



AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP



REGIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOPS

Partnering With Civil Society Organisations to Deliver the High 5s

Concept Note



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The African Development Bank (AfDB, or the Bank) held a Civil Society Organizations (CSO) Forum at its Annual Meetings in Lusaka from 23 to 27th May, 2016. The Forum provided the opportunity for a high-level dialogue between CSOs and AfDB's senior management on the Bank's strategic focus in three priority areas: energy- climate change, agriculture and jobs for youth. Through the Forum, the Bank demonstrated its commitment to supporting and working with civil society in delivering its development agenda. At the Forum, the Bank made a commitment to further engage with civil society at country level through organizing five regional consultation workshops.

1. Background

The CSO Forum was organized as a side event at the Annual Meetings which took place on 26 and 27th May, 2016. The Forum deliberations resulted in outlining pragmatic actions to take toward the achievement of the Bank's High 5s. The shared roadmaps identified critical paths, such as strengthening cooperation with civil society, which will maximize opportunities for developing partnerships to deliver the High 5s.

The Forum came up with a set of general themes and points of agreement on areas of collaboration between the Bank and CSOs. Key issues have been identified to be taken forward as part of the Bank's evolving agenda consistent with the new Development Business Delivery Model which has emphasized working closely with CSOs at regional and country levels to build on progressive results achieved.

In preparation for the Civil Society Forum, the Bank drafted and shared with all stakeholders issue papers which were road map frameworks bringing up to bear the type of engagement the Bank is looking forward to nothing with the civil society. The roadmaps, once developed fully, will help identify the mechanisms (or strategies/priorities) for AfDB-CSO engagement with regards to achieving the objectives of the three priority areas. The roadmaps will include specific actions, potential risks and milestones to monitor progress; and ways in which CSOs would participate and/or assist in implementation of relevant initiatives, prioritizing areas where CSOs possess comparative advantages.

Through the regional consultations, the Bank will open a dialogue with the CSOs on the Bank's strategic focus in three priority areas:



energy-climate change, agriculture and jobs for the youth. A roadmap will be elaborated by sub-region that will serve as a basis for the Bank's CSE (Civil Society Engagement) Action Plan to set up the structure of the enhanced partnership to deliver the High 5s.

This concept note provides additional information on the purpose, format and organization of the CSO consultation workshops at the five regions of the continent.

2. Purpose and Objectives of the Consultation Workshops

Among the commitments the Bank took at the CSO Forum, was to hold 5 regional consultation workshops across Africa. The purpose of the regional consultation workshops is to ensure the Bank's and CSOs collaboration can deliver the High 5s; and to define and identify for each of the three priority areas, contextual actions where CSOs can contribute to deliver the Bank's development agenda. The regional consultations will also help to raise awareness and reach consensus on the implementation modalities.

The following are the specific objectives of the consultation workshops:

- Develop a joint work plan and strategy to deliver on the High 5s;
- Reach a common understanding of the

Bank's High 5s and TYS;

