# Project Summary Information

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| | Date of Document Preparation/Updating: 11/9/26 |
| **Project Name** | National Electricity Digitalization and Access NEDA extended financing |
| **Project Number** | P001104 |
| **AIIB Member** | Côte d'Ivoire |
| **Sector/Subsector** | Energy |
| **Alignment with AIIB's thematic priorities** | Green Infrastructure and Technology-enabled Infrastructure |
| **Status of Financing** | Under Preparation |
| **Objective** | The objectives of the operation are to (i) increase access to electricity; (ii) improve the quality of electricity service in lagging regions; and (iii) enhance institutional capacity to support electrification programs in Côte d'Ivoire. |
| **Project Description** | The Project will support the expanded financing of the Côte d'Ivoire National Electricity Digitalization and Access Operation (NEDA or the "Program"), initially approved by the World Bank (WB) in 2022. AIIB's proposed USD200 million financing forms part of the first scale-up phase, alongside EUR150 million financing from Cassa Depositi e Prestiti signed in August 2026.<br><br>The Program supports the Government of Côte d'Ivoire's efforts to expand electricity access, improve network reliability, and modernize the power sector through three national programs: the Programme Électricité Pour Tous (PEPT), which promotes affordable household connections; the Programme National d'Extension des Réseaux Électriques (PRONEX), which expands and reinforces electricity distribution networks; and the Programme de Digitalisation et d'Automatisation du Transport et des Smart Grids (PDATSG), which supports grid digitalization and automation. AIIB financing will contribute to: (i) 100,000 new household electricity connections; and the construction and rehabilitation of climate-resilient medium- and low-voltage distribution infrastructure in underserved areas; (ii) improvements in system reliability and operational efficiency through regional control centers, network automation, remote-control equipment, and digitalized substations under PDATSG; and (iii) strengthening the implementation capacity of CI-Energies and supporting sector modernization. |

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| **Expected Results** | The Project is expected to deliver 100,000 new household electricity connections; to construct or rehabilitate 2,190 km of climate-resilient distribution lines; to establish one regional transmission control center in Korhogo; to automate 40 distribution substations and install 665 remote-control devices; to upgrade and digitalize 6 substations; and to strengthen the implementation capacity of CI-Energies. |
| **Environmental and Social Category** | B |
| **Environmental and Social Information** | **Applicable Policy and Categorization.** The Project is sequential financing to a Results-Based Program (RBP) currently under implementation by the World Bank (WB) as the lead financier. To support a harmonized approach for managing environmental and social (ES) risks of the Program, and as permitted under AIIB's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP), WB's Program-for-Results (PforR) Policy will apply to the Program in lieu of AIIB's ESP. WB has assessed the Program's ES risk level as Moderate, which is equivalent to AIIB's Category B under its ESP. In accordance with the PforR Policy, activities that may cause significant, irreversible, or unprecedented ES impacts will be excluded from the Program.<br><br>**Environmental and Social Systems Assessment (ESSA).** The Bank has assessed the adequacy of the Government of Côte d'Ivoire's environmental and social systems applicable to the RBP. An ESDD was conducted for NEDA plus, drawing on the implementation experience under Original NEDA and drawing from the original WB ESSA (final report of November 2022) as well as the updated ESSA in November 2026, the ES Review Summary and ES Commitment Plan, the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF), the Program's ES Procedures Manual. The original ESSA was reviewed, including the legal and regulatory framework, institutional responsibilities, implementation capacity of CI-Energies and other sector institutions, their performance on past projects, stakeholder engagement and grievance mechanisms.<br><br>**Environmental and Social Aspects.** Environmental risks and impacts include land preparation, vegetation clearance, and construction-related impacts that generate dust, noise, vibration, erosion, hazardous waste from used transformers and heavy equipment chemicals, creosote-treated poles, and electrical/electronic waste from grid digitalization. The ESSA concluded that adverse environmental impacts are expected to be localized, temporary and site-specific, with no significant or irreversible impacts anticipated given the exclusion of high-risk activities. Social risks and impacts include land acquisition, livelihood impacts, occupational health and safety, community health and safety, road safety, and gender-based violence/sexual exploitation and abuse/sexual harassment. Other social risks include labor influx, harmful or exploitative forms of labor and working conditions, disease risks, disputes over PEPT eligibility/exclusion, data protection and the cybersecurity of the digitized grid. The ESSA also assessed gender aspects of the RBP and confirmed that gender-related risks also arise from labor influx and worker-community interaction, including sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment (SEA/SH). These risks are expected to be temporary, site-specific and manageable through the Program's ES management system and the ES Program Action Plan. |

