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Dear Colleagues:

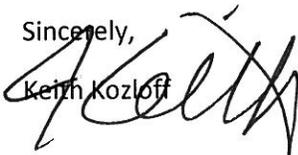
As fiscal year 2014 ends, I want to provide a brief run-down of some OA activities in the past twelve months.

- In January, the OA completed its first update of operational guidelines after receiving much useful input from civil society, the private sector, other accountability mechanisms, and OPIC management.
- In November, the OA intermediated a dialogue between OPIC management and an NGO representing aggrieved parties around an OPIC-supported project in Liberia. In January, the NGO withdrew from the dialogue and initiated a campaign anchored by a detailed complaint about the project. In February, OPIC management requested that OA undertake an independent and transparent review of its involvement with the project for the purpose of institutional learning for future projects. An OA team traveled to Liberia in April to collect information for the review. I should note that the request from Management to undertake this review is unprecedented, and I hope that the results will prove sufficiently useful to OPIC that similar requests will be forthcoming in the future.
- In May, the OA co-convened separate private sector and NGO workshops in Nairobi with colleagues at the Compliance Review and Mediation Unit of the African Development Bank. Besides introducing both sets of workshop participants to the two institutions' respective accountability functions, the purpose of the private sector event was to offer resources on successful engagement with project-affected communities. The OA prepared a detailed written summary of this workshop.
- In July, the OA completed three "good practice" papers targeted to the private sector on engaging with project-affected communities and avoiding disputes with them.

All of the above referenced papers and reports are posted on the OA website.

On a personal note, this will be my last formal communication as OA Director, since my last day in this position is September 30. My term actually ended early this year; however, I decided to extend my service in order to complete the review of the Liberia project. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve in this position, and I greatly appreciate the support that OPIC's Management and Board have demonstrated for the OA since I became Director in 2011.

Sincerely,


Keith Kozloff