SUMMARY OF THE STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION PROCESS

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OVERVIEW: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULATION PROCESS TO DEVELOP WORLD BANK GROUP FRAMEWORK AND IFC STRATEGY FOR ENGAGEMENT IN THE PALM OIL SECTOR

Consulted with external experts to build a credible process, brought external technical capacity into the process; reviewed lessons learned from consultative processes across the World Bank Group and elsewhere.

Built stakeholders’ database with nearly 2,500 contacts.


A discussion paper by an outside expert defined broad and specific issues facing the palm oil sector globally and formulated key questions for discussion with stakeholders on future engagement for the World Bank Group.

Convened External Advisory Group, representing diverse stakeholders, to provide another source of expert input into the process.

Posted composition of the Group and TORs on the web site.

Held stakeholders’ consultations on key issues in the palm oil sector in Washington DC, Medan, Pontianak, Jakarta, San Jose, Accra, and Amsterdam.

Nearly 350 stakeholders from 30 countries participated representing private sector, governments, CSOs, affected communities, indigenous people, smallholders, banks, researchers, and donors.

The development of the draft Framework was guided by input from stakeholders. The key areas identified during previous consultations – policy and regulatory environment; responsible private sector investments; benefit sharing with small farmers and communities; and sustainability codes of practice – underpin the proposed approach.

Held e-consultations with 282 participants from 51 countries and a global multistakeholders meeting in Frankfurt with 59 participants from 14 countries on the draft framework.

The team revised the draft Framework to respond to and incorporate stakeholder comments and input and disclosed it for a 30 day final comment period.

The team reflected final stakeholder comments in the final document and presented it to the World Bank Group management.