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| | **Occupational Health and Community Safety.** Occupational health and safety (OHS) risks arise from civil and electromechanical works on distribution lines and substations, including electrocution, falls from height, pole lifting, work with moving equipment and hazardous materials, and substation hazards during installation and commissioning. Road-traffic accidents involving project vehicles on unpaved tracks are a recurrent concern. Community safety risks include dust, noise, traffic disruption, open excavations, and exposure to live or fallen lines and unstable poles. Occupational health and community safety remain a priority area for the RBP. Proposed measures and actions are reflected in the ES PAP for implementation by the client during RBP implementation.<br><br>**Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure.** CI-Energies is responsible for stakeholder engagement on Program activities. Consultations under the original and updated ESSA have involved government and sector institutions, regional and local authorities, customary authorities, affected communities and civil society. CI-Energies will remain responsible for consultations on specific activities throughout the RBP. To address identified gaps in the timeliness and inclusiveness of consultation and the identification of vulnerable groups, the updated ES PAP provides for regional information and awareness sessions and more inclusive consultation, including with vulnerable groups, throughout Program implementation. In addition, updated ESSA including a summary of ESSA in local language will be disclosed by CI-Energies and AIIB in accordance with the requirements of AIIB's ESP.<br><br>**Project Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) and Monitoring Arrangement.** CI-Energies has established and operates a Program level GRM through the NEDA Program Coordination Unit and its E&S Safeguards Unit, which is deployed across all NEDA localities through local grievance committees, contractors and accessible complaint registers and channels. The updated ESSA identifies areas for further strengthening, particularly community awareness and accessibility, centralized complaint tracking, timely handling of resettlement/property-damage grievances, and confidential survivor-centered procedures for SEA/SH complaints. The implementation of the Program will be monitored and reported following the agreed arrangements and the format with WB. Semi-annual ES performance reports will be prepared for financiers' review. AIIB will participate in the joint monitoring mission to monitor the implementation of ES PAP and other ES instruments as appropriate. |
| **Cost and Financing Plan** | Government contribution: USD100 million<br>WB: USD300 million<br>CDP: USD175 million<br>AIIB: USD200 million |
| **Borrower/Investee Company/Counterparty/Guaranteed entity** | Republic of Côte d'Ivoire |

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| **Implementing Entity/Sponsor** | CI-Energies | | | |
| **Estimated date of loan closing (SBF)/Estimated date of last disbursement (NSBF)/ Estimated Date of first disbursement (Fund)** | 31 December 2031 | | | |
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| **Date of Concept Decision** | Single Appraisal Review | | | |
| **Date of Appraisal Decision/Estimated Date of Appraisal Decision** | Nov 9, 2026 | | | |
| **Date of Financing Approval/Estimated Date of Financing Approval** | Jan 2027 | | | |

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| **Independent Accountability Mechanism** | The Program will be co-financed with WB. AIIB has agreed that WB's PforR Policy will apply to the Project and further agreed with WB that it will rely on WB's independent accountability mechanism (IAM) to handle submissions relating to ES issues under the Program. Consequently, in accordance with the Bank's Policy on Project-affected People's Mechanism (PPM), submissions of such complaints to the PPM under this Program will not be eligible for consideration by the PPM. |