD/CCTF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Construction, Architecture and Housing and Communal Services, Grushevskovo 12/2, Kiev, Ukraine, Tel: (380-44) 293-6307, Fax: (380-44) 234-9718, E-mail: minregion@minregion.gov.ua, Contact: Mr. Oleksandr Alipov, Firat Deputy Minister

Uzbekistan

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Fergana Valley Water Resources Management (WRM)_

Phase II: The objective is to improve water management and agricultural production in the Fergana Valley. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, 4 Navoy Street, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-711) 412-92, Fax: (998-711) 412-574/413-292

Horticulture Development Pilot: The objective is to realize the potential for greater economic returns from the fruit and vegetable value chain through improving: (a) policy enabling environment; (b) access to credit; (c) post harvest handling and processing; (d) research and outreach; and (e) quality and food safety to penetrate

new, higher value markets. Appraisal scheduled for 10 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133703. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, 4 Navoy Street, Tashkent 700004, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 141-2692, Fax: (998-71) 141-2574

Karshi Pumping Cascade Rehabilitation: The objective is is to increase the reliability, efficiency and sustainability of the pumped water supply from the Amu Darya to the Karshi irrigation command area in the Kashkadarya Oblast. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

South Karakalpakstan Water Resources Improvement: The objective is to improve water management by: (a) rehabilitating and developing irrigation infrastructure; (b) introducing more rational water management; and (c) enhancing the capacity of irrigation and drainage institutions. Appraisal scheduled for 10 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127764. US\$ 20.0/240.3 (IBRD/IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, 4, Navoiy Street, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 241-0042, Fax: (998-71) 244-2397, E-mail: piu-diwip@buzton.com, Contact: B. A. Yusupov, PIU Director

Education

Early Childhood Education: The objectives are to: (a) to increase access to higher education services; (b) enhance the quality and relevance of higher education; and (c) strengthen the institutional capacity of Ministry of Higher and Secondary Special Education Counterparts. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 40.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Public Education, 5 Mustaqillik Maydoni Street, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 239-1310, Fax: (998-71) 239-1934, E-mail: info@uzedu.uz

Education Support Project: The objectives are to: (a) improve access to quality preschool education; and (b) enhance conditions for better learning outcomes in general secondary education. Bank Approval scheduled for 2 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P144856. US\$ 49.9 (EFAS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) District Heating Rehabilitation and Energy Efficiency: The objectives are to support: (a) the reconstruction of heat production facilities; (b) networks; and (c) in-house heating systems in Andijan and Chirchik. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *27 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy, Uzbekistan

(R) Electricity Distribution Rehabilitation: The objective is to rehabilitate electricity distribution substation systems in selected areas of Uzbekistan to improve their efficiency and reduce losses. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 22 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Uzbekenergo, 6, Khorezm Street, Tashkent 100000, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 233-9821/9889, Fax: (998-71) 236-2700, E-mail: sjsc@uzpak.uz, Contact: Mr. Batirjan Teshabaev, Chairman

(R) Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Change Mitigation: The objective is to increase the productivity and financial and environmental sustainability of agriculture as well as the profitability of agribusiness in the project area. *The loan was signed on 7 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127486. US\$ 12.7 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Rural Restructuring Agency, Street Kari Niyazi 39, Tashkent, Uzbekistan Tel/Fax: (998-712) 371-657, E-mail: resp_sks_uz@slider.sks.uz, Contact: Mr. Nasriddin Najimov, General Director

Health and Other Social Services

Health System Improvement Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) help finance the costs associated with the scaling-up of activities initiated under the original credit; and (b) fully cover the seven remaining regions in the country which could not be included in the original project due to insufficient IDA allocation in 2010. Bank Approval completed on 7 March 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133187. US\$ 93.0 (IDA Credit). No consultants are required. Ministry of Health, 12 Navoi Street, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-71) 139-1954, E-mail: office@jpib. uz, Contact: Djamshed Djabriyev, Executive Director

Transportation

Pap-Angren Railway: The objective is to support the construction of a new single track railway line between Pap and Angreen to enhance the economic importance of the Ferghana valley and its connectivity with other main economic development areas within Uzbekistan and other potential regions of economic importance outside Uzbekistan. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P146328. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Regional Roads and Development: The objective is to support the Government to enhance the efficiency of the administration and service to road users and the local communities. Decision Meeting scheduled for 9 September 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Water Supply and Sanitation Adjustable Program Loan: The objective is to support the Government's urban and rural WSS infrastructure projects and sector strategy infrastructure, while supporting sector policy-making and planning, capacity building and institutional reform. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Uzkommunhizmat, 45a Uzbekistanskaya Av. Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Tel: (998-7165) 224-3833, E-mail: ukh@uzkommunhizmat.uz, Contact: Mr. Uktur Khalmuhamedov, General Director

Middle East and North Africa

Algeria

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Improving Desert Ecosystems for Livelihoods (ALG-DELP): The objective is to improve livelihoods of oasis communities through: (a) piloting a combined approach of desert ecosystem conservation; (b) agricultural development; and (c) adaptation to climate change impacts at a network of intervention sites. *Negotiations scheduled for 4 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128082. US\$ 7.4 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministere de l Amenagement du Territoire et de l Environment, Avenue des 4 Canons, Algiers, Algeria Tel/Fax: (213) 432-804, E-mail: cadastre-2002@hotmail.com, Contact: Nadia Chenouf, Deputy Director

Energy and Mining

Energy Efficiency Program: The objective is to support targeted transformation of the household appliances market in Algeria. The increase of the use of efficient household appliances such as air conditioners would result in peak load reduction, energy savings and GHG emission reductions. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145298. US\$ 4.0 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Project preparation underway. National Agency for the Promotion of Energy Efficiency (APRUE), Algeria, Tel: 21321603137, E-mail: msbouzeriba@aprue.org.dz, Contact: Mohamed Salah Bouzerib, Director General

Djibouti

Health and Other Social Services

(N) Social Safety Net Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) support the provision of short-term employment opportunities in community-based labor-intensive works for the poor and vulnerable; and (b) support the improvement of nutrition practices among participating households focusing on pre-school children and pregnant/lactating women. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Investment Climate Reform Project: The objective is to support business and recreational tourism industry. Decision Meeting scheduled for *4 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146250. US\$ 2.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère de l'Economie, Djibouti, Tel: (253) 356-212, Fax: (253) 355-085, E-mail: amalmis1@yahoo.fr

Information and Communications

(R) Telecom Sector Opening: The objective is to increase the geographical reach and usage of regional broadband network services and reduce their prices. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 28 January 2014. Preparation is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category C. *US\$ 2.0 (IDA Credit).* Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Second Urban Poverty Reduction Project: The objective is to improve living conditions in Quartier 7, by providing and upgrading basic urban services and engaging the community. Decision Meeting scheduled for *6 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145848. US\$ 5.6 (IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Agence Djiboutienne de Developpement Social (ADDS), Djibouti, Tel: (253) 2135-8655, Fax: (253) 2135-7184, E-mail: direction@adds.dj

Arab Republic of Egypt

Energy and Mining

(R) Kom Ombo Solar: The objective is to support the construction of a concentrated solar power plant and associated infrastructure in Upper Egypt. *Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P120191. US\$ 170.0/170.0/50.0/32.0 (IBRD/AFDB/CCTF/KFW). Consultants will be required. New and Renewable Energy Agency (NREA), Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 271-3176, Fax: (20-2) 271-7173, E-mail: nre@idsc.net.eg, Contact: Mr. Abdel Rahman Salah El Din, Managing Director

(R) Second Natural Gas Connection Project: The objective is to support the Government's goal of reducing Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) subsidies through scaling up natural gas connections to households. Pre-appraisal scheduled for *3 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P146007. *US\$* 500.0/27.5/96.0 (*IBRD/EAR/FRDE*). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Helwan South Power: The objective is to improve power supply in Egypt, which includes construction of a 1,300 MW power plant at Helwan South and associated infrastructure. Bank Approval completed on 27 June 2013. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P117407. US\$ 585.4/193.5/449.9/213.8/40.0 (IBRD/ARFU/ISDB/KFAE/OPEC). Consultants will be required. Egypt Electricity Holding Company, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 2401-2368, Fax: (20-2) 2261-6512, E-mail: eea_awad@link.net, Contact: Dr. Mohamed M. Awad, Managing Director

Finance

(R) Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Development for Inclusive Growth: The objectives are to: (a) support the improvement and expansion of access to finance for micro and small enterprises in Egypt; and (b) reach out to startups, using innovative

approaches, with a special focus on youth and women. *Negotiations completed on 19 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 1 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P146244. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). *Consultants will be required.* Social Fund for Development, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (202-376) 22-255, Fax: (202-376) 2391-2815, E-mail: ghada.waly@sfdegypt.org, Contact: Ms. Ghada Waly, Managing Director

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Emergency Employment Investment Project: The objectives are to: (a) create short-term employment opportunities for the unemployed in selected locations in Egypt; (b) contribute to the creation and maintenance of infrastructure and community assets and services; and (c) improve access of the target population in poor areas to basic infrastructure and community services. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146143. US\$ 92.5 (MNAF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Emergency Cash Transfer Project: The objective is to provide targeted cash transfers to the poor to alleviate current economic difficulties and mitigate the adverse impacts of ongoing and planned economic reform programs. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 2 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Sustainable Persistent Organic Pollutants Management: The objective is to assist Egypt to strengthen its technical and management capacity for minimizing exposure to persistent organic pollutants. Decision Meeting scheduled for *5 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P116230. *US\$ 8.1 (GEFU)*. Consultants will be required. Egypt Environmental Affairs Agency, 30 Misr, Helwan Agri. Road, Maadi, Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (20-2) 526-1419/1421, E-mail: gefunitegypt@gmail. com, Contact: Yasmin Fouad, Director, GEF Unit

Governance and SSN Reform Program Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Government in implementing governance and social protection reform. Decision Meeting scheduled for 8 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P143007. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

Urban Transport Infrastructure Development: The objective is to improve the reliability and efficiency of urban transport in Cairo through implementation of cost-effective and clean technology investments that support major modal shift from private vehicles and microbuses to large size. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P115837. US\$ 304.0/100.0/0.3/5.7/190.0 (IBRD/CCTF/IDF/MNIS/ZPCO). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Housing, GOPP, 12 Ismail Abaza Street, Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (20-20) 2792-1514, Fax: (20-20) 2792-1512, E-mail: madbouly@yahoo.com, Contact: Prof. M. Madbouly, Chairman of GOPP

Iraq

Transportation

(R) Transport Corridors and Trade (Ln. 83220-IQ): The objective is to facilitate logistics and trade between Iraq and its neighbors Jordan, Syria and Turkey. *Bank Approval completed on 19 December 2013*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P131550. US\$ 355.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Iraq Ministry of Construction and Housing, Iraq, Tel: (964-770) 444-6300, E-mail: amer.moch2011@gmail.com, Contact: Amer Ahmed Saed, PMT Manager. KRG Ministry of Construction and Housing, Iraq, Tel: (964-750) 445-2599, E-mail: dgrbomer@yahoo.com, Contact: Omer B. Mustafa, Director General GDRB

Jordan

Health and Other Social Services

National Unified Registry and Outreach Worker Program: The objective is to improve the targeting of social safety net programs and developing an efficient outreach mechanism. First Grant Funding Request Approval completed on 22 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 9.5 (MNIS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation, Amman 11118, Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 464-4466, Fax: (962-6) 464-2247, E-mail: mop@mop.gov.jo, Contact: H.E Ibrahim Saif, Minister

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Programmatic Development Policy Loan (Ln. 83500-JO): The objective is to support the Government in achieving fiscal consolidation efforts and mitigating the impact of the fiscal crisis. Bank Approval scheduled for 11 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P125483. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation (MOPIC), Amman, Jordan, Tel: (962-6) 464-4466, E-mail: mop@mop.gov.jo, Contact: H.E Ibrahim Saif, Minister

