

RESOLUTIONS

Working Group on Environment (WGE SAM-3)
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1. WGE appreciates further elaboration of cluster concepts consistent with WGE AM-14 resolutions. These reflect greater synergies between CEP-BCI components, across sectors and maximizing opportunities for transboundary collaboration and cooperation;
2. WGE in principle endorses the five cluster concepts for implementation during 2009-2011 period. Some activities under cluster concept No. 5 will be further elaborated during the inception workshop to be held in March 2009. Activity 4 under Concept 4 will also be further elaborated and discussed in the inception workshop in March 2009;
3. WGE resolves that total commitments for 2009-2011 should be within the total amount available under the Supplementary and remaining funds.
4. Assisted by EOC, WGE requests ADB to assist in seeking additional resources for funding the activities under the concept notes that have been deemed important and endorsed by the WGE but cannot be accommodated under the current funding.
5. WGE appreciates the strong and continued support of development partners, especially co-financing partners – Finland, Netherlands and Sweden. We request that co-financing partners ensure timely transfer of funds to the Project to expedite CEP-BCI implementation during the 2009-2011 period;
6. WGE makes a special request to Royal Netherlands Embassy to join Sweden in extending the co-financing agreement from May 2009 to 31 December 2010 to allow for effective implementation of activities, especially BCI related field activities.
7. WGE requests ADB to further streamline CEP-BCI liquidation procedures to accelerate disbursements during 2009-2011 period. WGE also resolves to expedite submission of liquidation claims to the EOC during the 2009-2011 period.
8. As per alphabetical order, in 2009 it is Myanmar's turn to host WGE 15. Myanmar expresses its interest to host this meeting, however ADB's management will provide guidance on the possibility of organizing a meeting in Myanmar. It is agreed that the WGE AM-15 be held on 2-3 July, 2009 while the venue is yet to be confirmed.