

 <p>GET FIT UGANDA</p>	<p>GET FiT Premium Payment Mechanism</p>	
<p>Kampala, Uganda <i>Protea Hotel</i></p>	<p><u>Developer’s Workshop</u> “Environmental and Social Standards in the preparation of RE projects”</p>	<p>June 9th-10th, 2014</p>

Background and motivation

The large portion of applicants for the GET FiT premium payment mechanism did not make the cut-off score for the environmental and social sustainability (E&S) assessments. There are systematic weaknesses in the E&S documentation across the projects. In most instances, neither the applicants (project developers) nor their sponsors / consultants appear particularly well-versed in the IFC Performance Standards (PS) compliance. Most of these recurring weaknesses in the GET FiT portfolio are routinely addressed in project development elsewhere and done so without causing delays in project approval processes.

The relatively small size of the projects eligible for the GET FiT premium payment, combined with the characteristics of affected communities and ecosystems, also mean that the E&S issues associated with these projects are possible to manage effectively. This, however, assumes that the applicable E&S requirements (Ugandan frameworks and IFC PS) are well understood and appropriately integrated in project development. To assist project developers in such integration of key E&S issues, a workshop on environmental and social sustainability and IFC PS compliance is proposed for project developers and their consultants well prior to the third GET FiT RFP round. The workshop will target recurring weaknesses in key areas that resulted in low scores in RFP 2.

Main objective

The main objective of the workshop is to increase the knowledge and understanding among project developers of key elements of the IFC Performance Standards and the related GET FiT requirements as well as how to address these requirements in project documentation. As a result, the GET FiT Secretariat intends that the applications and documentation presented in an eventual round 3 are of markedly better quality. ERA staff will also be invited.

Target Audience

The workshop will be by invitation only, facilitated by the GET FiT Secretariat. All developers that have submitted proposals will be invited, as well as developers that are likely to apply in round three and under the Solar Facility. Invited developers will be allowed to bring a relevant E&S responsible, including a consultant.

Workshop outline

An outline of the proposed workshop is presented in the table below. It is assumed that project developers will be invited alongside ERA. Invited participants may be given a brief questionnaire in advance of the workshop. The purpose of such a questionnaire will be to gather information on how the E&S issues have been managed by project developers so far as well as how developers perceived the feedback from GET FiT RFP 2 through the E&S work sheets for individual projects.

Day 1 – Small hydropower and biomass

Time	Agenda item	Purpose
08:45 – 09:15	Welcome and introduction	Introduce participants. Present objectives of the workshop. Clarify workshop expectations of the participants.
09:15 – 09:45	Ugandan frameworks	Review main elements of Ugandan frameworks and how these have been handled by developers in RFP 2. Outline key issues that will be followed up during supervision prior to COD. Questions and comments.
09:45 – 10:30	IFC Performance Standards	Review key elements of the IFC Performance Standards. Present key IFC PS issues in the context of GET FiT with emphasis on those causing low scores in RFP 2. Questions and comments.
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 12:30	Looking towards RFP 3	Discuss main issues that need to be addressed prior to RFP 3 deadline to ensure higher degree of IFC PS compliance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project layout alternatives. - Overall approach to impact assessment. - Aquatic ecology (fish migration, environmental flow, etc). Questions and comments.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	
13:30 – 14:45	Looking towards RFP 3	Discuss main issues that need to be addressed prior to RFP 3 deadline to ensure higher degree of IFC PS compliance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physical and economic displacement and livelihood issues. - Environmental and social management (mitigation, compensation, monitoring, grievance management, etc.). Questions and comments.
14:45 – 15:15	Coffee break	
15:15 – 16:00	Looking towards RFP 3	Key issues to address prior to COD. Developing appropriate Terms of Reference for consultants to address key issues.
16:00 – 16:15	Concluding remarks	The way forward

Day 2 – Solar Developers

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09:00 – 09:30	Welcome and introduction	Introduce participants. Present objectives of the workshop. Clarify workshop expectations of the participants.

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09:30 – 10:15	Ugandan frameworks	Review main elements of Ugandan frameworks and outline likely key issues that will be followed up during appraisal. Questions and comments.
10:15 – 11:00	IFC Performance Standards	Review key elements of the IFC Performance Standards and outline likely key issues that will be followed up during appraisal. Questions and comments.
11:00 – 11:30	Concluding remarks	The way forward