

Mid-term Review of the Australia – World Bank Partnership

Management Response

Findings/Recommendations	Agreed Follow-up	Timeline	Responsibility
Ensure ABP is completed successfully			
(a) Accelerating implementation of on-going activities.	Agreed. Implementation schedule to be updated and be discussed at Steering Committee meeting	December 2014	WB – ABP management and thematic teams in consultation with DFAT thematic teams
(b) Initiating recently shortlisted activities immediately while ensuring they have realistic timetables.	Agreed. To be reviewed at the Steering Committee meeting	December 2014	Two co-chairs of ABP Steering Committee
(c) Clawing back funds from slow-moving tasks	Agreed. WB to discuss and review implementation progress with thematic teams and submit a proposal to be discussed at the ABP Retreat	June 2015	WB – ABP management and thematic teams in consultation with DFAT thematic teams
(d) Climate Change, Green Growth and Gender	Agreed. DFAT Gender Consultant to work with WB Gender Adviser and submit a review to Steering Committee for decision	June 2015	DFAT Gender Consultant and WB Gender Adviser
Strengthen Bank-DFAT cooperation			
(e) Senior Bank managers (President, Vice Presidents, and Senior Global Practice Directors) visiting Hanoi should meet with the Australian Ambassador and/or the DFAT Development Counselor to discuss topics of common	Agreed (Vice President Axel Von Trotsenburg met with Ambassador in November 2015)	On-going	WB and DFAT ABP management teams

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(f) The Bank's Vietnam Country Director and the Australian Ambassador to Vietnam should meet once a quarter to discuss development issues in Vietnam and to review progress of ABP.	Agreed	On-going	WB and DFAT ABP management teams
(g) DFAT should convey to Bank ABP colleagues the ABP tasks that DFAT considers high priority and the desired mode of collaboration on these tasks.	Message to be delivered in the ABP Planning day	On-going	DFAT Economic & Development Counsellor and Portfolio Manager
(h) A retreat should be held at an early date for Bank and DFAT staff working on ABP to improve mutual understanding of the structures and processes of the two organizations, expectations of each side from the other, communication standards and protocols, etc.	Agreed	June 2015	WB and DFAT ABP management teams
(i) Bank and DFAT management should clarify membership of the Steering Committee and increase the frequency of Steering Committee meetings and ABP progress reports.	Agreed. To be discussed at the Steering Committee meeting on 11 December 2014	December 2014	Two co-chairs of ABP Steering Committee