Lebanon

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Sustainable Agricultural Livelihoods in Marginal Areas (SALMA): The objective is to increase the growth and stability of incomes of small farmers in ecologically vulnerable remote hilly areas through increased access to reliable sources for supplementary irrigation using sustainable land and water development approaches, and reforestation. Decision Meeting scheduled for *4 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.2 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sustainable Agriculture Livelihoods in Marginal Areas: The objective is to assist small farmers in remote hilly areas with a high level of poverty, which will provide supplementary irrigation to grow higher value crops, increase incomes and create employment opportunities. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131431. US\$ 24.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Agriculture, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 821-900, Fax: (961-1) 823-900, E-mail: mkhansa@agriculture.gov.lb, Contact: Mohammad Khansa, Advisor to H.E. the Minister of Agriculture

Energy and Mining

Partial Riskl Guarantee (PRG) for Floating Regasification and Storage Unit (FRSU): The objective is to provide a credit enhancement mechanism to address the low credit worthiness of the power sector, to support the development of a FRSU to enable the import of liquefied natural gas (LNG) into Lebanon. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 60.0 (GUAR). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Emergency National Poverty Targeting Project: The objective is to expand the coverage of the National Poverty Targeting Program (NPTP) and enhance the social assistance (benefit) to extremely poor Lebanese households and those affected by the Syrian crisis. *Appraisal scheduled for mid-February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.0 (LSCT). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Social Promotion and Protection: The objectives are to support: (a) community-led social development projects based on a demand-driven process; (b) National Poverty Targeting Program (NPTP); and (c) other social reforms of the Ministry of Social Affairs. Bank Approval completed on 17 May 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P124761. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Social Affairs, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 611-242, E-mail: minister@socialaffairs.gov.lb, Contact: Roberto Albino Mito, Director

Industry and Trade

(R) Environmental Pollution Abatement Project: The objective is to reduce pollution generated by point-source/industrial entities, to limit the impact on public health as well as on ecological systems by increasing environmental performance in point sources/

industrial plants and the introduction of cleaner production and green investments. Negotiations scheduled for 18 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P143594. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Downtown Beirut, Lazarieh Center, Black A4 New, 8th Floor, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 981-854, Fax: (961-1) 976-534, E-mail: manal.moussallem@undp-lebprojects.org, Contact: Manal Moussallem, Advisor to the Minister. Central Bank, Lebanon, Tel: (961) 1743-469, E-mail: waelhamdan@bdl.gov.lb, Contact: Wael Hamdan, Senior Director. Head of Financing Unit

(R) Polychlorinated Biphenyle Management: The objective is to facilitate the implementation of the duties, rights, and responsibilities of the Republic of Lebanon towards the Stockholm Convention by: (a) enhancing management of Persistent Organic Pollutants; and (b) drawing partnership to develop/implement a national strategy to eliminate the release of Polychlorinated Biphenyles. *Pre-appraisal scheduled for 14 May 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P122540. US\$ 2.5 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment, Downtown Beirut, Lazarieh Center, Black A4 New, 8th Floor, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 976-517, Fax: (961-1) 976-534, E-mail: manal.moussallem@undp-lebprojects.org

Information and Communications

Mobile Internet Ecosystem Project (MIEP): The objectives are to: (a) increase the number of start-up projects in the ICT sector; (b) raise employment in the ICT sector; and (c) enhance the enabling environment for ICT in Lebanon. Bank Approval completed on 31 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131202. US\$ 6.4 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Ministry of Telecommunications, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-71) 611-611, Email: rami.majzoub@gmail.com, Contact: Rami Majzoub, Advisor to the Minister

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Fiscal Management Reform: The objective is to support the Ministry of Finance's efforts in tightening the control environment, improve the allocation of public financial resources, and enhance the efficiency and transparency of the government financial management system. Bank Approval scheduled for *23 May 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P133226. US\$ 5.2 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Riad El Solh Square, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 642-722, E-mail: alainb@finance.gov.lb, Contact: Alain Bifani, Director General

Transportation

(N) Greater Beirut Urban Transport: The objective is to improve transport connectivity and mobility between Tabarja and Beirut through: (a) the construction of a new BRT or LRT; and (b) establishing appropriate institutional arrangements for the management, operation and maintenance of the new mass transit system. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Lebanon Municipal Services Emergency Project: The objective is to support relevant Lebanese central and local authorities in improving basic municipal services in cities and towns and the communities most affected by the influx of Syrian refugees. Appraisal scheduled for 3 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (SPF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Lake Qaraoun Pollution Prevention Project-Phase I: The objective is to reduce the pollution flowing into Lake Qaraoun. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147854. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Council for Development and Reconstruction, Beirut, Lebanon, Tel: (961-1) 981-432, Fax: (961-1) 981-252, E-mail: wafac@cdr.gov.lb

Water Augmentation Project: The objective is to augment the water supply of the Greater Beirut Region in a sustainable manner. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A.

Project: P125184. US\$ 125.0/74.0/60.0 (IBRD/ISDB/SAUD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Morocco

Energy and Mining

(R) Inclusive Green Growth Development Policy Loan (Ln. 83250-MA): The objective is to support the Government in developing a coherent strategic approach to climate change and mainstream climate change actions across sectors. Bank Approval completed on 19 December 2013. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P127956. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 774-287, Fax: (212-37) 677-530, E-mail: benchekroun@affaires-générales.gov. ma, Contact: Mlle Sabah Benchekroun, Chargée de Mission auprès du Chef du Gouvernement

Noor II and III Concentrated Solar Power: The objectives are to: (a) develop the 500 Megawatt Ouarzazate solar power plant by financing the second phase through a public private partnership (PPP); and (b) increase power generation from solar power and mitigate greenhousegas emissions and local environmental impact. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 150.0/200.0/375.0/125.0/237.5 (IBRD/CCTF/EUIB/FRDE/KFW). Consulting services to be determined. Moroccan Agency for Solar Energy (MASEN), Station Traitement Av. Mohamed Bel Hassan, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-53) 7574-657, Fax: (212-53) 7571-475, E-mail: masen@masen.ma, Contact: Mustapha Bakkoury, CEO

Office National de l'Electricité et de l'Eau Potable (ONEE) Support Additional Financing: The objective, a continuation, is to increase the efficiency and reliability of electricity supply. Bank Approval completed on 26 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145649. US\$ 40.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Office National de l'Electricite et de l'Eau Potable (ONEE), 65, rue Othman Ben Affane, Casablanca, Morocco, Tel: (212-52) 266-8005, E-mail: fait@onee.ma, Contact: Mr. Mohamed Fait, Chef de la Division Financement

Sustainable Energy: The objective is to develop a power system that is efficient and capable of integrating a high level of renewable energy, which will reduce peak load demand on the grid through demand-oriented initiatives. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143689. US\$ 125.0/25.0 (IBRD/CCTF). Consultants will be required. Office National de l'Electricite, 65, Rue Othman Ben Affan, Morocco, Tel: (212-52) 266-8005, Fax: (212-52) 243-3152, E-mail: fait@one.org.ma, Contact: Mr. Mohamed Fait. Chef de la Division Financement

Finance

(R) Second Financial Sector DPL: The objective is to support the policies of the Government as it aims to adapt the financial system to the evolving needs of the real economy. *Decision Meeting completed on 11 February 2014. Appraisal scheduled for 3 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Economy and Finance, Quartier Administratif, Rabat Chellah, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 677-266/267, Fax: (212-37) 677-530, E-mail: n.alaissami@tresor.finances.gov.ma

Partnership for Market Readiness: The objectives are to develop capacities and systems to: (a) access international carbon finance opportunities; (b) start preparing for carbon market mechanism; and (c) develop mitigation structures. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P128654. US\$ 5.4 (PMR). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Energy, Water, Mining and Environment, Rue Abou Marouane Essaadi, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-5) 3756-4018, Fax: (212-37) 688-863, E-mail: benyahia@environnement.gov.ma

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Health Sector Support: The objective is to support the implementation of the 2012-2016 Health Action Plan in: (a) health Management Information System); (b) human resource for health; (c) access to pharmaceuticals; and (d) non communicable diseases prevention. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0

(IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Second Skills and Employment Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Government of Morocco in implementing its program of improving skills, productivity and quality of employment. Decision Meeting scheduled for *18 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Employment, Morocco, Tel: (212-53) 776-0521, Fax: (212-53) 776-0525, E-mail: mbaallal@emploi.gov.ma, sgemploi2012@gmail.com, regamal@hotmail.com

Industry and Trade

(R) Second Competitiveness Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the economic governance reform agenda of the Government, in view of fostering greater competition and more effective policies to spur competitiveness. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *31 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of General Affairs and Governance (MAGG), Morocco, Tel: (212-53) 768-7316, E-mail: benchekroun@affaires-generales. gov.ma

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Local Government Support Program: The objective is to strengthen the delivery of decentralized public services in Morocco by improving local governments' access to support services and incentives designed to improve their capacity to fulfill their service delivery mandate. Bank Approval completed on 27 November 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 4.6 (MNAF). Consultants will be required. General Directorate for Local Governments, Ministry of Interior, Rabat, Morocco, Tel: (212-537) 286-427, E-mail: aourzik@interieur.gov.ma, Contact: Mr. Abdelouahad Ourzik

New Governance Framework: The objective is to support the implementation of the new governance reforms foreseen in the Constitution and the Government's development program (2012-2016), which provides a more open mode of governance by enhancing public sector accountability, transparency and fostering public participation across the public sector. Bank Approval completed on 10 October 2013. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 4.4 (MSC1). Consultants will be required. Ministry of General Affairs and Governance (MAGG), Morocco, Tel: (212-53) 768-7316, E-mail: benchekroun@ affaires-generales.gov.ma

Transportation

(R) Second Rural Roads Additional Financing II: The objective is a continuation to increase rural populations' access to all-weather roads in support of the Guarantor's Program. *Appraisal scheduled for 7 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148003. *US\$ 95.0 (IBRD)*. Consulting services to be determined. Caisse pour le Financement Routier, Morocco, Tel: (212-37) 713-241, E-mail: imzel@mtpnet.gov.ma, Contact: Ahmed Imzel

Second Urban Transport Sector Development Policy Loan: The objectives are to: (a) continue the development of the urban transport sector's institutional framework; (b) improve the delivery of urban transport services; and (c) improve environmental and social sustainability, including climate change mitigation. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P121497. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministere de l'Interieur, Hay Riad, Morocco Tel/Fax: (212) 5372-15811, E-mail: mngadi@interieur.gov.ma

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Rural Water Supply: The objective is to increase access to water supply to rural areas by extending conveyance and standpipe distribution networks in the areas surrounding the cities of Safi and El-Jadida in western Morocco. *Appraisal scheduled for 27 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145529. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Office National de l'Electricité et de l'Eau Potable (ONEE), Avenue Belhassan El ouazzani, Rabat-Chellah, Morocco, Tel: (212-5) 3775-9600, Fax: (212-5) 3765-0649, Contact: Ms. Samira Badri

Integrated Risk Management Project: The objective is to support the development of integrated risk management in Morocco through a variety of interventions including in Disaster Risk Management (DRM), agricultural and commodity risk management. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 75.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministère des Affaires Générale et de la Gouvernance, Quartier Administratif, Rabat- Agdal, Morocco, Tel: (212-53) 768-7316, Fax: (212-53) 768-774287, E-mail: benchekroun@affaires-generales.gov.ma, Contact: Mlle Sabah Benchekroun, Chargée de Mission auprès du Chef du Gouvernement

Solid Waste Sector DPL4: The objective is to support the Government efforts to improve the economic, environmental and social performance of the solid waste sector. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 13 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 130.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Regional

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) PSD Governance for Jobs Project: The objective is to augment the quality and accessibility of key government services to the enterprise sector in order to foster greater job creation. *Appraisal scheduled for mid-February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.0 (MNIS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Investment, Arab Republic of Egypt, Tel: (20-100) 158-5883, E-mail: mzobaa@investment.gov.eg, Contact: Mona Zobaa, First Undersecretary and Head of Department

