

# CLIMATE INVESTMENT FUNDS

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Excellency,

**Subject: Endorsement of Niger's Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR)  
under the PPCR**

It is my pleasure to inform you that during its meeting on November 10, 2010, the PPCR Sub-Committee reviewed document PPCR/SC.7/6, *Strategic Program for Climate Resilience: Niger*, and approved USD50 million in PPCR grant financing and USD60 million in concessional loans to support Niger's effort to make its development efforts resilient to the impacts of climate variability and change. We would like to warmly congratulate you on the excellent presentation that was made to the Sub-Committee by the representative of Niger, Dr. Seidou Sanda, to introduce the strategic program.

In approving the SPCR, the Sub-Committee requested Niger, in the elaboration of the projects and programs identified in the strategic program, to: clarify the link to other ongoing adaptation-related activities in the country, strengthen gender consideration in project design and implementation, strengthen the participation of civil-society organizations in project preparation and implementation, and further explore options to involve the private sector in the program. The Sub-Committee invited the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the World Bank Group, in consultation with other development partners, to assist Niger in preparing the projects and programs identified in its SPCR.

For your record, please find attached the Summary of the Co-Chairs of the PPCR Sub-Committee meeting, which serves also as confirmation of the endorsement of the SPCR and the endorsement of a funding envelop for the pilot program.

Please do not hesitate to contact the CIF Administrative Unit or the staff from the AfDB or the World Bank Group working with you on the SPCR if you have any questions or need further clarification.

We look forward to receiving proposals for the projects and programs identified in Niger's SPCR for approval of PPCR funding by the Sub-Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. h. Bliss - Guest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "P".

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Attachment:

PPCR Sub-Committee meeting of November 10, 2010 - Co-Chair Summary

Cc:

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