

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN
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**Harmonizing and Improving Statistics in West
and Central Africa-Series of Project One
(HISWACA-SOP₁) (P178497)**

**Negotiated Version
ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL
COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

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1. The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) (the Recipient) shall implement the Harmonizing and Improving Statistics in West and Central Africa-Series of Projects One (HISWACA-SOP1) (P178497) Project (the Project), with the involvement of the Department of Economic Affairs and Agriculture/Directorate of Research and Statistics, as set out in the Financing Agreement. The International Development Association (the Association) has agreed to provide financing for the Project, as set out in the referred agreement.
2. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) and this Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), in a manner acceptable to the Association. The ESCP is a part of the Financing Agreement. Unless otherwise defined in this ESCP, capitalized terms used in this ESCP have the meanings ascribed to them in the referred agreement.
3. Without limitation to the foregoing, this updated ESCP sets out material measures and actions that the Recipient shall carry out or cause to be carried out, including, as applicable, the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting arrangements, and grievance management. The ESCP also sets out the environmental and social (E&S) instruments that shall be adopted and implemented under the Project, all of which shall be subject to prior consultation and disclosure, consistent with the ESS, and in form and substance, and in a manner acceptable to the Association. Once adopted, said E&S instruments may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement by the Association.
4. As agreed by the Association and the Recipient, this ESCP will be revised from time to time if necessary, during Project implementation, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to Project performance. In such circumstances, the Recipient through the Research and Statistics Directorate, and the Association agree to update the ESCP to reflect these changes through an exchange of letters signed between the Association and the Recipient through the Commissioner of Economic Affairs and Agriculture (in charge of Research and Statistics). The Recipient shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	<p>REGULAR REPORTING</p> <p>Prepare and submit to the Association regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) performance of the Project, including but not limited to the implementation of the ESCP, status of preparation and implementation of E&S instruments required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities, and functioning of the grievance mechanism(s).</p>	<p>Submit quarterly reports to the Association throughout Project implementation, commencing after the Effective Date. Submit each report to the Association no later than 15 days after the end of each reporting period.</p>	<p>Regional Coordination Unit (RCU) within the ECOWAS Commission Research and Statistics Directorate</p>
B	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</p> <p>Promptly notify the Association of any incident or accident related to the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers, including, inter alia accidents that result in death, serious or multiple injury, , cases of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), sexual harassment (SH). Provide sufficient detail regarding the scope, severity, and possible causes of the incident or accident, indicating immediate measures taken or that are planned to be taken to address it, and any information provided by any contractor and/or supervising firm, as appropriate.</p> <p>Subsequently, at the Association’s request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to address it and prevent its recurrence.</p>	<p>Notify the Association no later than 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident, and no later than 24 hours for fatalities and SEA/SH incidents.</p> <p>Provide a subsequent report to the Association within a timeframe acceptable to the Association</p>	<p>RCU</p>
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</p> <p>Establish and maintain a Regional Coordination Unit (RCU) with qualified staff and resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project including a social specialist and an environmental consultant. The Terms of Reference (TORs) and qualifications of candidates shall be subject to the Association’s no objection.</p>	<p>Establish and maintain a RCU as set out in the Financing Agreement. Appoint or hire a social consultant no later than three months after Effective Date; appoint environmental consultant on a as needed basis.</p>	<p>Directorate of Research and Statistics of the ECOWAS Commission</p>
1.2	<p>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</p> <p>Ensure that the consultancies, studies (including feasibility studies), capacity building, training, and any other technical assistance activities under the Project are carried out in accordance with terms of reference acceptable to the Association, that are consistent</p>	<p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>RCU</p>