Tunisia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

Oases Ecosystems and Livelihoods: The objective is to improve natural resources management and promote innovative economic activities. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132157. US\$ 5.8 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment / Ministry of Agriculture, Tunisia, Tel: (216-72) 870-679, Fax: (216-70) 728-595, E-mail: dgeqv@mineat.gov.tn, Contact: Mr. Habib Ben Moussa, General Manager. General Directorate for the Environment and Quality of Life, Tunisia, Tel: (216-72) 870-679, Contact: Salah Hassini, General Director

Wastewater Reuse: The objectives are to support: (a) rehabilitation, extension and creation of at least nine irrigated perimeters using treated wastewater; and (b) specific investment in ONAS wastewater treatment plants to improve the quality of the effluents supplied to the irrigated perimeters. Prepration is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P125176. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Office National de l'Assainissement (ONAS), 32, Rue Hedi Nouira, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 343-200, Fax: (216-71) 350-411, E-mail: PDG@onas.nat.tn; Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Centre Urbain Nord, Cedex 1080, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-72) 870-679, Fax: (216-70) 728-595, E-mail: dgeqv@mineat.gov.tn

Education

Training for Employment: The objective is to improve the labor market insertion rates of ALMP beneficiaries through training and wage subsidy programs that involve public-private partnerships. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P131191. US\$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Vocational Training and Employment, 10 Boulevard Ouled Haffouz, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 791-331, Fax: (216-71) 794-615, E-mail: imed.turki@mfpe.gov.tn, Contact: Imed Turki, Chef de cabinet

Energy and Mining

Societe Tunisienne de l'Electricite et du Gaz Concentrated Solar Power Plant: The objective is to develop a 50-100 MW Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) plant to meet the country's energy and climate change objectives and contribute to global CSP cost reduction. An integral component of the CSP and Clean Technology Fund (CTF) scale-up investment plan. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P122029. US\$ 35.0/35.0/36.0/54.0 (IBRD/AFDB/CCTF/ZBIL). Consultants will be required. Preparation is underway. Societe Tunisienne de l'Electricite du Gaz (STEG), 38 Rue Kamel Attaturk, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 334-366, Fax: (216-71) 335-031, E-mail: dga@steg.com.tn, Contact: Moncef Harrabi, Project Manager

Finance

(R) MSME Development Project Additional Financing: The objective is a continuation to improve access to finance for micro, small and medium enterprises in the Republic of Tunisia. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category F. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Development and International Cooperation, Place Ali Zouaoui, 1000 Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 892-653, Fax: (216-71) 351-666, E-mail: s.bennasr@mdci.gov.tn

Banking Sector Restructuring Loan: The objective is to address the main banking sector issues. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 70.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Virtual Market Place for MENA SME Export Development: The objective is to help MENA SMEs overcome geographic obstacles and empower them with the necessary tools and capacity building to promote their goods and services in a globalized international economy. Bank Approval scheduled for mid-February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143929. US\$ 8.5 (MNAF). Consulting services to be determined. International Trade Center (ITC)

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

- **(R)** Competitiveness and Export Development: The objectives are to: (a) improve access to export markets and finance; and (b) enhance the efficiency and performance of trade clearance processes including customs operations and technical controls, thereby making trade logistics more efficient. Negotiations scheduled for *26 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P132381. US\$ 51.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Commerce and Handicraft, Tunis, Tunisia, Contact: Mr. Khaled Salhi, Director
- **(R) Second Governance, Opportunities and Jobs Development Policy Loan:** The objective is to support the Tunisian Government to consolidate its transition and accelerate economic recovery. *Appraisal scheduled for 24 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P132709. US\$ 250.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministere du Developpement et de la Cooperation Internationale, Tunis, Tunisia
- **(R) Urban Development and Local Governance:** The objectives are to: (a) restore/improve the delivery of basic services and infrastructure to the urban population with focus on lagging regions; and (b) support sectoral reforms and strengthening municipal capacity to ensure better governance and performance of the urban development sector. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P130637. *US\$ 300.0 (IBRD)*. Consultants will be required. Caisse de Pret et de Soutien aux collectivites locales, 9 rue 8451, 1003 cite Khadra, Tunis, Tunisia, Tel: (216-71) 354-500, E-mail: se.dgcpscl@topnet.tn

Transportation

Road Transport Corridor: The objective is to support rural roads improvement and technical assistance to the Road Administration within the Ministry of Equipment. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146502. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

West Bank and Gaza

Energy and Mining

(N) Electricity Sector Performance Improvement Project: The objective of the project is to improve payment for electricity,

support the efficient use of electricity, and improve energy security and control of electricity supply by supporting renewable energy implementation. Project Concept Note scheduled for 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 10.0 (SPF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Local Governance and Services Improvement Program: The objectives are to: (a) support locally planned small scale infrastructure projects to improve service delivery; and (b) strengthen the governance and financing structure for accountable and financially sustainable local services. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 10.0 (SPF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Palestinian National Development Plan Sixth Development Policy Loan: The objective, a continuation, is to support the reform efforts by the Palestinian Authority (PA) aim to fiscal strengthening, enhancement of the public finance management systems and the delivery of public services. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *25 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 40.0 (SPF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance, Ramallah, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (972-2) 297-8830, E-mail: lsbaih@yahoo.com, mofirdg@palnet.com, Contact: Laila Sbaih, Acting Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

- **(R) Gaza Solid Waste Management:** The objective is to improve solid waste management services in the Middle and Southern Gaza Strip through the provision of efficient and environmentally- and socially-sound waste management systems. *Negotiations completed on 5 February 2014.* Bank Approval scheduled for 31 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P121648. *US\$* 6.5/13.6/0.6/0.8/10.0/1.6 (ECEU/FRDE/GSWE/ISDB/SPF/UNDP). Consultants will be required. Municipal Development and Lending Fund, Al Bireh, Al Rashmawi Building, 3rd Floor, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (970-2) 296-6610, Fax: (970-2) 295-0685, E-mail: abednofal@mdlf. org,ps, Contact: Mr. Abdel Moughni Nofal, General Director
- **(R) Hebron Wastewater Management:** The objective is to install wastewater collection, treatment, and re-use facilities in the Hebron governorate. This is the implementation of Phase 1 of the Hebron Governorate Wastewater Management Master Plan. Negotiations scheduled for 8 August 2016. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P117449. US\$ 5.0/18.1/13.0/10.0 (AID/ECEU/GFRC/SPF). Consultants will be required. Palestinian Water Authority, Al-Beireh, Nablus, Jerusalem St. Ramallah, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (972-2) 240-9022, Fax: (972-2) 240-9341, E-mail: adel_pwa@yahoo.com
- **(R)** North Gaza Emergency Sewage Treatment Project-Third Additional Financing: The objective is to complete construction of the North Gaza wastewater treatment plant, complete the first phase of the effluent recovery and reuse scheme, and ensure the sustainability of the waste water services by financing capacity building and operation and maintenance costs on a declining basis over three years. *Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 2.6/5.0/3.0 (BELG/PWUD/SPF). Consultants will be required for wastewater reatment plant management and wastewater reuse implementation. Palestine Water Authority, Al-Wedha Street, Shaath Building, Gaza City, West Bank and Gaza, Tel: (970-8) 283-3609, E-mail: sali@pwa-gpmu.org

Republic of Yemen

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Climate Resilient ICZM (PPCR/LDC): The objective is to assist the country in adapting to the impact of climate change in the coastal zone of the Gulf of Aden, Hodeida and the Arabian Gulf. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144813. US\$ 20.0/4.5 (CIF/GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Smallholder Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Project (SAPEP): The objectives are to: (a) increase production, food security and climatic resilience by raising productivity in crop and livestock production; and (b) fight rural poverty and malnutrition by promoting employment-intensive, commercial agriculture, encourage community participation, and the role of women and household dietary diversity. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 27 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 36.0 (GAFS). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Resilience of Rural Communities to Climate Change Pilot: The objective is to support the Government of Yemen's efforts to improve the resilience of the rural population to the impact of climate change and thereby promote sustainable long-term growth and protect vulnerable populations. Appraisal scheduled for 25 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144764. US\$ 18.6 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Education

(R) Labor Intensive Public Works Additional Financing: The objectives are a continuation to: (a) provide needed infrastructure to improve access to basic public services; and (b) create short term employment. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148366. *US\$ 50.0 (IDA Grant)*. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Mocha Wind Park Project (Cr. H9180-RY): The objective is to demonstrate the technical feasibility and economic viability of wind power development in Yemen. *Negotiations completed on 22 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 7 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146055. US\$ 20.0/65.0/20.0/20.0 (IDA Grant/ARFU/OPEC/SAUD). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Sana, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 326-191, Fax: (967-1) 326-214, Contact: Dr. Saleh Hassan Sumai, Minister

Health and Other Social Services

- **(R)** Civil Society Organization Support Project (Cr. H9290-RY): The objective is to support the developmental role of CSOs as service providers and partners in the state building process. *Negotiations completed on 21 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146312. US\$ 8.0 (IDA Grant). *Consultants will be required.* Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 274-922, Contact: Nabeel Alsohybe, Deputy Minister of Labor
- **(R)** Maternal and Newborn Voucher Project: The objective is to provide output-based Maternal and Newborn Health Care to scale up existing OBA pilots that support public health services targeting maternity and newborn health care. *Negotiations completed on 3 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 31 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P144522. US\$ 10.0/10.0 (IDA Credit/HRBF). *Consultants will be required.* The Social Fund for Development, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 449-671, E-mail: aaldilami@sfd-yemen.org, Contact: Mr. Abdullah Al Dailami, Managing Director
- **(R)** Social Fund for Development (SFD) IV Additional Financing II: The objective is a continuation to improve basic services, enhance economic opportunities, and reduce the vulnerability of the poor. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 21 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and Communications

Broadband Governance and Competitiveness Project: The objective is to foster a competitive and vibrant ICT sector in Yemen by strengthening the legal, policy, and regulatory environment. First Grant Funding Request Approval scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 3.0 (MNAF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Accountability Enhancement Project: The objective is to enhance capacity of targeted accountability institutions to provide access to information and to improve enforcement of the anti-corruption law. *Preparation is underway*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 6.0 (MNIS). Consultants will be required. Supreme National Authority for Combating Corruption (SNACC), AlTahreer Square, PO Box 3454, Sana'a, Republic of Yemen, Tel: (967-1) 490-400, Fax: (967-1) 299-422, E-mail: alialsunaidar@gmail.com, Contact: Afrah Baduwailan, Chairman

Transportation

North-South Integration Corridor Highway Project: The objective is improved transport connectivity between Aden and Taiz. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145361. *US\$ 150.0 (IDA Grant)*. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Latin America and Caribbean

Antigua and Barbuda

Information and Communications

(R) Caribbean Communications Infrastructure Program (CarCIP): The objectives are to: (a) increase access and affordability ofbroadband communications networks; (b) contribute to the development of regional IT industry; and (c) contribute to improved government efficiency and transparency through regionally harmonized e-government applications. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *14 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Argentina

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Third Provincial Agricultural Development (PROSAP): The objective is to increase the productivity, competitiveness and market access of small and medium agricultural producers by providing technical assistance, capacity building, and direct investments. *Decision Meeting tentatively scheduled for mid-May*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132416. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Economy and Production, Hipolito Yrigoyen 250, Piso 8, Of. 828, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (5411-4) 349-6200, Fax: (5411-4) 349-5516

Forests and Communities: The objective is to improve Forest Livelihoods through: (a) adoption of sustainable multiple-use forestry; (b) sustain/increase political commitment, and public resources for native forests conservation; (c) improve Regional/Local Capacities and undertake Applied Research; and (d) strengthen the National Native Forest Information and Monitoring System. Decision Meeting scheduled for 18 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Rural Corridors and Biodiversity: The objectives are to: (a) increase the protection of vulnerable natural areas and the conservation of biological diversity in both the Argentine Patagonian Steppe and the Argentine Chaco; and (b) bolster the technical capacity and outreach of federal and provincial organizations working in natural resource issues. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P114294. US\$ 6.3/2.3 (GEFU/MSC1). Consultants will be required. Administacion de Parques Nacionales, Av. Santa Fe 690, C1059ABN, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4774-5357, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA, Contact: Dra. Patricia Gandini, President

