

Comments from India

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Best, JC

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From: SHEYPHALI SHARAN <dir357mi@gmail.com>
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Date: 01/01/2014 03:30 AM
Subject: Reg: GEF6 Paris meeting documents

Dear Chairperson,

Ref trail mail dated 23rd Dec, pl note the following comments from India:

1. As regards the point on greater emphasis on non-grant instruments in the architecture of GEF, kindly include that "some participants however felt that GEF's primary architecture should be grant- based as non-grant instruments may introduce

complexities and that grants would provide a degree of concessionality to projects co-financed with non-concessional funding. They felt that GEF should not replicate what IDA, IBRD, IFC or ADB do.”

The present formulation conveys complete consensus on the issue when it was not really the case.

2 We agree with the formulation of the Chairperson’s Summary with regards to private sector engagement, financial issues, improving efficiency of the project cycle, enhancing gender mainstreaming, strengthening the results-based management and knowledge management systems.

3. As far as the programming directions are concerned, the following comments on the proposed climate change focal area strategy may please be noted.

- COP-19 decisions may be taken into account. The decision document is at annex: b.

- Paragraph 61 under programme 4 talks about the reduction of GHG emission from agriculture sector. This issue is under discussion in the UNFCCC negotiation process. It is therefore, proposed that GHG reduction component should be deleted from this document (if mitigation is included this will weaken the position of developing countries in future negotiations). We and most other developing countries emphasize that priority should be given to adaptation in agriculture rather than mitigation from the climate change angle.

- In paragraph 73 and in some other paragraphs commitment for the 2015 agreement and voluntary targets are mentioned. As per the decision/C.19 (ADP) the world commitment / target are to be replaced by “intended nationally determined contribution”.

- It is also mentioned that project supported through GEF-6 cycle will facilitate developing country to identify their potential contribution for the 2015 agreement. Considering the long project cycle, it may not be feasible for developing country to fulfil of the said objective by availing GEF funds. It is therefore, suggested that the GEF cycle should be shortened and project approvals expedited.”

with warm regards and best wishes for a Happy New Year

S Sharan

Dir, DEA, Min of Finance, GOI

On Mon, Dec 23, 2013 at 9:55 AM, <Jvonamsberg@worldbank.org> wrote:

Dear Colleagues,

1. Please find attached the Co-Chairs' Summary for the Third Replenishment Meeting.