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	with the ESSs. Thereafter ensure that the outputs of such activities comply with the terms of reference.		
1.3	<p>DATA PROTECTION</p> <p>Concerning activities that involve collecting Personal Data, the Recipient shall adopt and implement relevant measures, including inter alia, data minimization (collecting only data that is necessary for the purpose); data accuracy (correct or erase data that are not necessary or are inaccurate); use limitations (data are only used for legitimate and related purposes); data retention (retain data only for as long as they are necessary); informing data subjects of use and processing of data; and allowing data subjects the opportunity to correct information about them. The Recipient shall ensure that these principles apply through assessments of existing or development of new data governance mechanisms and data standards for processing Personal Data in connection with the Project by parties involved in Project implementation in accordance with good international practice and acceptable to the Association, including assessment or development of data sharing protocols, rules or regulations, revision of relevant regulations, training on personal data protection etc.</p>	During Project implementation.	RCU
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</p> <p>1. Adopt and implement an Umbrella-Labor Management Procedure Framework (U-LMPF) for the Project prior to Effective Date, consistent with the relevant ESS.</p>	1. The final U-LMPF was disclosed on 2 April 2023 ¹ prior to Project approval and thereafter implement the U-LMPF throughout Project Implementation.	RCU

¹ <https://documents.worldbank.org/en/publication/documents-reports/documentdetail/099040223074020573/p178497085ad690f50adfa0abc32e8d3fa9>

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	Adopt and implement the Labor Management Procedures (LMP) for the Project, as per the approved and disclosed umbrella-Labor Management Procedures Framework (U-LMPF) including, inter alia, provisions on working conditions, management of workers relationships, occupational health and safety (including personal protective equipment, and emergency preparedness and response), code of conduct (including relating to SEA and SH), forced labor, child labor, grievance arrangements for Project workers, and applicable requirements for contractors, subcontractors, and supervising firms.	2. Prepare, disclose, consult upon, adopt the LMP in line with the U-LMPF prior to hiring Project workers and thereafter implement the LMP throughout Project implementation.	
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
3.1	WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN Adopt and implement a Waste Management Plan (WMP), to manage hazardous and non-hazardous wastes, consistent with ESS3.	Adopt the WMP as part of the ESMP, and thereafter implement the WMP throughout Project implementation.	RCU
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
	This standard is not relevant.		
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
	This standard is not relevant.		
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
	This standard is not relevant.		
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
	This standard is not relevant.		
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
	This standard is not relevant.		
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
	This standard is not relevant.		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			

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10.1	<p>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION</p> <p>Adopt and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Framework (SEF) for the Project prior to Appraisal, consistent with ESS10, which shall include measures to, inter alia, provide stakeholders with timely, relevant, understandable and accessible information, and consult with them in a culturally appropriate manner, which is free of manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination and intimidation.</p>	The SEF was disclosed on 21 March 2023 ² and thereafter implement the SEF throughout Project implementation. .	RCU
10.2	<p>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION</p> <p>Adopt and implement a Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) for the Project, consistent with ESS10 and the Stakeholder Engagement Framework, which shall include measures to, inter alia, provide stakeholders with timely, relevant, understandable and accessible information, and consult with them in a culturally appropriate manner, which is free of manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination and intimidation.</p>	Prepare, disclose, consult upon, adopt the SEP prior to the start of Project activities, consistent with the SEF and thereafter implement the SEP throughout Project implementation.	RCU
10.3	<p>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM</p> <p>Establish, publicize, maintain, and operate an accessible grievance mechanism, to receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances in relation to the Project, promptly and effectively, in a transparent manner that is culturally appropriate and readily accessible to all Project-affected parties, at no cost and without retribution, including concerns and grievances filed anonymously, in a manner consistent with ESS10 and the SEF.</p> <p>The grievance mechanism shall be equipped to receive, register, and facilitate the resolution of SEA/SH complaints, including through the referral of survivors to relevant gender-based violence service providers, all in a safe, confidential, and survivor-centered manner.</p>	Establish the grievance mechanism prior to the start of Project activities, and thereafter maintain and operate the mechanism throughout Project implementation.	RCU
CAPACITY SUPPORT			

² <https://documents.worldbank.org/en/publication/documents-reports/documentdetail/099212003212384135/p1784970230a890d309de00818a0ecc9269>

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CS1	Training for RCU staff, Project workers, including census enumerators on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholder mapping and engagement • Environmental and social assessment and risk management • Emergency preparedness and response • Waste Management • Data privacy and access to information • Labor risk management and SEA/SH • Addressing risks to vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in census/surveys activities/risks of exclusion 	Starting six (6) months after Project Effective Date and thereafter implement throughout Project Implementation.	RCU