Socio-Economic Inclusion in Rural Areas: The objective is to support the Government's strategy to raise incomes and improve livelihoods among the rural poor of Argentina. Bank Approval scheduled for 10 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P106685. US\$ 52.5 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Agricultura, Ganaderia y Pesca (MAGyP formerly SAGPyA), Avda. Belgrano 450, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-1300, E-mail: prosap-comunica@prosap.gov.ar, Contact: Lic. Jorge Neme, Coordinador Ejecutivo, Ing Sandro Sassatelli, Coordinador Tecnico

Education

Second Rural Education Improvement Project (PROMER):

The objective is to support Government of Argentina in extending and improving rural education. Negotiations scheduled for 1 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133195. US\$ 250.5 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, Argentina, Tel: (54-4) 959-2320, E-mail: apenillas@me.gov.ar, Contact: Lic. Alejandro Penillas, Director General Unidad de Financiamiento Internacional

Energy and Mining

Renewable Energy Project for Rural Areas: The objective is a continuation of the PERMER project and its additional financing, to emphasize access to modern energy services in rural schools and rural health centers, and to provide electricity, solar water heaters, and cooking and heating solutions when needed. Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Non Communicable Diseases (NCD): The objective is to support the Government to reduce premature mortality and morbidity due to chronic NCDs by: (a) strengthening MOH's capacity to monitor, and prevent, control NCDs; (b) improving quality of NCD preventive, diagnosis and control health services; (c) promoting healthy lifestyles; and (d) strengthening surveillance. Decision Meeting scheduled for *3 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133193. US\$ 450.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health, Argentina, Tel: (5411) 4379-9002, Email: jlazovski@msal.gov.ar, Contact: Dr. Jaime Lazovski, Secretario de Promocion de Programas Sanitarios

Industry and Trade

(R) Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFC) Phase Out: The objective is to serve the Hydrochlorofluorocarbons Phase-out Management Plan, Stage I, for the Government to submit for approval by the Multilateral Fund Executive Committee at its first meeting in 2012. The operation is expected to pave the way for further engagement on the Montreal Protocol agenda in face of HPMP Stage 2 starting in 2015. Bank Approval completed on 30 July 2013. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129397. US\$ 1.9 (MPIN). Consulants will be required. Ministerio de Economia y Finanzas Publicas de la Nacion, Hipolito Yrigoyen 250, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-8238, E-mail: fmaitini@mecon.gov.ar, Contact: Fernando Maitini

Sustainable Industrial Development: The objective is to support small and medium enterprises in Argentina with inadequate access to credit to improve their compliance with environmental regulations, while simultaneously boosting their industrial competitiveness. Bank Approval scheduled for 10 July 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P110612. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Economia y Produccion, Secretaria de Industria y Pyme, Av. Julio A. Roca 651, Piso 20, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4349-3726/3728, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA, Contact: Alfredo Junco, Coordinador Ejecutivo UEPRO-PRESAO

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Subnational Strengthening of Public Management through Information and Communication Technologies: The objective is to improve service delivery, transparency and accountability of subnational governments in Argentina through the

use of Information and Communication Technologies. *Project Identification is underway*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Interior, 25 de Mayo 145, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4339-0800, Email: cdiaz@mininterior.gov.ar, Contact: Carlos Diaz, Coordinador Ejecutivo

(R) Youth Employment Support: The objective is to support improvement of the employability of poor low-skilled unemployed youth at risk between the ages of 18 and 24 by providing training, building their experience and improving employment services. Decision Meeting scheduled for *10 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P133129. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Security, L.N.Alem No.638-Piso 8, Buejnos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tel: (54-11) 4310-5618, E-mail: mlaria@trabajo.gob.ar

Delivering Progressive Tax Policies: The objective is to provide the Provincial Government with a more stable source of revenue to fund equitable social spending and reduce poverty, through the support of Tax Administration (ARBA)'s efforts to establish a more progressive tax system. Identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 53.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Economia de la Provincia de Buenos Aires, Calle 8, entre 45 y 46, Codigo Postal 1900, La Plata, Argentina, Tel: (54-221) 429-4576, E-mail: agustinapereira@yahoo.com, Contact: Maria Agustina Pereira, Directora Provincial de Organismos Multilaterales

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Vega Flood Prevention and Drainage Project: The objective is to increase the City of Buenos Aires resilience to flooding through structured and non structured measures. Decision Meeting scheduled for *5 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P145686. US\$ 138.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Belize

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Management and Protection of Key Biodiversity Areas: The objective is to strengthen natural resource management and biodiversity conservation through the mitigation of threats to Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) in Belize. Negotiations scheduled for *27 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130474. US\$ 6.0/6.1/3.0 (ADPT/GEFU/JSDF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries, and Sustainable Development, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan, Belize, Tel: (501) 822-2526, Fax: (501) 822-3673, E-mail: foreigntrade@btl.net, Contact: Natalie Rosado, Associate Director - Grants

Marine Conservation and Climate Adaptation: The objective is to implement the priority ecosystem-based marine conservation and climate adaptation measures to strengthen the climate resilience of the Belize Barrier Reef System. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131408. US\$ 6.0 (ADPT). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries, and Sustainable Development, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan, Belize, Tel: (501) 822-2526, Fax: (501) 822-3673, E-mail: foreigntrade@btl. net, Contact: Wendel Parham, Chief Executive Officer

Energy and Mining

(N) Energy Resilience for Climate Adaptation: The objectives are to (a) undertake a climate change adaptation assessment for the energy sector; (b) develop and implement a comprehensive set of measures to increase the resilience of the energy sector; (c) revise energy policy to support mainstreaming energy resiliency; and (d) build institutional capacity building. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 17 January 2014. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P149522. US\$ 8.0 (SCCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Climate Resilient Infrastructure: The objectives are to: (a) provide evidence-based climate resilient infrastructure; and (b)

enhance the capacity of the country in coping with climate change. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 29 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127338. US\$ 15.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Belize Social Investment Fund, Constitution Drive, Belize, Tel: (501-8) 220-239/0508, Fax: (501-8) 220-279, E-mail: Daniel.Cano@sifbelize.org

Bolivia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Sustainable Development of Ancestral Andean Products: The objective is to promote the sustainable production, among small scale producers, of selected ancestral Andean products and enhance their commercialization and domestic consumption. *Preparation is underway*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 55.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Rural Development and Land (MDRT), entre calles Bueno y Loayza, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 211-1103, Fax: (591-2) 211-4332, E-mail: anaguzmanoo7@gmail.com, Contact: Ana Guzman, Director of Rural Development. EMPODERAR, Plaza Adela Zamudio, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 211-2794, Fax: (591-2) 214-533, E-mail: alianzarural@gmail.com, Contact: Jhonny Delgadillo, Coordinator

Energy and Mining

(R) Access and Renewable Energy: The objective is to support Bolivia's access strategy through: (a) energy services for isolated and dispersed individual households and public buildings; (b) renewable mini-grids for isolated rural areas; (c) grid densification; and (d) project management and supervision and capacity building. Decision Meeting scheduled for *18 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Hydrocarbon and Energy, Palacio de Comunicaciones, Piso 12, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 211-4690, Fax: (591-2) 211-0887, E-mail: mlorberg@pevd.gob.bo, Contact: Marcelo Lorberg, Head of the Project Implementation Unit

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Improving Employability and Job Quality Among Vulnerable Groups: The objectives are to: (a) enhance job quality among vulnerable groups; and (b) strengthen the capacity to monitor the labor market. Decision Meeting scheduled for *6 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143995. US\$ 20.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Labor, Employment and Social Provision, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 240-8606, Contact: Daniel Santalla Torrez, Minister of Labor, Employment and Social Provision

(R) Public Sector Investment: The objective is to support the Ministry of Planning to strengthen Public Investment Management processes and systems both at the national and local levels. *Project Identification is underway.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 31.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry Development Planning, Av. Mcal. Santa Cruz N°1092, Casilla N°1, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 231-1849, Fax: (591-2) 218-9000, E-mail: marcelo.torres@planificacion.gob.bo, Contact: Marcelo Torres, Director General of Planning

(R) Statistical Capacity Building Additional Financing: The objective is to strengthen the statistical capacity and improve the database to provide quality information that is reliable, timely and accurate. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 13 February 2014. Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. *US\$ 22.0 (IDA Credit).* No consultants are required. Instituto Nacional de Estadisticas, Calle Carrasco No. 1391, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 222-2333, Fax: (591-2) 222-2885, E-mail: lpereira@ine.gob.do, Contact: Luis Jose Pererira Stambuk, Director General Ejecutivo

Transportation

National Road Sector Management Program: The objective is to support the maintenance and rehabilitation of the county's primary road network. Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 200.0/175.0 (IBRD/ANDC). Consulting services to be determined. Administradora Boliviana de Carreteras (ABC), Av. Mariscal Santa Cruz,

Edif. Centro de Comunicaciones, Piso 8, La Paz, Bolivia, Tel: (591-2) 235-7220, Fax: (591-2) 239-1764, E-mail: amullisaca@abc.gob.bo, Contact: Antonio Mullisaca, Presidente Ejecutivo

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Climate Resilience Integrated Basin Management: The objective is to strengthen the national capacity to integrate climate resilience in planning, management, and investment through the adoption of a river basin management approach that will be piloted in the Rio Grande River Basin. Negotiations scheduled for 24 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129640. US\$ 36.0/9.5 (CSCC/CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Environment and Water, Calle Mercado, Edif. Mariscal Ballivian, Mezzanine, Bolivia Tel/Fax: (591-2) 211-5582, E-mail: carlos.ortuno@miriego.com, Contact: Carlos Ortuno, Vice Minister Water Resources and Irrigation

Brazil

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

- **(R) Bahia Sustainable Rural Development:** The objective is to support the State Government's strategy for poverty reduction in rural areas through economic inclusion, productive sustainable family farming and producer organizations, and implementation of water services in the areas targeted by the project. Pre-appraisal scheduled for 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. *US\$* 150.0 (*IBRD*). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R)** Marine Protected Areas: The objective is to support the creation and implementation of a representative and effective marine and coastal protected areas system in Brazil to reduce the loss of coastal and marine biodiversity. Negotiations scheduled for 12 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128968. US\$ 18.2 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, MMA, Brazil, Tel: NA, Fax: NA, E-mail: paulo.goncalves@mma. gov.br, Contact: Paulo Rogerio Goncalves, Director. Instituto Chico Mendes de Conservação da Biodiversidade ICMBio, Brazil, E-mail: ugo.vercillo@icmbio.gov.br
- **(R) Promotion of Low Carbon Agriculture in the Brazilian Cerrado:** The objective is to increase the adoption of Low Carbon Agriculture Plan in key areas of the Cerrado region. Decision Meeting scheduled for *18 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143184. US\$ 10.6 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) for Indigenous People: The objective is to enhance the capacity and support specific initiatives of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in Brazil in order to strengthen their participation in FIP and other REDD+ processes at the local, national and global levels. Decision Meeting scheduled for 27 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.5 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Embrapa Verde Agricultural Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reduction: The objectives are to: (a) implement existing GHG reducing technologies for crop and livestock activities; (b) develop new technologies designed to achieve further GHG reductions and adopt GHG reduction technologies within Embrapa research system; and (c) promote Embrapa exchange with other agricultural research institutions focused on reducing GHG. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 140.0/140.0 (IBRD/IADB). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Environmental Regularization of Rural Lands in the Cerrado of Brazil: The objectives are to: (a) support the Ministry of Environment to help reduce deforestation and forest degradation on rural landholdings; and (b) reduce emissions and to increase carbon sequestration by ensuring the environmental compliance by owner or occupiers of private landholdings in the 11 states in Brazil, within the Cerrado biome. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143334. US\$ 32.5 (CSCC). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Environment, Esplanada dos Ministerios, Bloco B 70 Andar, Brasilia, Brazil, Tel:

