

Improving Linkages Between World Bank and CEPF Operations: Latin America Workshop



Working Group Recommendations

- 1 Share information and collaborate where possible on key projects in the hotspots. Keep DC-based World Bank staff informed of CEPF, progress to date, and key pipeline projects and strategies by regularly sharing standard communication / reporting tools with a larger subset of Bank staff.

Develop hotspot specific action plans, including periodic meetings, consultations, and exchanges at key stages of the project cycle.

Working Group Recommendations

CEPF should engage the Sector Leader at the country level and other regional staff to increase operational involvement among the Bank and CEPF. Explore possible mechanisms to provide regional support to the Bank's team responsible for CEPF oversight.

CEPF is targeting a key level of the conservation community not engaged by the World Bank – synergies need to be enhanced – the ecosystem profile is a valuable tool to do this.

List of useful areas of collaboration between CEPF and the Bank

- Areas where synergies between the Bank and CEPF could be profited from:
- The Bank's Work on indigenous people and CEPF work on conservation – particularly with protection of community lands.
- Projects involving the purchase of land.
- Bank's work on land-titling projects.

Areas where CEPF could contribute to Bank activities:

- Preparation of Bank programs such as forestry and discussions such as of ecosystem services.
- Key issues in the Bank's regional and country level discussions with actors such as the UNDP.
- Carbon sequestration.
- Indicators and safeguards in Bank projects, particularly those focused on infrastructure.

Areas where CEPF could contribute to Bank activities:

- Facilitating, and directly participating in, the consultation process of Bank projects.
- Providing information for economic analyses of ecosystem services .
- Providing indicators to the Bank on economic benefits.
- Presenting strategic lines regarding conservation.

Areas where CEPF could contribute to Bank activities:

- Providing a forum for stakeholder discussion.
- Promoting regional and subregional initiatives.
- Encouraging incorporation of biodiversity economics in place of current traditional economics.
- Production of indicators and safeguards in Bank projects, particularly those focused on infrastructure.

Areas where CEPF could contribute to Bank activities:

- Economic analyses of Bank projects.
- Discussions between the Bank and other actors such as the UNDP.
- Commenting on all Bank projects that have environmental implications (including projects such as infrastructure) CEPF could participate as stakeholder.

Areas where Bank could contribute to CEPF activities:

- The Bank can provide a bridge between CEPF and governments and so amplify the CEPF's influence.
- With CEPF projects at the later stages of approval, Bank could be informed through the sector leaders and provide input to these.
- The Bank could help with sustainability of projects through providing advice.

Areas where Bank could contribute to CEPF activities:

- The Bank could lend weight to support key stages of CEPF negotiations with governments.
- The CEPF could facilitate with the consultation process of Bank projects.
- Promoting the strategy and approach of CEPF where it could help other Bank initiatives.
- The Bank could look at the possibly synergies between CEPF activities and work on carbon sequestration.

Key Recommendations for How to Improve World Bank and CEPF Operations

Three/Four Key Areas:

Institutional Modifications

Modifications to the Bank/GEF

- Modifications to CEPF

Communication – communication of information to actors within the Bank and CEPF is crucial

Information and Knowledge Sharing

Initial Outcomes

- Start the preparation of a full size GEF Project in the State of Espirito Santo in partnership with a CEPF Grantee (Instituto BioAtlantica)
- Start the preparation of a MSP GEF with the Associação Mico-Leão-Dourado – CEPF Grantee in Rio de Janeiro
- Revise the implementation plans for the GEF Project in Rio de Janeiro to enhance synergies with CEPF Projects in the region.

Initial Outcomes

- Review of the Parana GEF Biodiversity Project to establish a small grants program similar to CEPF;
- Two brown bag lunches have been organized in the WB HQ to discuss the CEPF/WB interfaces.

