

January 31, 2014

**Approval by mail: Proposed Criteria and Process for Selecting New Pilot Countries under the SREP**

Dear SREP Sub-Committee Members,

At the last meeting on October 31, 2013, the Sub-Committee agreed to initiate a process to consider opening the SREP to new countries. The Sub-Committee further agreed that, in order to advance consideration of new countries:

- a) the CIF Administrative Unit should invite countries eligible for SREP funding to submit an expression of interest in participating in the SREP, based on a template to be prepared by the CIF Administrative Unit in collaboration with the MDBs;
- b) an expert group should be established as soon as possible thereafter to review the expressions of interest and recommend new countries, using the previously agreed selection criteria and process as a basis;
- c) the expert group is invited to identify up to 12 new countries that could benefit from the SREP program while contributing to the overall programmatic objectives of SREP;
- d) countries selected by the Sub-Committee would be provided with initial funding to prepare their full investment plans; and
- e) in selecting new countries, (i) focus should be given to energy access, noting the particular low level of energy access in Africa, and (ii) allocation of indicative resources should be based on country characteristics.

Attached please find for your review and approval a document entitled *Proposed Criteria and Process for Selecting New Pilot Countries under the SREP*, including a list of eligible countries, an outline of an expression of interest to be used by countries interested in accessing the SREP, and a provisional timeline for the process of identifying potential new pilot countries.

The SREP Sub-Committee is requested to approve the following decision:

**The SREP Sub-Committee approves the *Proposed Criteria and Process for Selecting New Pilot Countries under the SREP* (dated January 29, 2014), including the list of eligible countries to be invited to express interest in participating in the SREP (Annex 1 of the document). The Sub-Committee requests the CIF Administrative Unit to oversee the implementation of the agreed process.**

If we do not receive an objection to this proposed decision by close of business on **February 14, 2014**, the decision will be approved.

Sincerely,

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