(55-61) 2028-1413, E-mail: allan.milhomens@mma.gov.br, Contact: Allan Milhomens, Coordinator

Education

- (N) Salvador Social Sector: The objectives are (a) economic inclusion and improvement in health and education services; and (b) improve living conditions in informal areas of the Salvador City which would include: (i) education, health and social assistance; (ii) housing and basic infrastructure; and (iii) economic inclusion and employability. Project preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- (R) Piaui Integrated Green Growth Sustainability and Inclusion: The objective is to support the Government of Piauí in the implementation of its policies and programs to achieve higher rates of inclusive green growth. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 12 February 2014. Decision Meeting scheduled for 7 April 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State of Piaui Secretariat of Planning, Av. Miguel Rosa, 3190, Centro Sul, Teresina, Brazil, Tel: (55-86) 3221-3145/4575, Fax: (55-86) 3221-1660, E-mail: secretario@seplan.pi.gov.br
- **(R) SWAP Pernambuco Education Results and Accounting:** The objective is to support critical programs of the state of Pernambuco in education and public sector management. *Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 13 February 2014. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 170.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Alagoas Extreme Poverty Eradication: The objective is to support the efforts of the State of Alagoas to eradicate extreme poverty, as part of the Brazilian Federal Government's program to achieve the same goal nationwide. Negotiations scheduled for 25 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126620. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. State Secretariat of Planning and Economic Development (SEPLANDE), Rua Dr. Cincinato Pinto, 503, Centro, Maceio, Brazil, Tel: (55-82) 3315-1511, Fax: (55-82) 3315-1711, E-mail: secretario@seplande.al.gov. br, Contact: Luis Otavio Gomes, State Secretary of Planning and Economic Development

Health and Other Social Services

- (R) Rio Municipality Technical Assistance Loan (Ln. 82710-BR): The objectives are to: (a) support activities to further consolidate the reforms undertaken as part of the DPL to the Municipality of Rio de Janeiro; and (b) promote improvements in the areas of public investment management, delivery of social services and public sector management, including monitoring and evaluation of social programs. Signing scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P127245. US\$ 16.2 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Secretaria Municipal de Fazenda, Rua Afonso Cavalcanti, 455, Anexo, Sala 604, Ciudad Nova, 20211-110, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Tel: (55-21) 2976-3280, Fax: (55-21) 2976-2661, Email: macardoso.smf@pcrj.rj.gov.br, Contact: Marco Aurélio Santos Cardozo, Head of the Municipal Treasury
- **(R)** Sergipe Development Policy Loan II: The objective is a continuation to support the Government of Sergipe in improving public sector management and expanding access to quality public services and economic opportunities for the extremely poor. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 24 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Sergipe State Secretary of Planning, Budget and Management, Brazil, Tel: (55-79) 3226-2202, Fax: (55-79) 3226-2246, E-mail: gab.secretario@seplag.se.gov.br, Contact: Jeferson Passos, State Secretary of Planning, Budget and Management

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Amazonas Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the creation of fiscal space for investments in citizen security through results-based management. Decision Meeting scheduled for *20 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P147979. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined.

Secretaria da Fazenda do Amazonas (SEFAZ), Av. André Araújo, 150, Aleixo Manaus, AM, Brazil, Tel: (55 92) 2121-1868, Fax: (55 92) 2121-1914, E-mail: ucp.am@sefaz.am.gov.br, Contact: Francisco Junior, Director

(R) Development of Systems to Prevent Forest Fires and Monitor Vegetation in Brazilian Cerrado: The objectives are to: (a) generate and disseminate geospatial and on-time information about deforestation, forest degradation and land use in the Cerrado, Caatinga and Pantanal biomes; and (b) develop an early-warning system to prevent forest fires at national scale. Decision Meeting scheduled for *12 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P143185. US\$ 9.2 (CSCF). No consultants are required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Public Management Additional Financing (Ln. 83270-BR): The objectives are to scale-up: (a) the integrated territorial development approach to Rio de Janeiro by expanding sectoral activities in the metropolitan governance and urban transport, environment and disaster risk management, housing, and social development; and (b) the services and activities offered in health and education. Bank Approval completed on 12 February 2014. Signing scheduled for 24 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P126735. US\$ 48.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretaria de Estados de Obras (SEOBRAS), Rua Mexico, 125/90 Andar, Centro, RJ, Brasil, CEP: 20031-145, Brazil, Tel: (55-21) 2333-0165, Fax: NA, E-mail: vloureiro@obras.rj.gov.br, Contact: Vicente Loureiro, Secretario

(R) Recife Municipal Development Policy Loan: The objective is to strengthen conditions for inclusive growth through support to policy reforms aimed at strengthening public sector management. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *2 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretary of Planning and Management, Municipality of Recife, Rua da Aurora, 1377, Recife, Brazil, Tel: (55-81) 3355-8839, E-mail: virginia.lacerda@recife.pe.gov.br, Contact: Virginia Lacerda, Project Manager

(R) Second Piaui Green Growth and Inclusion Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Government of Piauí in the implementation of its efforts to achieve higher rates of inclusive green growth by: (a) improving land tenure administration, (b) promoting sustainable agricultural practices, (c) improve water resource management and (d) ensuring environmental sustainability. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 12 February 2014. Project Concept Note scheduled for 26 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P146981. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. State of Piaui Secretariat of Planning, Av. Miguel Rosa, 3190, Centro Sul, Teresina, Brazil, Tel: (55-86) 3221-3145/4575, Fax: (55-86) 3221-1660, E-mail: secretario@seplan.pi.gov.br

(R) Strengthening Fiscal and Water Resources Management Development Policy Loan: The objective is to promote economic development of the State of Rio Gande do Sul by means of strengthening of water resources management and support for the consolidation of fiscal balance. Decision Meeting scheduled for *19 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 280.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretariat of Finance, Av. Maua, 1155-50 Andar, Brazil, Tel: (55-51) 3214-5104, Contact: Odir Tonollier, Secretary of Finance

Bahia Development Policy Loan: The objective is to improve service delivery and support social inclusion in priority sectors, including gender, education, crime prevention, planning and tax administration. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. State Secretariat of Planning, Av. Luis Viana Filho, 2a avenida, no.250, Centro Administrativo da Bahia, Salvador, Brazil, Tel: (55-71) 3115-3944, Fax: (55-71) 3115-3945, E-mail: luiza.mello@seplan.ba.gov.br, Contact: Luiza Amelia Guedes Machado, Superintendant

Gender and Social Inclusion: The objective is to design an innovative model for addressing a comprehensive approach to gender and social inclusion that builds on recent research that focuses on the WDR 2012 framework for gender equality by exploring issues of

endowments, economic opportunities and agency. Project Concept Review Meeting tentatively scheduled for late-March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaria de Estado de Planejamento - BA, 2 Avenida, 250, Centro Administrativo, da Bahia, Salvador, Brazil, Tel: (55-71) 3115-3550, Fax: (55-71) 3115-3945, E-mail: Sergio.gabrielli@seplan.ba.gov.br, Contact: Jose Sergio Gabrielli de Azevedo, Secretario de Estado

Transportation

(R) Transport Institutions and Technology Development: The objective is to support the improvement of the country's transport sector's efficiency and safety. *This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued.* Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 25.0 (IBRD).

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Teresina Enhancing Municipal Governance and Quality of Life Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) modernize and improve the management capacity of the Teresina Municipal Government in the financial, urban, environmental, service-delivery and economic development fields; and (b) improve the quality of life of the low-income population of the Lagoas do Norte Region of the city. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 80.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Acre Social and Economic Inclusion and Sustainable Development Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) develop and implement water supply and sanitation urban service delivery in five municipalities; and (b) expand and deepen the range of activities in education, health and sustainable development to scale up the project's impact and development effectiveness. Negotiations scheduled for *26 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. State Secretary of Planning, Government of the State of Acre, Palácio das Secretarias, 232, Quuarto, Andar, Centro, Rio Branco, Acre, Brazil, Tel: (55-68) 3224-0481, E-mail: marcio.verissimo@ac.gov.br, Contact: Marcio Verissimo, Secretary of Planning

(R) Espirito Santo Integrated Sustainable Development: The objective is to improve efficiency of the State of Espírito Santo in managing water resources and infrastructure in a sustainable, resilient and integrated manner. Negotiations completed on 12 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 28 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130682. US\$ 225.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required for implementation of various water resources management and water supply and sanitation activities planned. CESAN, Av. Governador Bley, 186, Brazil, Tel: (55-27) 3132-8200, Fax: (55-27) 3222-4369, E-mail: www.cesan. com.br; Instituto Estadual do Meio Ambiente (IEMA), Rod. BR 262 Km o, Patio Porto Velho, Brazil, Tel: (55-27) 3136-3437, Fax: (55-27) 3136-3441, E-mail: presidente@iema.es.gov.br; Secretaria de Estado de Projetos Especiais e Articulação Metropolitana, Palácio da Fonte Grande, Rua Sete de, Setembro, No. 362 80 Andar, Centro Vitória, Brazil, Tel: (55-27) 3636-1190, Fax: (55-27) 3321-3889, Email: www.es.gov.br

Alto Solimões Basic Services and Sustainable Development Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) support the Zona Franca Verde Program (PRODERAM, Po83977) to address the financing gap of the original project (APL1); and (b) continue to support the assessment of existing urban development policies. This project is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Colombia

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Mainstreaming Sustainable Cattle Ranching Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) promote adoption of environment-friendly Silvopastoral Production Systems (SPS) for cattle ranching in Colombia's project areas; (b) improve natural resource management and enhance the provision of environmental services (biodiversity, land, carbon, and water); and (c) raise the productiv-

ity in participating farms. Bank Approval scheduled for *30 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145732. US\$ 21.7 (SPTF). Consulting services to be determined. Colombian Cattle Ranching Organization-FEDEGAN, Calle 37 No. 14-31, Bogota, Colombia, Tel: (571) 578-2020, E-mail: cosorio@fedegan.org.co, Contact: Carlos Osorio, Subgerente Tecnico

Conservation for Peace in the Heart of the Colombian Amazon: The objective is to consolidate a protected area's system in the heart of the Colombian Amazon through an integrated landscape approach, improved forest governance and sustainable land management practices. Decision Meeting scheduled for 13 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144271. US\$ 10.0 (GEFU). Consultants will be required. Ministerio del Ambiente y Desarrollo Sostenible, Calle 37 No 8-40, Bogota, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 332-3415, E-mail: olbautista@minambiente.gov.co, Contact: Olga Lucia Bautista

Education

(R) Third Student Loan Support Project-Series of Projects (SOP)-Phase II: The objective is to increase coverage, graduation and equity in the higher education system, prioritizing quality higher education institutions. Negotiations completed on 30 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 1 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145782. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Instituto Colombiano de Crédito Educativo y Estudios Técnicos en El Exterior (ICETEX), Colombia, Tel: (571) 382-1670, E-mail: frodriguezc@icetex.gov.co, Contact: Fernando Rodriguez Carrizosa

Improving Access and Quality of Upper Secondary Education: The objectives are to: (a) increase access; and (b) improve the quality of upper secondary education to achieve the transition to tertiary education and labor market in equitable conditions. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P145353. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministerio de Educacion, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 222-2800, E-mail: jlleras@contratista.mineducacion.gov.co, Contact: Juanita Lleras, Coordinadora de Programa

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Growth and Productivity Multi-sector DPL: The objectives are to increase economic growth and productivity by supporting structural reforms that will foster physical and human capital investment, innovation, and facilitate access to external markets. Project Identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Second Programmatic Productive and Sustainable Cities Development Policy Loan: The objectives are to support the implementation of: (a) sustainable and inclusive cities; (b) access to affordable housing; (c) institutional strengthening and regional coordination; and (d) connectivity across the urban system and regional infrastructure financing. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 11 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 500.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Ministerio de Hacienda y Credito Publico, Carrera 8, No. 6-64, Bogota, Colombia Tel/Fax: (57-1) 381-5000, E-mail: malmonac@minhacienda.gov. co, Contact: Monica Almonacid, Subdirectora de Financiamiento Organismos Multilaterales

