



**Equator Banks  
meeting in New York with IFC**

**Subject:**

**Request to present civil society perspective on IFC Policy Review**

**Date**

*29 November 2004*

Dear Sir, Madam,

It has come to our attention that the Equator Banks will meet with the International Finance Corporation in New York on December 7th, as part of the stakeholder consultation on the Safeguard and Information Disclosure policy Review.

We are also aware of a preparation meeting of the Equator Banks on Monday December 6th, also in New York.

BankTrack, as part of a much wider grouping of civil society organisations, is very concerned about a number of issues related to both the process and the content of the ongoing Review.<sup>1</sup> We think that it would enrich your own debate on the proposed Performance Standards to take note of the many concerns and ideas that exists within civil society.

We therefore would like to request to be granted some time at your meeting of December 6th to present you this civil society perspective on the IFC policy review. We perfectly understand that your time is limited and cannot be used for a debate with NGOs so we just ask for a presentation of perhaps 30-45 minutes, perhaps followed by a short questions session.

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<sup>1</sup> We have already shared some of these concerns with you in a letter dated October 5. See [www.banktrack.org](http://www.banktrack.org)

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The persons to present the civil society perspective would be Dr. David Hunter, advisor to NGOs, and Michelle Chan-Fishel of Friends of the Earth US / BankTrack. We are still seeking a third resource person.

I hope you will respond favourably to this request. Given the short time remaining until the meeting, a swift response would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Johan Frijns

Coordinator BankTrack

PS We also understood that this meeting is subject to cancellation or postponement if the Interpretation Notes are not available sufficiently ahead of the meeting. At of today, these notes were not yet in the public domain. Should the meeting indeed be postponed, we very much would like to present the civil society view at a later moment. We are also always available for any questions you may have.