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Cote d'Ivoire National Electricity Digitalization and Access (NEDA) Project (P176776)

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

For negotiations

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Government of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire (hereinafter "the Recipient") will implement the IPF component of Cote d'Ivoire National Electricity Digitalization and Access Program for Results (the Project), with the involvement of the Ministry of Mines, Petroleum and Energy (MMPE), and in association with the Ministry of Digital Economy, Telecommunications and Innovation (MENTI), the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of Cote d'Ivoire (ARTCI) and the National Telecommunications Service Agency (ANSUT) and CI-ENERGIES, the Project Implementation Unit, as set out in the Financing Agreement. The International Development Association (hereinafter the "Association") has agreed to provide financing (P176776) 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 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 ESSs, 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 Ministry of Economy and Finance and the Association agree to update the ESCP to reflect these changes through an exchange of letters signed between the Association and the Recipient. 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.</p>	<p>Submit semi-annual reports to the Association throughout Project implementation, commencing after the Effective Date.</p> <p>Submit each report to the Association no later than 15 days after the end of each reporting period.</p>	CI-ENERGIES
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, incidents or accidents, conflicts, discrimination or exclusion of vulnerable people including women, young people, people with disabilities, or minorities, cases of sexual exploitation and abuse (SEA), sexual harassment (SH), and accidents that result in death, serious or multiple injury. 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.</p> <p>Provide subsequent detailed report (of the accident, causal analysis and immediate action taken) to the Association within a timeframe acceptable to the Association.</p>	CI-ENERGIES
C	<p>CONTRACTORS' MONTHLY REPORTS</p> <p>Require firms to provide monthly monitoring reports on environmental, social, and health and safety (ESHS) performance in accordance with the metrics specified in the respective bidding documents and contracts and submit such reports to the Association.</p>	<p>Submit the monthly reports to the Association upon request as annexes to the reports to be submitted under action A above.</p>	CI-ENERGIES
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY
1.1	ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE Establish and maintain a dedicated environmental and social team within CI-ENERGIES with qualified staff including a senior environmental specialist, a senior social specialist, and adequate resources to support management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Program such as equipment, mobilization/travel for the environmental and social (E&S) team.	Establish and maintain a single E&S entity within CI-ENERGIES as set out in the financing agreement. Appoint an environmental specialist, and a social specialist no later than 90 days after the effective date and thereafter maintain these positions throughout Project implementation.	CI-ENERGIES
1.2	ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL INSTRUMENTS Adopt and implement an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) for the Project, consistent with the relevant ESSs.	Prepare, consult, adopt, and disclose the ESMP before launching the bidding process for the respective Project activity. Once adopted, implement the respective ESMP throughout Project implementation.	CI-ENERGIES
1.3	MANAGEMENT OF CONTRACTORS Incorporate the relevant aspects of the ESCP into the ESHS specifications of the procurement documents and contracts with contractors. Thereafter ensure that the contractors comply and cause subcontractors to comply with the ESHS specifications of their respective contracts.	During the preparation of procurement documents and respective contracts. Supervise contractors throughout Project implementation.	CI-ENERGIES
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
Relevant aspects of this standard should be taken into account, where appropriate, in Action 1.2 above, including, inter alia, measures relating to occupational health and safety (OHS), grievance redress mechanism for Project workers which includes a pathway for grievances related to sexual abuse and exploitation or sexual harassment.			
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
Relevant aspects of this standard should be taken into account, where appropriate, in Action 1.2 above.			
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
Relevant aspects of this standard should be taken into account, where appropriate, in Action 1.2 above, including, inter alia, measures to: ensure that individuals or groups who, because of their particular circumstances, are not disadvantaged or vulnerable as a result of project activities and that they can access the development benefits resulting from the project; and prevent and respond to exploitation and SEA/HS).			
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
Not relevant to the Project.			
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
Not relevant to the Project.			
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
Not relevant to the Project.			

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ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
Not relevant to the Project.			
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES [This standard is only relevant for Projects involving Financial Intermediaries (FIs).]			
Not relevant to the Project.			
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	<p>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION</p> <p>The Recipient shall maintain a systematic, open and transparent engagement with all project stakeholders, in particular the parties affected by the project, consistent with ESS10. Consultation activities should take place during the project development phase to inform program design and included as an Annex to the ESMP. Also, at least once a year as part of the process of monitoring, evaluating, and improving performance. The results of the Program must be disclosed at the end of the Project to beneficiaries and other key or interested stakeholders. While consultations are needed with stakeholders, efforts will be made to consult with all groups, including vulnerable groups, to ensure that their specific needs are integrated into the project's risk mitigation measures.</p> <p>Consultation activities for the Project should be undertaken considering the following principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of all stakeholders who will develop, implement and benefit from the technical assistance, including the electricity sector, the digital sector, regulators and other implementing partners, including the PIU; • Consult all IPF stakeholders and implement measures as necessary to ensure the participation of all actors, including vulnerable people; • Ensure that the consultation presents the objectives of the Program so that stakeholders can understand the context in which TA activities are developed; • Demonstrate how the results of stakeholder engagement have been integrated into the design and implementation of the Project; • Ensure that there is ongoing disclosure of Program activities, including the results of the consultations; • Ensure that consultation activities and results are properly documented in Program deliverables and in monthly and annual reports submitted to the Association; • Identify clear roles and responsibilities for all engagement activities and provide regular monitoring reports to the PIU and the Association; • Maintain an operational grievance redress mechanism in accordance with section 10.2 below. 	Identify stakeholders with timely, relevant, understandable, and accessible information prior to the effective date, and thereafter consult with them in a culturally appropriate manner, which is free of manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination and intimidation throughout Project implementation.	CI-ENERGIES

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10.2	<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.</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 no later than 90 days after the effective date, and thereafter maintain and operate the mechanism throughout Project implementation.	CI-ENERGIES
CAPACITY SUPPORT			
CS1	<p>TRAINING ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT</p> <p>The training covers the following modules:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Bank Environmental and Social Framework and the Six E&S Principles of the World Bank Guidelines on Environmental and Social Systems in the Implementation of Programming for Results Procedures for monitoring the implementation of the GGP Occupational Health and Safety <p>The training is aimed at the following actors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CI-ENERGIES (safeguards specialists, procurement specialist, Engineers, etc.) MMPE, MENTI, ARTCI, ANSUT, ANDE, decentralized government services, CIE Stakeholders from the energy and digital economy sectors Other stakeholders 	Prepare training plan of the Project no later than 90 days after the effective date, and thereafter implement the plan throughout Project implementation.	CI-ENERGIES