Urban Transport Clean Technology Fund: The objective is to support the Government in developing the urban transport project for Bogota identified under the Clean Technology Fund (CTF) Investment Plan, to improve public transit service provision. The CTF for Bogota envisions a comprehensive mobility and climate change agenda for Bogota's Carrera 7 corridor. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 12 June 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 40.0 (CCTF). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Transporte, Av. El Dorado CAN, Bogota, Colombia, Tel: (57-1) 324-0800, E-mail: mgranados@mintransporte.gov.co, Contact: Felipe Targa, Viceministro de Transporte

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

National Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Phase 2: The objective is to further strengthen Colombia's disaster risk management framework through: (a) the application of disaster risk analysis and management in policy making at the sectoral and territorial levels, and (b) strengthening of risk reduction at subnational levels. Decision Meeting scheduled for 6 October 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P130456. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Housing, Cities, and Territory, Bogota, Colombia, Tel: (571) 288-6020, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA

Costa Rica

Health and Other Social Services

(R) National Health Insurance System: The objective is to support the Government of Costa Rica to strengthen the National Health Insurance System Efficiency and Performance. Project Concept Note scheduled for *9 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Dominica

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Third Phase Disaster Vulnerability Reduction: The objective is to finance physical disaster mitigation investments and technical assistance activities to measurably reduce Dominica's vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts. Decision Meeting scheduled for 19 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129992. US\$ 17.0/9.0/12.0 (IDA Credit/ CSCC/CSCF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, 5th Floor, Financial Centre, Kennedy Ave. Roseau, Dominica, Tel: (767) 266-3340, Fax: (767) 448-0054, E-mail: finance@dominica. gov.dm, Contact: Rosamund Edwards, Financial Secretary. Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, Physical Planning and Fisheries, 2nd Floor, Government Headquarters, Kennedy Ave. Roseau, Dominica, Tel: (767) 266-3544, Fax: (767) 440-7761, E-mail: environment@dominica.gov.dm, Contact: Kenneth Darroux, Minister. Environmental Coordination Unit (ECU), Roseau Fisheries Complex Building, Dame Mary Eugenia Charles Boulevard, Roseau, Dominica, Tel: (767) 266-5256, Fax: (767) 448-4577, E-mail: ecu@dominica. gov.dm, Contact: Lloyd Pascal, Director

Dominican Republic

Education

Education Quality Project: The objectives are to develop and implement new key policies and programs in fundamental areas of the Dominican Republic education sector strategy, including teacher quality and student learning. Decision Meeting scheduled for 24 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146831. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Energy and Mining

(R) Distribution Networks Rehabilitation: The objectives are to: (a) increase the Cash Recovery Index of the three electricity distribution companies in selected areas; and, (b) improve the quality of electricity service. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *20 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Flexible Active Labor Market Programs: The objective is to support the Ministry of Labor in improving the employability of: (a) poor, low-skilled, long-term unemployed people between the ages of 18 and 65; and (b) poor at-risk youth by building their work experience and life skills. Appraisal scheduled for *1 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131109. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Labor, Av. Jimenez Moya, Centro de Los Heroes, Dominican Republic, Tel: (809) 535-4404, Ext. 2306, Fax: (809) 533-1548, E-mail: jose.polanco@mt.gob. do, Contact: Jose Luis Polanco de Leon, Coordinator

Social Protection System: The objective is to expand the access to services and opportunities for households in extreme-poverty by strengthening the social protection system in an innovative, integrated approach in selected regions of the country. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 26 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Information and Communications

Caribbean Regional Communications Infrastructure Program: The objectives are to: (a) increase access and affordability of broadband communications networks; (b) contribute to the development of the regional IT industry; and (c) contribute to improved Government efficiency and transparency through regionally harmonized e-government applications. Decision Meeting scheduled for 24 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Public Sector Modernization: The objective is to strengthen central and subnational management capacities to improve the quality of public spending and to provide better and more efficient public services. Project Identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Hacienda, Av. Mexico Nio. 45, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Tel: (809) 687-5131, Fax: (809) 682-0498, E-mail: rsarante@hacienda.gov.do, Contact: Ramon Sarante, Director del Programa de Administración Financiera (PAFI)

Ecuador

Transportation

Ibarra Road Infrastructure Improvement Project: The objective is to improve acess and inclusion of communities in the municipality of Ibarra through the provision of road infrastructure and institutional strengthening activities. Preparation is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147280. US\$ 21.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Municipality of Ibarra, y Calle Simon Bolivar, Ibarra, Ecuador, Tel: (593-06) 264-1677, Fax: (593-06) 295-4997, E-mail: guillosuarez.c@hotmail.com, Contact: Jorge Martinez, Mayor of Ibarra

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

Prosaneamiento Water and Sanitation: The objective is to support the Government's Prosaneamiento Program to increase water and sanitation coverage to about 95% by 2017 to all Ecuadorian municipalities (and their rural areas). Decision Meeting scheduled for 20 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147951. US\$ 170.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Banco del Estado (BEDE), Ecuador, Tel: (593-2) 299-9600, E-mail: saavedral@bancoestado.com, Contact: Lorena Saavedra, Projects and Products Manager

Grenada

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(N) Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project (Additional Finance): The objective is to reduce vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts in the Eastern Caribbean. This project will aim to scale up project activities in Grenada. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 4 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 8.8 (CIF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Comprehensive Debt Framework Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Government to create fiscal space, improve resilience to natural disasters, and strengthen competitiveness in order to achieve debt sustainability. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *12 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 10.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Planning, Economy, Energy and Cooperatives,

Financial Complex, the Carenage, St. George's, Grenada, Tel: (473) 440-2928, Fax: (473) 440-4115, E-mail: timothy.Antoine@gov.gd

Guatemala

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Second Programmatic Fiscal Space for Expanding Opportunities Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support the Guatemalan Government in creating fiscal space and expanding opportunities for the most vulnerable segments of society. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *13 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Directorate of Public Credit, Ministry of Public Finance, 8a. Avenida 20-65 Zona 1, Centro Civico, Guatemala City, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 2322-8888 Ext. 11538, Fax: NA, E-mail: NA, Contact: Mynor Argueta, Head of Department, Management and Negotiation

(R) Urban Infrastructure: The objectives are to: (a) support increased access to infrastructure; and (b) reduce crime and violence in low-income and precarious urban settlements in the country. Decision Meeting scheduled for *24 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P143495. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Instituto de Fomento Municipal (INFOM), 8a Calle 1-66 Zona 9, Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala, Tel: (502) 336-8100, Contact: Edin Roberto Casasola, Coordinator de Cooperacion Internacional

Guyana

Education

Universal Secondary Education: The objective is to improve secondary education learning conditions and increases the number of students that complete secondary education in Guyana's Regions 3 and 4 (including Georgetown), by constructing and equipping schools, training teachers, and distributing learning materials. Decision Meeting scheduled for 17 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147924. US\$ 12.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Education, 26 Brickdam, Georgetown, Guyana, Tel: (592) 226-3094, Contact: Priya Manickchand, Minister

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Disaster Risk Management: The objective is to reduce the vulnerability of Guyana's low-lying coastal area to flooding by implementing key strategic infrastructure investments. Decision Meeting scheduled for *14 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 11.9 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Haiti

Education

(R) Education for All Phase II Additional Financing: The objectives are to support: (a) enrollment of students in select non-public primary schools in disadvantaged areas; (b) student attendance in select primary schools in disadvantaged areas; and (c) strengthened management of the Recipient's primary education sector. *Appraisal scheduled for 24 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 15.0 (HRTF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Second Global Partnership Education for Education for All Program Grant: The objective is to support the Government of Haiti's Ministry of Education in the development of a three-year sector Transitional Action Plan which will prioritize areas for engagement in the education sector from 2013-2015. Appraisal scheduled for 24 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 24.1 (EFAS). Consultants will be required. Implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Heritage and Sustainable Tourism in the Northern Region: The objective is to promote tourism in Haiti's Northern Region through valorization of cultural heritage, selected investments and local initiatives. *Appraisal completed on 21 January*

2014. Negotiations scheduled for 7 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P144614. US\$ 45.0 (IDA Grant). Consulting services to be determined. Unite Technique d' Execution (UTE), Rue 3, no 26 PACOT, Port au Prince, Haiti, Tel: (509) 3389-3646, E-mail: mdelandsheer@ute.gouv.ht, Contact: Michael de Landsheer, Executive Director

Transportation

(N) Disaster Risk Management and Reconstruction - PPCR Additional Financing: The objective is to increase resilience in disaster planning and response in vulnerable cities in coastal areas of the Gulf de la Gonâve by: (i) adopting an integrated coastal management approach land use planning; (ii) infrastructure protection; and (iii) encouraging involvement and accountability of stakeholders. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 30 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 7.0 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Center and Artibonite Regional Development and Growth Pole: The objective is to support the economic development in the Center and Artibonite Loop (CAL) through a multi-sector spatial development initiative including better transport connectivity, networked cities and selective promotion of investments with community participation to support productive areas and inclusive growth. *Appraisal completed on 6 February 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 20 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P133352. US\$ 50.0/8.0 (IDA Credit/CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Unite Technique d' Execution (UTE), Rue 3, no 26 PACOT, Port au Prince, Haiti, Tel: (509) 3389-3646, E-mail: mdelandsheer@ute.gouv.ht, Contact: Michael de Landsheer, Executive Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Strengthening Hydro-Met Services: The objective is to strengthen capacity of select institutions in delivering reliable and timely hydrological and meteorological information services to inform policy dialogue and decision making. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 31 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 5.5 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Sustainable Rural Water and Sanitation: The objective is to increase access to water and sanitation services as well as consolidate and scale up the professional management model in rural areas and small towns in Haiti. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *16* April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Urban Community Driven Development Additional Finance: The objective is to improve access to, and satisfaction with: (i) basic and social infrastructure and services, including housing repair, reconstruction and community infrastructure improvements needed as a result of the emergency; and (ii) income-generating opportunities for residents of targeted disadvantaged urban areas. Project Concept Review Meeting completed on 11 February 2014. Decision Meeting scheduled for 25 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.0 (IDA Credit). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Honduras

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Corredor Seco Food Security Project: The objective is to contribute to reduce extreme poverty and malnutrition of rural families through increased agricultural productivity, rural incomes and nutritional status. *Appraisal scheduled for 1 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P148737. US\$ 30.0 (GAFS). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of the Presidential Office, Honduras, Tel: (504) 9495-2299, E-mail: jimenezmariano@yahoo.com, Contact: Mariano Jimenez, Executive Director, UTSAN

Energy and Mining

(R) Sustainable Rural Energy Services: The objective is to scale-up the provision of sustainable energy services (off-grid) and advanced biomass cookstoves for rural and periurban areas in Hon-

duras. *Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131602. US\$ 10.0 (CSCF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Bo. El Jazmin 5ta. Ave. 3ra Ave, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Tel: (504) 2220-1538, Fax: (504) 2222-6120, E-mail: rayala@sefin.gob.hn, Contact: Leonardo Matute, Coordinador

Jamaica

Education

(R) Early Childhood Development Project: The objectives are to: (a) improve the monitoring of children's development, the screening of household level risks, and the risk mitigation and early intervention systems; (b) enhance the quality of early childhood schools and care facilities; and (c) strengthen early childhood organizations and institutions. Bank Approval completed on 11 February 2014. Signing scheduled for 12 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P147074. US\$ 12.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Early Childhood Commission, Shops 45-46 Kingston Mall, 8-10 Ocean Blvd. Kingston, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 922-9296/7, Fax: (876) 922-9295, E-mail: wjgayle@ecc.gov.jm, Contact: Wayne Henry, Senior Advisor to the Minister

