



# Environmental and Social Review Summary

## Concept Stage

### **(ESRS Concept Stage)**

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**BASIC INFORMATION**

**A. Basic Project Data**

Country	Region	Project ID	Parent Project ID (if any)
Africa	AFRICA	P169051	
Project Name	Africa Climate Resilient Inv. Facility		
Practice Area (Lead)	Financing Instrument	Estimated Appraisal Date	Estimated Board Date
Environment & Natural Resources	Investment Project Financing		
Borrower(s)	Implementing Agency(ies)		
United Nations Economic Commission for Africa			

Proposed Development Objective(s)

The Project Development Objective is to enable an Africa-based centre of technical competence and excellence to raise awareness and build the capacity of governments actors, planners and private developers in Africa to integrate climate change in project planning and design, with a view to enhance opportunities for attracting funding from both development and climate finance sources.

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Financing (in USD Million)	Amount
<b>Total Project Cost</b>	<b>0.80</b>

**B. Is the project being prepared in a Situation of Urgent Need of Assistance or Capacity Constraints, as per Bank IPF Policy, para. 12?**

**C. Summary Description of Proposed Project [including overview of Country, Sectoral & Institutional Contexts and Relationship to CPF]**

This project aims to develop enhanced climate resilience through targeted capacity building and a one-stop shop of available climate information – linking up diverse sets of information platforms or sites and good practice notes – that allow African stakeholders to access the different information sources more easily.

**D. Environmental and Social Overview**



D.1. Project location(s) and salient characteristics relevant to the ES assessment [geographic, environmental, social]  
 This proposed project focuses on carrying out training and planning exercises that are not expected to have any negative social or environmental impacts. Any related project or investments that may be analyzed and climate-screened in the future, drawing on the knowledge-base resulting from this project, will require their own ESF screening and the WB-ESF (or equivalent standards) will apply accordingly. This is a knowledge and capacity building project that spans across the entire Africa Region and across different sectors, and does not include any country-specific outputs. The project will help facilitate interaction between policy makers, financiers, project developers, scientific and engineering experts in pursuit of mainstreaming new practices that deliver region-specific climate-resilient investments. The Project does not foresee any physical interventions on the ground. This proposed operation focuses on carrying out technical assistance in form of training and planning exercises that are not expected to have any adverse social or environmental impacts. These products will be based on best practices.

D. 2. Borrower’s Institutional Capacity

Made up of 54 member States, and playing a dual role as a regional arm of the UN and as a key component of the African institutional landscape, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) is well positioned to make unique contributions to address the continent’s development challenges. It is the only UN agency mandated to operate at the regional and subregional levels to harness resources and bring them to bear on Africa's priorities. UNECA will implement the project through its African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) knowledge unit, which is also home to the Africa Partnership Facility for NDCs. ACPC serves Regional Economic Communities, governments and communities across Africa to address the region’s climate challenges and engage high level policy makers.

II. SCREENING OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL (ES) RISKS AND IMPACTS

A. Environmental and Social Risk Classification (ESRC)

Low

Environmental Risk Rating

Low

The project will support the IA on raising their expertise on climate resilient infrastructure and will not have adverse impacts on the environment.

Social Risk Rating

Low

The project will not be involved in any physical activities on the ground. The TA will focus on the development of technical expertise in the partner institutions. Employees of these institutions are technical experts, for which no issues regarding ESS2 are foreseen. As such, the social risk level is low.

B. Environment and Social Standards (ESSs) that Apply to the Activities Being Considered

B.1. General Assessment

ESS1 Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts

Overview of the relevance of the Standard for the Project:

The proposed project focuses on strengthening the capacity of African institutions and private sector to plan, design, and implement investments in selected sectors to increase their resilience to climate change. The results of the project include among other things workshops, seminars, technical papers/reports and other communication



material in Component 1 as well as support for an Open Access Climate Data Portal under Component 2. Hence, the project's potential adverse risks and impacts on human populations and/or the environment are considered to be below. This is because the project is not complex and/or large, does not involve activities that have a potential for harming people or the environment. Based on the information available to date, it is not expected that the proposed project would require further environmental and social assessment. i.e. The proposed project will not require a detailed pre-project further environmental and social assessment under ESS 1 beyond the assessment in the ESRS.

