EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S STATEMENT TO THE CONSTITUENCY

13th October 2022

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Africa Group 1.
Honorable Governors, Alternate Governors, and distinguished delegates,

I warmly welcome you to the twenty-fourth (24th) Statutory Meeting of our Constituency.

I would like to begin by welcoming new Governors in the Constituency. Since our last Constituency Meeting in April 2022, the following Governors have joined the Constituency categorization.
Welcome to Africa Group 1 constituency

Honorable Governor Hon. Seedy K. M Keita, Governor for The Gambia
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Honorable Governor Dr. Elmi M Nur,
Governor for Federal Republic of Somalia
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Honorable Governor Audace Niyonzima, Governor for Burundi

Alternate Governor: François Havyarimana for Burundi
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Honorable Governor Dier Tong Ngor, Governor for South Sudan

Honorable Alternate Governor Johnny Ohisa Damian for South Sudan
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Honorable Alternate Governor Mr. Mohamed Bashar Mohamed Adam, Alternate Governor for Sudan
Governors for Botswana and Zimbabwe: **Business Enabling Environment.**
- Since April, a few technical discussions were held on BEE draft concept note,
- Bank subsequently issued a concept note in July 2022.
- Still, the issue of scoring and aggregation methodology remains contentious.
- The BEE team plans to run consultation sessions for Governors during the 2023 Spring Meeting.

Governors for Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda: constituting a committee that looks into Constituency Issues emerging from the implementation of the **Banks Safeguards Policy.**
- The policy on the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) was approved by the Board in August 2016.
- The ESF subsequently became effective on October 1, 2018.
- The Board expects Management to undertake a five-year review in 2024.
- The Office of the Executive Director proposes constituting the committee in October 2023, in order to facilitate adequate time for consultation.

Governor Zambia: **Debt issue.**
- As most governors are aware, Zambia submitted a request for debt treatment under the G-20 Common Framework supported by an IMF program.
- Following IMF Board approval, WBG President David Malpass held a telephone conversation with the President of the Republic of Zambia His Excellency, Hakainde Hichelema, to commend Zambia’s progress in implementing structural reforms.
Global output is expected to expand by 3.2% in 2022, and slow down to 2.3% in 2023.

**SSA’s economic growth:**
- 2021 – 4.7%
- 2022 – 3.6%
- 2023 projection - 3.7%.

**Africa’s debt** - Debt in SSA LICs and MICs - $726.6 billion in June 2021.
4. SELECTED POLICY ISSUES AND UPDATES.

WBG Crisis Response Package

- WBG launched a 15-month program with US$170 billion.

Intermediate Jurisdiction Policy

- Approved on July 21, 2022, by the WB Board

Business Enabling Environment (BEE)

- Issue of scoring and aggregation remains contentious

2016-2023 WBG Gender Strategy

- WBG commitment to the gender strategy has increased
IDA disbursement in FY22 - US$21.3 billion
The Eastern and Southern Africa region receives the majority of IDA’s resources in FY21 and FY22.
IDA20 launch events in Senegal (July 7, 2022) and Tokyo (Sept 11-12, 2022)
FY22 IBRD commitments - US$33.1 billion, disbursements - US$28.2 billion.
FY22 IFC financing - US$32.8 billion
FY22 MIGA issuance - US$4.94 billion
CONSTITUENCY ENGAGEMENTS. Cont.

Figure 1: Summary of WB resources committed to each constituency country between FY21 to FY22
6. CONSTITUENCY ENGAGEMENTS.

1. Mobilizing Financial and Technical Resources,
   - Office advocacy for IDA20 replenishment
   - Office systematically monitored the Constituency countries portfolio.
   - IDA19 Commitment to Constituency countries increased by 7%
   - US$25 billion of undisbursed resources

   - Successful Office advocacy work for FCS engagement –
     - FY22 delivery to FCS US$20.6 billion.

   - Office advocacy work for Middle-Income Countries (MICs).
     - commitments to new operations rose by 28.5 percent in FY22
Engagement with member states through field visits
  - Two forums held with Middle-Income Countries
  - Office engaged WB Management on progress in achieving diversity and inclusion targets.
    - Overall marginal progress
  - Office engaged IEG on capacity building
    - Additional assessments by IEG expected
CONSTITUENCY ENGAGEMENTS... Cont.

Update on the 59th Edition of the African Caucus Meeting (ACM)

- Office actively participated in the 59th African Caucus Meeting held in Morocco.
- African Governors are expected to discuss debt as a catalyst for economic recovery and sustainable development.
Constituency countries are required to pay for the allocated shares - IBRD and IFC.
Subscription to these shares is important to maintain the voice of member countries.
The Executive Director commends all countries that have completed their subscriptions and payments.
The Office urges Constituency countries to give focus on subscriptions and payments:
  - Subscriptions – by April 15, 2023, for IFC – October 1, 2023, for IBRD
  - Payments - October 1, 2023, for IBRD – April 15, 2025, for IFC
7. Executive Director’s Takeaways.

- WBG was very responsive in pandemic response.
- Office needs a conducive environment for staff.
- OED must ensure equal opportunity for Constituency countries and personnel.
- Critical role of OED's membership in standing committees
- Vital role of Medium-Term Office strategy for Office's effectiveness.
- Importance of missions to constituency countries
- Engaging all development actors on the ground
8. Concluding Remarks

- Executive Director expresses appreciation and thanks to:
  - Honourable Governors and Alternate Governors for guidance and support.
  - Staff for their hard work, dedication, and cooperation.
  - Republic of Botswana for nominating the ED to serve the Constituency.
Finally, I wish the incoming Executive Director, Dr. Floribert Ngaruko, - Burundi And the Alternate Executive Director, Dr. Zarau Kibwe – Tanzania.

Best of luck.

Dr. Floribert Ngaruko, - Burundi

Dr. Zarau Kibwe – Tanzania.
Thank you for your attention, Honorable Governors