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Integrated Community Development: The objective is to improve quality of life in inner-city areas and poor urban informal settlements through improved access to basic urban infrastructure, financial services, land tenure regularization, enhanced community capacity and improvements in public safety. Negotiations completed on 4 February 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 14 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146460. US\$ 42.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Jamaica Social Investment Fund, 1C-1F Pawsey Road, Kingston 5, Jamaica, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 929-1620, E-mail: scarlette.gillings@jsif.org, Contact: Scarlette Gillings, Ms

(R) Social Protection Additional Finance: The objectives are to: (a) improve the PATH program's efficiency and effectiveness to invest in human capital accumulation; (b) develop a structured system to facilitate employment among working-aged members of PATH households; (c) build capacity to implement integrated pension reform; and (d) build capacity to implement a social protection strategy. Bank Approval completed on 24 January 2014. Signing scheduled for 10 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146606. US\$ 40.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), PIOJ Building 16 Oxford Road Kingston 5, PO Box 634, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 935-5059, Fax: (876) 906-2214, E-mail: Barbara_Scott@pioj.gov.jm, Contact: Barbara Scott, Director, External Cooperation Management Division. Ministry of Labor and Social Security, 14 National Heroes Circle, PO Box 512, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 922-8000, Ext. 13, Fax: (876) 924-9639, E-mail: dthorpe@miss.gov.jm, Contact: Denzil Thorpe, Director Social Security

(R) Youth Employment in Digital and Creative Industries: The objective is to create an enabling environment in the digital and animation industries for: (a) youth employment in the virtual Global Economy; and (b) youth employment and entrepreneurship through new startups or expansion of existing companies. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 14 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P148013. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Jobs and Skills: The objective is to support the skills and job acquisition through demand-driven training and a strengthened workforce development system. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 26 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 20.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Industry and Trade

(R) Growth and Competitiveness: The objectives are to support: (a) investment climate issues identified in the First Programmatic DPL; (b) include innovation/entrepreneurship work in the areas of policy on MSMEs and entrepreneurship; and (c) support the competitive industries logistics hub initiative and value chains such as

agri-business and tourism. *Preparation completed on 6 February* 2014. Decision Meeting scheduled for 11 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147665. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Improving Climate Data and Information Management: The objective is to improve the quality of climate information for effective planning and action at local and national levels in Jamaica. Preparation is underway Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 6.8 (CSCF). Consultants will be required. Planning Institute of Jamaica (PIOJ), PIOJ Building 16 Oxford Road Kingston 5, PO Box 634, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 935-5059, Fax: (876) 906-2214, E-mail: Barbara_Scott@pioj.gov.jm, Contact: Hopeton Peterson, Manager Public Sector Modernization: The objective is to improve public sector management for efficient use of resources and increasing productivity. Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P146688. US\$ 35.0/3.2 (IBRD/DFID). Consultants will be required. Planning Institute of Jamaica, Kingston, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 960-9339, E-mail: info@pioj.gov.jm, Contact: Barbara Scott, Deputy Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Disaster Vulnerability Reduction: (formerly Public Administration, Law, and Justice sector) The objective is to measurably reduce vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 10 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Jamaica Social Investment fund, 1c-1f Pawsey Road, Jamaica, Tel: (876) 968-4545, Contact: Loy Malcolm, General Manager, Project Management

Mexico

Education

- **(N)** Compensatory Education Additional Financing: The objective is to improve the coverage and education performance of high marginalization students in 162 of the poorest municipalities of Mexico, through innovative interventions and the participation of parents and other members of the school community. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 24 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- **(R)** School Based Management Project APL III: The objective is to improve the quality of education as measured by coverage, social participation, and educational outcomes. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *10 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.
- (R) Third Upper Secondary Education Development Policy Loan (Ln. 83140-MX): The objective is to support the Government in the implementation of Mexico's Integral Upper Secondary Education Reform (Reforma Integral de la Educación Media Superior, RIEMS) to improve the internal efficiency of EMS and its responsiveness to the labor market. Signing scheduled for 18 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 300.8 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Secretariat of Public Education, Brasil 31-312 Centro Historico, 06029, Mexico, DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 9183-4000, E-mail: boco_marti@hacienda.gob.mx, Contact: Juan Bosco Marti Ascencio, Titular de la Unidad de Asuntos Internacionales

Energy and Mining

- **(R)** Energy Efficiency Supply Side: The objectives are to: (a) identify and support investments and measures in supply-side efficiency in Mexico; and (b) support the government of Mexico's agenda to reduce greenhouse gases (GHG). This project is no longer in the lending program. Further reporting will be discontinued. Environmental Assessment Category C. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD).
- **(R)** Sustainable Energy Technologies Development for Climate Change: The objective is to improve the functioning of Mexico's Sustainable Energy Fund which generates around US\$100 million per year for developing clean energy technologies. Decision

Meeting scheduled for *6 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145618. US\$ 16.9 (GEFU). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Social Protection System: The objective is to provide technical and financial support to the redesign and implementation of the National Conditional Cash Transfer Program- Oportunidades- and also support the coordination of this program with social protection programs/services. Decision Meeting scheduled for *21 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P147212. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. Sedesol/Oportunidades, Mexico, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 5482-0700, E-mail: luis. barajas@oportunidades.gob.mx, Contact: Barajas Gonzalez Luis, Director, International Affairs

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Fiscal Risk Management Development Policy Loan: The objective is to support policies for enhanced fiscal sustainability, predictability and transparency of public expenditure to support stable economic growth and development. This project is on hold until futher notice. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P123505. US\$ 300.8 (IBRD). No consultants are required. Secretaria de Hacienda y Credito Publico SHCP, Av. Constituyentes 1001, Edificio B, 6to Piso, Col. Belen de las Flores, CP, Mexico DF, Mexico, Tel: (52-55) 3688-1486, Fax: (52-55) 3688-4962, E-mail: guillermo_bernal@hacienda.gob.mx, Contact: Guillermo Bernal, Coordinator

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Oaxaca Water Supply and Sanitation Sector Modernization: The objectives are to support the modernization of the water supply and sanitation sector of Oaxaca, through (a) reforming institutional framework, and (b) improving the quality and sustainability of the water services in Oaxaca city, provincial cities and rural areas. Decision Meeting completed on 11 February 2014. Negotiations scheduled for 4 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 55.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Nicaragua

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Caribbean Coast Food Security Project: The objective is to improve food and nutritional security in selected food insecure communities of the Caribbean Coast of Nicaragua. Decision Meeting scheduled for *29 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 33.9 (GAFS). Consultants will be required. Ministerio de Economía Familiar Comunitaria, Km. 8 1/2 Carretera a Masaya, Frente al MAGFOR, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505-2) 255-8777, E-mail: mmachado@economiafamiliar.gob.ni, Contact: Maria Antonieta Machado

Health and Other Social Services

Community Health Project Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve access to, and the quality of, preventive and promotion health and nutrition services among poor and vulnerable populations in Nicaragua; (b) strengthen the operational capacity of Nicaragua's Ministry of Health through the rehabilitation of health centers; etc. Bank Approval scheduled for 24 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146880. US\$ 10.0 (IDA Credit). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Health (MOH), Complejo Nacional de Salud, Costado oeste Colonia 1 de mayo, Managua, Nicaragua Tel/Fax: (505) 2289-4700, E-mail: cooperacion@minsa.gob.ni, Contact: Emilce Herrera, Coordinadora de Cooperacion Externa

Transportation

(R) Rural Roads Infrastructure Improvement Additional Financing: The objectives are to: (a) improve access of rural population to markets, social, and administrative services through: (i) the carrying out of improvements in road infrastructure, and (ii) the strengthening of MTI's institutional capacity for asset and DRM; and (b) support the generation of short-term employment opportunities

for the rural population. *Negotiations completed on 24 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 24 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146845. *US\$ 22.2 (IDA Credit)*. Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Transport (MTI), Frente al Estadio Nacional, Managua, Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 2222-5913, E-mail: cristel.guzman@mti.gob.ni, Contact: Cristhel Guzman

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Sustainable Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Sector: The objective is to consolidate the rural water supply and sanitation (WSS) sector in Nicaragua as a means to guarantee sustainable access to WSS services to the rural population of Nicaragua. *Negotiations completed on 16 January 2014. Bank Approval scheduled for 17 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P147006. US\$ 14.3/15.7 (IDA Credit/IDA Grant). Consultants will be required. Emergency Social Investment Fund (FISE), Nicaragua, Tel: (505) 278-1664, E-mail: azeledon@fise.gob.ni, Contact: América Zeledón, Director of Planning

Panama

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Biodiversity-Friendly Sustainable Productive Systems and Conservation of Protected Areas: The objective is to mainstream biodiversity-friendly sustainable systems in productive landscapes and improve selected protected areas management within the Panamanian Mesoamerican Biological Corridor. *Decision Meeting completed on 29 January 2014. Appraisal scheduled for 24 March 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145621. US\$ 9.6/12.5 (GEFU/ZPCI). Consulting services to be determined. Autoridad Nacional del Ambiente, Avenida Ascanio Villalaz, Edificio 500, Panama, Panama, Tel: (507) 232-9600, E-mail: iavaldespino@cbmap.org

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(R) Third Programmatic Development Policy Loan (Ln. 83330-PA): The objectives are to: (a) increase fiscal space; (b) strengthen fiscal management; (c) enhance transparency; (d) improve the efficiency of public spending; and (e) strengthen social programs. *The loan was signed on 28 January 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. Project: P146942. US\$ 200.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Via Espana y Calle 52, Edificio Ogawa, 4to Piso, Panama, Tel: (507) 507-7202, Fax: (507) 507-7200, E-mail: amendez@mef.gob.pa; crpmp@bloomberg.net, Contact: Mahesh C. Khemlani, Director of Public Credit

Peru

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) National Agricultural Innovation (Ln. 83310-PE): The objective is to increase the contribution of agricultural innovation to inclusive and sustainable sector growth, with the ultimate aim of rewarding all participants, especially small and medium sized farms at levels comparable to other sectors. Bank Approval completed on 17 December 2013. Signing tentatively scheduled for mid-March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P131013. US\$ 40.0/1.0 (IBRD/IADB). Consultants will be required. Instituto Nacional de Innovacion Agraria, Av. La Molina 1981, La Molina, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 349-5616, Fax: (51-1) 349-5964, E-mail: jefatura@inia. gob.pe, Contact: Arturo Florez, Manager (Jefe)

(R) Strengthening Sustainable Management of the Guano Islands, Isles and Capes National Reserve System: The objective is to improve the management effectiveness of the Guano Islands, Islets and Capes National Reserve System of Peru. *The loan was signed on 11 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P129647. US\$ 8.9/2.0 (GEFU/KFW). Consultants will be required. PROFONANPE, Av. Javier Prado Oeste 2378, Magdalena, Lima, Peru, Tel: (511) 218-1097, Fax: (511) 218-1049, E-mail: apaniagua@profonanpe.org.pe, Contact: Alberto Paniagua, Executive Director

Dedicated Grant Mechanism: The objective is to enhance the capacity of, and support on-the ground activities to be carried out by

indigenous peoples and local communities in the Forest Investment Program (FIP) pilot countries. Identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 5.5 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Sustainable Forest Management in Atalaya, Ucayali: The objective is to strengthen and implement forest landscape management in order to reduce GHG emissions produced by deforestation and forest degradation and increase carbon reserves. Identification underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 12.6 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Health and Other Social Services

(R) Second Social Inclusion DPL: The objectives are to: (a) support the institutionalized leadership and stewardship of the social inclusion agenda; (b) lay out the foundations to improve the inclusiveness and effectiveness of key social programs executed by MIDIS; (c) develop adequate systems for targeting; (d) provide monitoring and evaluation; and (e) execute the overall coordination. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *24 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 45.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

Sustainable Development Investments SENACE: The objective is to establish the foundations for long term sustainability in the investments of key economic sectors and achieve progressive reductions in the costs of environmental degradation. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 14 May 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Transportation

