

## Consultation Timetable for IFC's Update of the Safeguard Policies and Review of IFC's Policy on Disclosure of Information

IFC has begun the public consultation phase for the update of its Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and a review of its Policy on Disclosure of Information. The consultation phase is designed to enable IFC's many stakeholders to provide input and comment on the consultation documents.

The consultation process has been designed to be transparent and to provide for multiple means for engagement, including the following:

- **Four regional consultation workshops** will be convened to which stakeholders ranging from project-affected communities, representatives of civil society organizations and trade unions, the private sector, government agencies, academia and other international and bilateral development organizations and financiers will be invited. IFC will try to ensure a balanced representation of various stakeholders from the region. The proposed policies will be discussed in parallel workshops, which will allow for joint discussions on overlapping issues. Professional facilitation and interpretation will be provided.

*The following is the schedule for the Regional Consultation Workshops:*

<b>Sept 27-29, 2004</b>	<b>Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</b> for Latin America and the Caribbean
<b>Oct 27-29, 2004</b>	<b>Manila, Philippines</b> for Asia and the Pacific
<b>Nov 29-Dec 1, 2004</b>	<b>Nairobi, Kenya</b> for Africa, including North Africa
<b>Dec 13-15, 2004</b>	<b>Istanbul, Turkey</b> for Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East

- **Topic specific meetings:** In the course of the consultation period, IFC will hold a number of topic specific meetings, to discuss issues such as labor standards, Indigenous Peoples' rights, biodiversity and the role of the private sector in human rights.

*Topic specific meetings have not yet been scheduled.*

- **Stakeholder meetings:** Meetings will be also be organized with particular stakeholder groups that we may not be able to reach through the regular process, such as representatives of international civil society, and Equator Principles Banks.

*Stakeholder meetings that have been scheduled to date are:*

<b>Sept 16, 2004</b>	<b>Equator Principles Banks:</b> London, UK
<b>Oct 4, 2004</b>	<b>International NGOs:</b> Washington, DC, USA

- **Web-based consultation and mail-in:** Throughout this time, IFC encourages interested stakeholders to express their views on the draft documents either by post, by email or through a web-based consultation tool. The concerns and views expressed during this phase can be viewed through the web-based consultation tool and through IFC's website, which will also post responses from IFC.

*The web-based tool is currently being designed.*

Following the public consultation phase, IFC will produce a revised draft of the Policy on Social and Environmental Sustainability, including Performance Standards, and a draft Policy on Disclosure of Information. These will be made available for public comment for a 30 day period prior to final approval by IFC's Board of Directors.

#### TIMELINE :

Aug 16, 2004	Press release and public distribution of draft consultation documents
Sept 17, 2004	Press Briefing, London, UK
TBD	Launch of web-based feedback tool
Sept - Dec 2004	Regional Consultation Workshops in Latin America, Asia, Africa and Europe and Topic Specific and Stakeholder Meetings
Dec 17, 2004	Deadline for web-based comments and submissions
early Jan, 2005	Public posting and distribution of revised drafts for 30 day public comment period
late Feb, 2005	Final approval by IFC's Board of Directors

#### MEANS OF ENGAGEMENT :

<i>How to Engage</i>	<b>Disclosure Policy Review</b>	<b>Safeguard Policy Update</b>	<b>Who?</b>	<b>When?</b>
<i>By post:</i>	Disclosure Policy Review Mail Stop F3K-309 International Finance Corporation 2121 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington DC 20433, USA	Safeguard Policy Update Mail Stop F3P-301 International Finance Corporation 2121 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington DC 20433, USA	All	Until Dec 17, 2004
<i>By e-mail:</i>	<a href="mailto:disclosurepolicyreview@ifc.org">disclosurepolicyreview@ifc.org</a>	<a href="mailto:performancestandards@ifc.org">performancestandards@ifc.org</a>		
<i>Web-based tool:</i>	forthcoming			
<i>Regional consultation workshops</i>	IFC will hold four multistakeholder consultation workshops in Buenos Aires, Manila, Nairobi and Istanbul. Each meeting will include stakeholders from across the region.		By invitation	Sept - Dec
<i>Topic Specific and Stakeholder Meetings</i>	IFC will hold meetings around particular topics, such as labor standards, biodiversity, etc, and with particular stakeholders that it may not otherwise be reaching.			