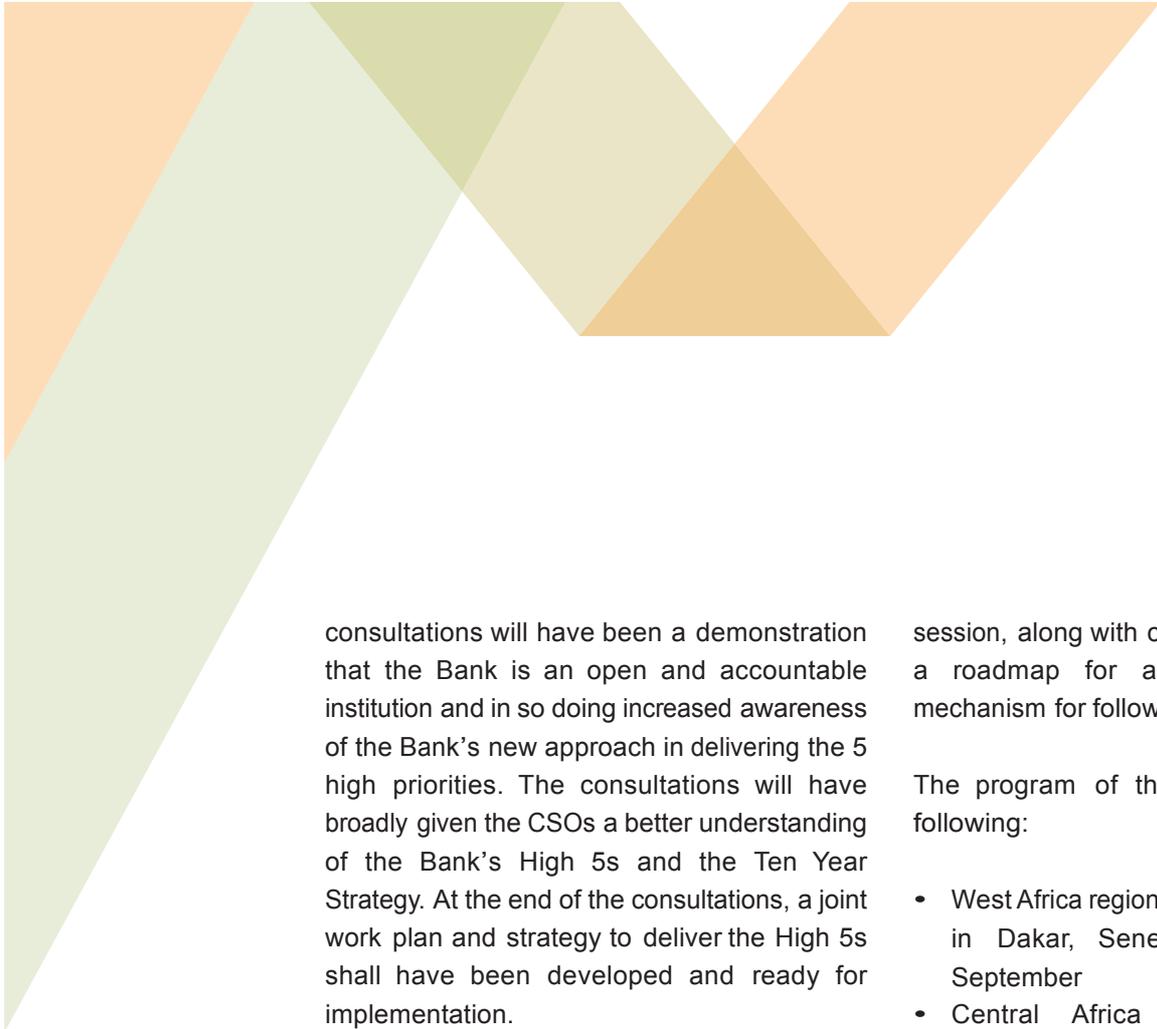
- Bank to be perceived as a transparent and accountable institution;
- Increase awareness of the Bank's new approach; and
- Create an open forum where CSOs can freely brief the Bank on issues and programs.

The consultations will hence validate the mapping-out of CSOs by region in their comparative advantages such as technical and technological know-how, proximity and geographical location, and other factors that make them an appropriate and cost-effective organ for delivering economic and social development.

The Consultations will also offer an opportunity to discuss and validate the Terms of Reference for the AfDB-CSO Committee and its composition.

3. Outcomes of the Consultation Workshops

The consultations are expected to produce points of agreement on areas of collaboration between the Bank and CSOs at regional and country levels. General roadmaps with key issues have been identified at the CSO Forum to be taken forward, as part of the Bank's evolving agenda focusing on the three focus areas of the High 5s. In particular, among the outcomes of the



consultations will have been a demonstration that the Bank is an open and accountable institution and in so doing increased awareness of the Bank's new approach in delivering the 5 high priorities. The consultations will have broadly given the CSOs a better understanding of the Bank's High 5s and the Ten Year Strategy. At the end of the consultations, a joint work plan and strategy to deliver the High 5s shall have been developed and ready for implementation.

4. Format and Timeline

The regional consultation workshops will be held in each of the five regions of the continent. The opening session of the workshops will be presided over by the Regional Director and a representative of civil society organization will make a statement on behalf of CSOs. The Bank will present its overall strategy and the Strategies of the three priority areas and the pipeline of projects and activities in the regions.

In order to give adequate focus on the priority areas, the workshops will be structured in such a way that there will be three breakout sessions to run in parallel, one for each of the three priority areas of the Bank's High 5s: energy-climate change, agriculture and jobs for the youth. Summary reports of the group discussions will be presented at a plenary

session, along with concrete actionable items; a roadmap for achieving them; and a mechanism for follow-up and reporting back.

The program of the 2016 meeting is the following:

- West Africa regional consultation workshop in Dakar, Senegal: 31 August – 2 September
- Central Africa regional consultation workshop in Yaoundé- Cameroun: 26 - 28 September
- Southern Africa regional consultation workshop in Johannesburg- South Africa: 28 – 30 November
- East Africa regional consultation workshop in Nairobi-Kenya: 07 – 09 December
- North Africa regional consultation workshop in Tunis, Tunisia: 14-16 December

5. Participants

The regional consultation workshops will assemble the following participants:

On the Bank side: Senior Adviser to the President on Civil Society and Community Based Organisations; Manager in the Gender, Civil Society and Inclusion Department; Civil Society Engagement Officer, Consultant on



Civil Society Engagement, Sector Representatives from the Departments of Energy-Climate Change, Agriculture, and Human Development; Regional Program Officers (CPO); Representative of the General Counsel & Legal Counsel Services Department;

Representative from Procurement Department, Representatives from Field Offices.

On the CSOs side: Approximately 2 CSO representatives by country and 10 CSOs in host country from the host country.