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Comments from Canada	Management response
<p>We welcome the emphasis in the proposal on resilience to climate change and would also welcome coordination with other initiatives, for example, the African Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI), which aims to accelerate the access of sub-Saharan African countries to renewable energy.</p>	<p>The comment is very relevant; coordination with other initiatives including AREI is already under discussion with the Government and other partners. The country team is also in the process of attracting funds for specific activities to improve resilience to climate change.</p>

Comments from Japan	Management response
<p>Japan supports the COSOP for Guinea. Despite its huge potential of food production and revenue from them, it is of high concern that the country face serious food insecurity and malnutrition especially in rural areas. Targeting family farming and special attention to gender equality and women empowerment are welcome. Japan has been conducting bilateral technical aid programmes such as rice productivity increase and value chain development and food sale promotion. For smallholder farmers' income promotion, in particular, Japan has been conducting technology extension on improved parboiled rice processing, which will lead to income gains especially for women of family farmers. We also see other potential areas for partnership such as programmes for better market access and capacity development. We look forward to potential future partnership opportunities with IFAD in these areas.</p>	<p>We are already in contact with the Japanese delegation in Guinea and we hope we can materialize concrete partnership in future interventions.</p>