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## **Abstract:**

Mr. Adlington will review the criteria upon which the World Bank make decisions on the funding of projects. Although it is appreciated that mapping may be the basis upon which much development takes place, that basis needs to be proven in economic or development terms. The old 'excuse' that the benefits are not quantifiable is a major barrier to funding. Mapping agencies need to link up with other ministries or agencies and 'sell' their needs in terms of poverty alleviation and economic development.