(R) Cusco Transport Improvement (Ln. 83390-PE): The objectives are to: (a) alleviate congestion in the urban road network, and (b) contribute to the protection of the Historical Center of Cusco by improving; (i) the Municipal Government's capacity to plan and manage the network; (ii) transport services and road safety; and (iii) perform routine maintenance. Bank Approval scheduled for *28 February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P132505. US\$ 120.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. COPESCO, Plaza Tupac Amaru s/n, Distrito Wanchaq, Cuzco, Peru, Tel: (51-84) 581-540, Fax: (51-84) 236-712, E-mail: rcastillo@copesco.gob.pe, Contact: Percy Castro, Coordinator

(R) Lima Metro Line 2: The objective is to enhance the mobility of travelers and accessibility of socioeconomic opportunities in a key corridor of Metropolitan Lima. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for *24 April 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 300.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

National Roads Bridge Improvement: The objective is to improve the country's all-weather access on bridges located in the national road network by: (a) upgrading the national roads bridge network and road sections in critical conditions; and (b) improving the capacity of the Ministry of Transport to plan and manage these bridges. Preparation is on hold until further notice. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 30.0 (IBRD). Consulting services to be determined. PROVIAS Nacional, Jr. Zorritos 1203, Lima, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 615-7800, Ext. 4004, Fax: (51-1) 615-7453, E-mail: rtorres@proviasnac.gob.pe, Contact: Raul Torres, Executive Director

Rural and Regional Decentralization: The objective is to contribute to sustainable economic development and rural poverty reduction in Peru through the improvement of accessibility of departmental and rural roads that are managed by the regional and local governments. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 28 April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 50.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. PROVIAS Descentralizado, Jr Camana 678, Piso 10, Cercado de Lima, Lima, Peru Tel/Fax: (51-1) 614-5300, E-mail: jrodriguez@proviasdes.gob.pe, Contact: Jose Rodriguez, Executive Director

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(N) Second Catastrophe Deferred Draw Down Option (CAT DDO): The objective is to increase the Government's capacity to mobilize resources in the event of a disaster and to promote risk reduction. Identification scheduled for 24 February 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 400.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Cusco Regional Development: The objective is to enhance the capacity of the Regional Government of Cuzco to provide basic services and infrastructure in key sectors in the Cuzco Region. Bank Approval completed on 22 November 2013. Signing tentatively scheduled for mid-April 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. Project: P117318. US\$ 35.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. COPESCO, Plaza Tupac Amaru s/n, Distrito Wanchaq, Cuzco, Peru, Tel: (51-84) 581-540, Fax: (51-84) 236-712, E-mail: rcastillo@copesco.gob.pe, Contact: Rogers Castillo, Executive Director

Lima Norte II Additional Finance: The objective is to improve efficiency, continuity and reliability of water supply and sanitation services in the Northern Service Area of Lima. Identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category B. US\$ 55.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. SEDAPAL, Autopista R. Priale 210, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 317-3000, Fax: (51-1) 362-5148, E-mail: rmanchem@ sedapal.com.pe, Contact: Rossina Manche, General Manager

Regional

Finance

(N) Central America and Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance: The objective is to increase the fiscal resilience of the Central American countries, the Dominican Republic, and CARICOM member countries to catastrophic events resulting from tropical cyclones, earthquakes, and excess rainfall. Identification is underway. Environmental Assessment Category C. Project: P149670. US\$ 53.0 (FSSP). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Water, Sanitation and Flood Protection

(R) Andes Adaptation to the Impact of Climate Change in Water Resources: The objective is to support countries in developing strategies, policies and on-the-ground interventions to manage their scarce water resources in an integrated fashion, prioritizing critically threatened ecosystems and economies. *Appraisal scheduled for 19 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P145345. US\$ 9.7 (GEFU). Consulting services to be determined. Secretaria General de la Comunidad Andina, Paseo de la República 3895, San Isidro, Lima, Peru, Tel: (51-1) 710-6400, Fax: (51-1) 221-3329, E-mail: tursula@comunidadandina.org, Contact: Tomas Ursula, Coordinator

(R) Second Phase Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Adaptable Lending Program: The objectives are to support: (a) structural investments in selected critical public buildings and infrastructure; and (b) technical assistance activities to measurably reduce Saint Lucia's vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts. *Decision Meeting scheduled for 12 March 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P127226. US\$ 4.9/24.9/12.0 (IBRD/IDA Credit/CIF). Consultants will be required. Ministry of Finance, Economic Affairs and National Development, Financial Center, Bridge St. 3rd Floor, Castries, Saint Lucia, Tel: (1-758) 468-5500, Fax: (1-758) 452-6700, E-mail: ianthony@gosl. gov.lc, Contact: Isaac Anthony, Permanent Secretary

St. Vincent and the Grenadines

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Regional Disaster Vulnerability Reduction Project Additional Finance: The objective is to reduce vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change impacts in the Eastern Caribbean Sub-region. *Decision Meeting completed on 6 February 2014. Appraisal scheduled for 25 February 2014.* Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P146768. US\$ 16.6/5.0 (IDA Credit/CSCF). Consulting services to be determined. Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Kingstown, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Tel: (784) 757-2182, E-mail: cenplan@svgcpd.com

Uruguay

Finance

(R) Public Sector Management and Social Inclusion Development Policy Loan: The objectives are to: (a) strengthen public sector administration; (b) improve competitiveness; and (c) improve social inclusion through measures seeking to enhance the equity and efficiency of health, education and social protection systems. Project Concept Review Meeting scheduled for 18 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category U. US\$ 150.0 (IBRD). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

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Regional

Agriculture, Fishing, and Forestry

(R) Forest Investment Program (FIP) Grant Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities: The objective is to enhance the capacity and support specific initiatives of Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in FIP Pilot countries in order to strengthen their participation in FIP and other REDD+ processes at the local, national and global levels. *Decision Meeting scheduled for mid-February 2014*. Environmental Assessment Category F. Project: P128748. US\$ 5.0 (CSCF). Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

(R) Oceans Financing Facility: The objective is to finance sustainable fisheries management activities in up to five priority ocean areas around the world, together with increased funding from the Oceans Financing Facility to implement all of the objectives of the GPO, e.g. more sustainable aquaculture, reduced marine pollution, and habitat conservation or protection. Decision Meeting scheduled for 10 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category B. Project: P128437. *US\$ 10.0/10.0 (GEFU/ZBIL)*. Consulting services and implementing agency(ies) to be determined.

Public Administration, Law, and Justice

(N) Second Gansu Cultural and Natural Heritage Protection and Development: The objective is to support the investment for the protection and development of prioritized sites with cultural and natural heritage significance in Gansu province. Pre-identification scheduled for 24 March 2014. Environmental Assessment Category A. US\$ 100.0 (IBRD). Consultants will be required. Project Management Office, Room 806, 8 floor, 3 Building, No. 13, Cheng-GuanQu Guangchang Nan Lu, Lanzhou, Gansu, China, Tel: (86-931) 883-9676, Fax: (86-0931) 888-3664, E-mail: gansupmo@126.com, Contact: Mr. Ning Xiaoki, Deputy Director of the PMO

Guarantee Operations

By covering some of the risks that the market is not able to bear or adequately evaluate, the Bank's guarantee can attract new sources of finance, reduce financing costs, and extend maturities. The guarantee can be especially valuable for countries with limited market access and where activities traditionally undertaken and financed by the government are being shifted to the private sector but where the government remains as a regulator or provider of inputs and a buyer of outputs. The Bank's participation as guarantor can also facilitate the transparency of these transactions.

Since the guarantee is intended to be a catalytic instrument, the Bank offers only partial guarantees, and risks are clearly shared between the Bank and private lenders. The Bank's objective is to cover risks that it is well-positioned to bear given its credit, its experience with developing countries, and its special relationships with governments.

The risk-sharing may be for specific risks (the partial risk guarantee) or for part of the financing (the partial credit guarantee).

A partial risk guarantee covers risks arising from nonperformance of sovereign contractual obligations or from force majeure aspects in a project. A partial credit guarantee and a policy-based guarantee typically extend maturities beyond what private creditors could otherwise provide, for example, by guaranteeing late-dated repayments.

For more information on the Bank's guarantee program and to obtain a copy of the pamphlet "The World Bank Guarantees: Leveraging Private Finance for Emerging Markets" (available in English, French, Portuguese and Spanish), please contact the Finance Economics and Urban Department (FEU) Tel: (202) 458-8111; Fax: (202) 522-0761, or visit www.worldbank.org/guarantees.

Africa

Cote d'Ivoire

Energy and Mining

Foxtrot Gas Field Expansion (Private Sector): The objective is to improve the availability of natural gas for power generation in an environmentally sound manner. IDA PRG US\$ 60 million. Board Approval completed on 18 June 2013.

Mauritania

Energy and Mining

Gas to Power PRG (Private Sector): The objective is to increase the electricity supply through development of gas infrastructure. IDA PRG US\$ 80 million. The Board Approval scheduled for FY14.

Nigeria

Energy and Mining

Nigeria Power Sector IPP Guarantees Project (Private Sector): The objective is to support power sector development and

privatization of distribution and power generation companies. A series of IDA PRGs US\$ 1 billion. Board Approval scheduled for FY14.

Energy and Mining

Tanzania

Energy and Mining

Singida Wind power (Private Sector): The objective is to improve the environment for private sector investments in climate-friendly wind generation capacity. IDA PRG of US\$ 100 million. Board Approval scheduled for FY14.

Energy and Mining

Ruhudji Hydropower Project (Private Sector): The objective is to improve the environment for private sector investment in power sector, thereby increasing electricity supply. IDA PRG of US\$ 200 million. Board Approval scheduled for FY15.

Europe and Central Asia

Croatia

Financial Sector

Croatia PCG (Private Sector): The objective is to support the Croatian Bank for Reconstruction and Development (HBOR) to improve long-term financing terms. PCG EU€ 200 million. Board Approval completed on 27 June 2013.

Kosovo

Energy and Mining

New Kosovo Power Plant (NKPP) IPP (Private Sector): The objective is to support a private sector independent power producer and lignite mine development company. IDA PRG of US\$ 54 million. Board Approval scheduled for FY15.

LIST OF ACRONYMS

AUSAID	Australian Agency for International Development	IDB	Inter-American Development Bank
ADB	Asian Development Bank	IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
ADF	African Development Fund	IsDB	Islamic Development Bank
AfDB	African Development Bank	JBIC	Japan Bank for International Cooperation
APL	Adaptable Program Loan	ITF	Interim Trust Fund
BADEA	Banque Arabe de Développement Économique en Afrique	KfW	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (Germany)
BOAD	Banque Ouest Africaine	LIL	Learning and Innovation Loan
CDB	de Développement	NCB	National Competitive Bidding
CDB	Caribbean Development Bank	NGO	Nongovernmental Organization
CFD CIDA	Caisse Française de Développement Canadian International Development	NORAD	Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
DANIDA	Agency Danish International Development Agency	OECF	Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (Japan)
DFID	Department for International Development (UK)	OPEC	Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	PAD	Project Appraisal Document
EDF	European Development Fund	PCD	Project Concept Document
EIB	European Investment Bank	PCF	Prototype Carbon Fund
EU	European Union	PCN	Project Concept Note
FAC	Fonds d'Aide et de Coopération (France)	PHRD	Policy and Human Resources Development (Japan)
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations	PID	Project Identification (Number)
FAO/CP	FAO Cooperative Program (with the World Bank)	PPF	Project Preparation Facility
		QCBS	Quality and Cost-Based Selection
FINNIDA	Finland International Development Agency	SDC	Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation
GEF	Global Environment Facility	SIDA	Swedish International Development
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit	UNDP	Authority United Nations Development Programme
IAPSO	Inter-Agency Procurement Service Office	UNFPA	United Nations Population Fund
IBRD	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
ICD		USAID	United States Agency for International
ICB	International Competitive Bidding	WIIO	Development World Health Organization
IDA	International Development Association	WHO	World Health Organization