**Areas where reliance on the Borrower's E&S Framework may be considered:**

None

**ESS10 Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure**

Expert panels and public consultations will be a natural part of the activities under Component 1 – specifically through regional workshops/symposia/seminars; and advice from external experts; feedback from client base (which include government sectoral institutions, river basin organizations, power pools, regional economic communities, regional climate centers, technical centers of excellence, financiers and donors). As this is a key component of the project concept itself, no stand-alone Stakeholder Engagement Plan will be necessary and respective information will be included in the Project planning documents.

**B.2. Specific Risks and Impacts**

**A brief description of the potential environmental and social risks and impacts relevant to the Project.**

**ESS2 Labor and Working Conditions**

Since the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa will not be engaged in physical developments on the ground, this project will not lead to recruitment of project workers and hence no action will be expected of the client in relation to ESS2. As for the technical experts directly involved in the Project, the provisions in ESS2 apply, but the risk that the provisions are not followed for UN employees is expected to be very low. Requirements on nondiscrimination as well as protection from sexual harassment apply in line with UN policy ST/SGB/2008/5 Secretary-General's bulletin: Prohibition of discrimination, harassment, including sexual harassment, and abuse of authority. Overall, non-compliance with ESS2 will be of low risk. This risk will be further assessed during project preparation.

**ESS3 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management**

The project activities are not expected to lead to generation of hazardous and non-hazardous waste as the recipient will not be engaged in any investment development. It is not expected to cause risks and impacts associated with pesticide use. It will not lead to an emission of short and long-lived climate pollutants. The project will not account for unsustainable use of resources such as energy, water and raw materials; on the contrary, it is expected that the technical assistance will lead to greater resilience of infrastructure and resource efficiency.

**ESS4 Community Health and Safety**



The project is not expected to lead to safety and health impacts on the community since the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa will not be engaged in any physical development on the ground. The technical capacity enhancement as a result of this project is expected to increase resilience of infrastructure and related have a positive impact on community health and safety.

**ESS5 Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement**

Given that the project aims only to strengthen the capacity of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa on climate resilience and will not be engaged directly or indirectly in any physical infrastructure development, no land acquisition, restrictions on land use and involuntary resettlement is expected.

**ESS6 Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources**

Given that the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa will not be engaged directly or indirectly in any physical infrastructure development, this project is not expected to cause any direct harm on biodiversity and habitats. It will also not directly or indirectly harm the livelihoods of local communities who depend on the biodiversity and the associated resources.

**ESS7 Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities**

The project activities are not expected to have impacts on Indigenous Peoples/ Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities. As with all other ESS, low relevance of measures outlined in ESS7 is expected.

**ESS8 Cultural Heritage**

The Project does not foresee any physical interventions on the ground and hence, it is not expected to have impact on tangible or intangible cultural heritages such as objects, sites, structures, groups of structures, and natural features and landscapes that have archaeological, paleontological, historical, architectural, religious, aesthetic, or other cultural significance.

**ESS9 Financial Intermediaries**

Financial Intermediaries (FIs) are not involved in this project. The client is not a financial intermediary.

**C. Legal Operational Policies that Apply**

<b>OP 7.50 Projects on International Waterways</b>	No
<b>OP 7.60 Projects in Disputed Areas</b>	No

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**III. WORLD BANK ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL DUE DILIGENCE**

**A. Is a common approach being considered?**

No

**Financing Partners**

**B. Proposed Measures, Actions and Timing (Borrower’s commitments)**

**Actions to be completed prior to Bank Board Approval:**

None.

**Possible issues to be addressed in the Borrower Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP):**

Commitment to regular screening of project activities throughout the project lifecycle on potential changed relevance of ESS1-10.

**C. Timing**

**Tentative target date for preparing the Appraisal Stage ESRS**

14-Dec-2018

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## **VI. APPROVAL**

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