



# Progress Report (2012–2013) of the MDB Working Group on Sustainable Transport

## Executive Summary

In June 2012, at the Rio+20 United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (hereafter Rio+20), our eight institutions delivered the joint statement “Commitment to Sustainable Transport” (hereafter the Rio+20 Commitment). In the Rio+20 Commitment, it was announced that we expect to provide more than \$175 billion of loans and grants for transport in developing countries over the coming decade, and that this support will be increasingly oriented towards sustainable transport. Recognizing the need for a results-based approach to supporting sustainable transport, we also committed ourselves to introducing annual reporting on our sustainable transport-related lending and to developing common arrangements for this purpose.

Since Rio+20, our multilateral development banks (MDBs) have taken several major steps to operationalize the Rio+20 Commitment. The first year of our Commitment focused primarily on:

- Concretizing the working arrangements,
- Developing a common framework for monitoring and reporting, and
- Initiating work to monitor the sustainability of our transport operations.

This report<sup>1</sup> provides only a quick snapshot of our activities in 2012 – the first year of our 10 year Commitment. This is the first time that our eight MDBs are reporting collectively on our work in the transport sector. As such, the assessment of our transport operations contained in this report

is very much a work in progress, and should be considered as such.

The above notwithstanding, we find that we are generally on track to meeting our Rio+20 Commitment. In terms of volume, we approved collectively more than \$20 billion in financing in 2012.<sup>2</sup> Beyond financing, our MDBs are working to leverage change through capacity building, knowledge sharing and policy dialogue.

While preliminary in nature, we have completed the development of a common monitoring and reporting framework for transport projects, and this has been pilot-tested by several of our MDBs. These tests show that the framework is readily applicable to the projects supported by most of our MDBs, and provides a useful tool to understand the relative strengths and weaknesses of different projects with regards to their sustainability.

In the years ahead, we will build further on these initial achievements to implement our Rio+20 Commitment.

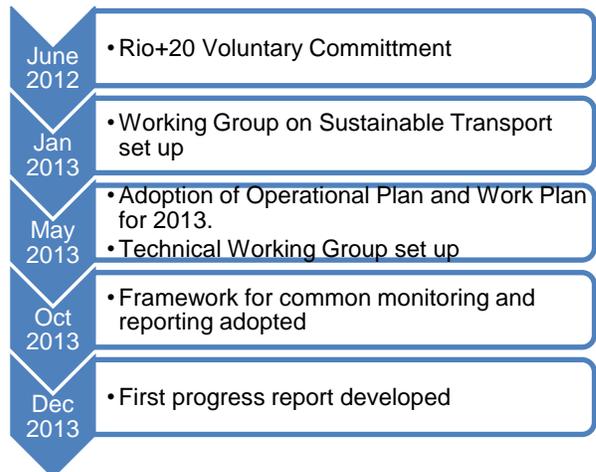


Figure 1: Key milestones to date

<sup>1</sup> In press, for release in early February.

<sup>2</sup> Calculated on the basis of approvals in 2012, except for the Islamic Development Bank which reports on approvals in the lunar Hijrah Year (H) covering the period between November 2011 to November 2012, and the World Bank which reports on its Fiscal Year 2013, or the period between July 1 2012 and 30 June 2013.