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Subject: Environment and Social (E&S) Safeguards assessment for NAIP sub-projects.

Dear Sir,

After successful completion of Phase 1 (Processing of proposals) of the project in March 2010 the Phase 2 (Project implementation) is in progress and the consortia have started generating good results in terms of technologies, patents, publications and income to beneficiaries. At this stage to ensure compliance of project objectives for delivering the desired outputs and outcomes, at consortium level, the Consortium Advisory Committee (CAC) is the highest committee to review and administer effectiveness in implementation.

The second Mid-Term Review Mission of World Bank in May 2010 emphasized to include safeguards as an item on the agenda for all review meetings. The mission was of the view that the safeguards are not merely the instruments of 'do no harm' but should also focus on 'do good', since many interventions are likely to result in positive safeguard impacts-environmental (like reduced pesticide use, natural resource management) and social (inclusion and equity). The consortia partners need to start identifying and preparing list of such positive impacts.

Environmental Safeguards: The mission observed that the consortia partners must identify the health and safety related hazards to humans as safeguards risks. Similarly, the laboratories undertaking research on microbes should have proper mechanisms in place for disposing microbes and other potential hazardous chemicals. Sub-projects that are likely to develop genetically modified organisms (GMO) must comply with all the provisions related to development, use and release of GMOs.

Social Safeguards: Component 2 value chain sub-project having an interface with the communities need to be careful since there are several partners in the chain, with local farming communities being one of them. Efforts should be made to ensure that the farming community does gain and enjoy reasonable incremental benefits from the enhanced efficiency of these value chains.

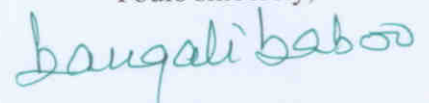
The E&S safeguards templates is included as a part of sub-project proposal. All revised E&S safeguards have been posted on the NAIP website. All consortia partners are required to identify potential environmental and social risks emanating from their sub-projects so that a *list of all such sub-projects could be prepared with duly recognized environmental and social safeguards*. The consortia partners of Component 2 and 4 must identify potential negative environmental impacts arising from pilot plant and laboratory experimentation and implement remedial measures by issuing detailed guidelines to all the consortia partners.

The CAC is entrusted to include safeguards assessment as a regular agenda item in their review meetings and closely monitor the E&S safeguards issues and highlight them in the proceeding of the CAC meetings.

The CAC Chairman, CPIs and CCPIs of the various sub-projects are requested to comply with the missions guidelines to achieve the goals of the project.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,



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To

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