

## **Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund**

Ninth Meeting of the Donor Council  
World Bank, Washington, DC  
29 November 2005

### **Follow-up to Decisions Taken at the Eighth Meeting of the Donor Council**

*List of Follow-up Actions:*

1. CEPF will provide an overview on the partnership to Mr. Paul D. Wolfowitz, incoming President of the World Bank.  
*CEPF provided an introductory document about CEPF to the World Bank for Mr. Wolfowitz in September and other briefing materials and information as opportunities arose. The CI Council Member, along with CI Board Members and friends, also had dinner with Mr. Wolfowitz in September, during which the initiative was discussed.*
2. CEPF, in collaboration with AFD, will organize a mission to Paris to establish a timeline and agree on next steps to formalize their interest in being involved in the CEPF.  
*CEPF's Executive Director and CI's Senior Vice President for Africa and Madagascar conducted a mission to AFD in November to further discuss AFD's interest in the partnership and potential next steps. Discussions have also been ongoing since AFD representatives attended the March 2005 Donor Council retreat and Donor Council meeting, and CI's Senior Vice President for Africa & Madagascar has met with AFD on several occasions to discuss the partnership.*
3. CEPF will prioritize outreach to the UK to become a possible donor partner in the partnership. The World Bank and MacArthur Foundation Council Members will assist in these efforts.  
*CEPF developed and provided information materials for this purpose to the MacArthur Foundation Council Member and Mr. Wolfensohn (then as the World Bank Council Member and Chair of the Donor Council). CEPF has not yet received an update on these efforts.*
4. The CEPF Working Group will finalize the terms of reference and process for the external evaluation and submit this for electronic approval by the Council. CEPF will hire Mr. Walter Arensberg to solicit bids to evaluate CEPF. Subsequently, CEPF will operationalize the evaluation, as recommended by the Working Group.  
*Each of these steps was completed as planned. The evaluation, led by Mr. Michael Wells, began in August 2005 and the evaluation team submitted its detailed workplan and an inception report to the Council on 31 August 2005. CEPF has provided support to all components of the evaluation, including field visits by the evaluation team members to 12 active funding regions and intensive information requests and reviews of global CEPF operations and information.*
5. CEPF will undertake a "road show" to each existing donor partner and AFD in France to provide an update and solicit advice for a continuation of the partnership.  
*CEPF did not undertake a formal "road show," however CEPF has solicited advice for a continuation of the partnership as part of preparing for the external evaluation and numerous*

*bilateral meetings with the partners. Additional action will be planned in response to the evaluation findings and as part of designing the second phase of the initiative.*

6. If recommended by colleagues from Japan, CEPF management will organize a mission to Tokyo later in this year to coincide with personnel changes in the Ministries of Finance and Environment to provide a progress report and solicit further input and advice on efforts to incorporate poverty reduction metrics into regular business practices.  
*A possible mission to Tokyo was discussed in meetings with the Executive Director for the World Bank. However, because of additional personnel changes in both the ministries of Finance and Environment, a date for this mission has not yet been set.*
7. CEPF will continue to pursue fundraising opportunities, including new outreach efforts with China and Canada and will provide an update on regional partnership efforts, such as with the Government of Australia.  
*The Government of Australia's Regional Natural Heritage Program (RNHP) awarded CEPF approximately \$1 million to launch an invasive species program in the Polynesia-Micronesia Hotspot as important bridging funding before implementation of the full ecosystem profile for this hotspot. RNHP also approved funding for CEPF to boost its support to select projects in Sumatra. Outreach efforts to other potential governmental and regional partners will be undertaken after the evaluation and as part of planning the second phase of the initiative.*