

Input on the review of the Strategic Plan

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It is my pleasure to provide my input for the update of the GCF Strategic Plan as a part of the preparatory work for the first formal replenishment process.

While I consider that “the Board’s Strategic Vision for the GCF” of the current Strategic Plan could basically be maintained with some update, I would propose to indicate forest-related considerations into a basic philosophy of the updated Strategic Plan.

The updated Strategic Plan needs operational priorities for the first replenishment period. In the IRM period, approval of funding proposals was prioritized since it was considered the most important in order to make the GCF operational. From this point of view, the approval target of USD2.5 billion was set for 2016. Now, approved funding proposals came to 93, total amount of the approved GCF financing amount USD 4.6 billion. In the first replenishment period, the GCF should focus on implementation and disbursement of the approved projects. Such projects should be reviewed which have not been undertaken for certain period after the Board approval. More effective and efficient resource management is necessary from the long- and mid-term view by pipeline management and financial planning.

From this point of view, the updated Strategic Plan should include as Action Plan:

Decision-making

--Decision-making process in absence of consensus,

Policies related funding proposals

--Cancellation and restructuring policy,

--Co-financing policy,

--Policy for program-type funding proposals,

--Efficient use of funds through a guidance on concessionality, promoting non-grant instrument (loan, guarantee, equity) and a policy for issuing bonds,

Planning and approval process of funding proposals

--Accelerating the approval process of funding proposals,

- Guideline for funding proposals jointly proposed by more than one AE,
- Guideline for further accreditation (set a ceiling on number of AEs?),

Further mobilization

- Promotion of private finance mobilization for REDD+ activities in cooperation with bilateral and multilateral forest-related schemes.