



Integrated Safeguards Data Sheet Identification / Concept Stage (ISDS)

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BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Project ID	Project Name	Environmental Category	Country
P164635	Urban Networking to Complement and Extend the Reach of the Sustainable Cities IAP	B - Partial Assessment	World
Team Leader(s)	Estimated Date of Approval	Managing Unit	Financing Instrument
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PROJECT FINANCING DATA

FINANCING

FINANCING SOURCES

Select all that apply

Counterpart Funding Trust Funds Parallel Financing

SUMMARY (USD)

Total Project cost	2,000,000
Total Financing	2,000,000
Trust Funds	2,000,000
Financing Gap	0

DETAILS

Trust Funds

Source	Currency	Amount	USD Equivalent
Global Environment Facility - IBRD as Implementing Agency(GFIA)	USD-US Dollars	2,000,000	2,000,000



B. Project Development Objective(s)

To strengthen the Global Platform for Sustainable Cities (GPSC) for more integrated and sustainable urban planning and development through city-to-city and network knowledge sharing.

C. Project Description

A. Activities/Components

1. City Access Point to RT Services - Identification and delivery of peer-to-peer opportunities in the city networks that have presence and useful practical experiences in areas of work included in the child projects of the 28 SC-IAP cities (e.g., transit-oriented development, water, finance for sustainability, planning, indicators):

a. Technical needs assessments, to capture the critical information on the cities' technical needs for peer-to-peer exchanges, learning and knowledge products relative to their efforts to enhance their sustainable development plans, policies and programs, and to identify other potential partners to support the cities.

b. Capacity development plan for Resource Team action, specifying the requests/needs for each of the cities and identifying what elements of the Thematic Areas (local climate action and sustainable development) would be beneficial to each city, grouping where possible the city needs into "clusters" of knowledge topics, and including a specific work plan for the Resource Team to be carried out under the project.

c. Delivery of peer-to-peer exchanges based on the demand/needs assessments, drawing on successful methodologies for designing and delivering peer-to-peer learning, and including logistics (two participants from each city) and content organization, based on the Capacity Development Plan and matching of cities and knowledge clusters.

d. Peer exchange documentation, to compile material from P2P exchanges and produce a series of case studies and learning material based on the technical knowledge delivered through the exchanges, to be posted in web platform for other cities to access.

2. Learning Events, Webinars and Linkages to Global Events – Facilitating learning from the experiences of the participating cities, and promotion of the work of the GPSC through awareness of and access to international processes.

a. City academies, two-day practical training workshops for GPSC cities, focused on the main sectoral topics of GPSC – integrated planning, low-carbon development, finance, and data. Two Academies are planned. Includes demonstration on use of relevant frameworks and tools; sharing of best practices and lessons learned (including related to GHG mitigation, and environmental and social assessment and management); opportunities for cities to share their specific issues and challenges; interactive exercises and icebreakers to encourage dialogue and collaboration;; and preparation by cities of key actions and takeaways.

b. Documentation and packaging of technical knowledge presented in City Academies, to be published on the GPSC website.



c. Side events/panels (3-4 events) during global city forums, targeted at GPSC cities and on topics as prioritized in the Capacity Development Plans, organized prior to or in parallel with major international events such as the World Urban Forum, Cities and Climate Change Science Conference, and ICLEI World Congress.

d. Promotional events, designed to promote participation in GPSC to non-GPSC cities, organized on the side of major events where WRI, ICLEI and C40 participate.

e. Webinars (8-9 events) for GPSC cities and WRI, C40 and ICLEI's organizational network of cities, on topics defined in the Capacity Development Plan, providing insights and shared experience on a particular strategy or solution related to climate change and sustainable development, including best practices and lessons of experience from other cities. Webinars would be complemented by other learning and knowledge activities.

3. Knowledge Management Documentation – Provide a platform to curate and catalog cutting-edge knowledge, advocate for good practices related to sustainable urban development, connect cities through the networks of the GPSC, and assist potential applicant cities to the GEF grants in the preparation of their sustainability programs.

a. Inputs into Urban Sustainability Framework (USF), which will serve as a comprehensive methodology to support cities to adopt an integrated approach to urban planning and management and improve their urban sustainability status over time. Development of the USF will be led by World Bank, supported by the Research Team.

b. Library of knowledge for web platform, with state of the art information on the topics that fall within the Thematic areas of local climate action and sustainable development. The Resource Team will select, organize and sometimes adapt existing information, such as frameworks, methodologies, safeguards assessment and management, reports, working papers, and share that information through the GPSC web platform.

c. New knowledge products and adaptation of existing tools, such as working papers, guidelines or tools, which will be part of the technical knowledge library to be hosted on the GPSC platform. Six new knowledge products will be produced, selected based on demand from cities and implementing agencies, and identified GPSC knowledge gaps.

4. Project Management of the overall project, including coordinating different Components and activities led by specific partners. Activities include sub-granting supervision, report writing, activity coordination, representation at project meetings, periodic meetings with working groups, and related activities.



SAFEGUARDS

D. Project location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis (if known)

The GPSC covers around 28 cities (originally 23 approved) across 11 pilot countries: Brazil, China, Cote d’Ivoire, India, Malaysia, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Senegal, South Africa, and Vietnam.

E. Borrower’s Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

The WRI does not have direct experience implementing WB safeguards policy, but WRI project staff have previous experience working with the policies. WRI monitors the safeguards policies of the WB, Asian Development Bank and others, as reported through WRI blog posts and working papers, and advocates for application of strong global environmental and social safeguards.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

Vincent Roquet, Social Safeguards Specialist
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G. Policies that might apply

Safeguard Policies Triggered by the Project	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	Yes	The project involves conducting needs assessment and capacity development through knowledge sharing and development of knowledge products to promote good practice in environmental and social sustainability. This includes climate action planning and resilience planning through activities such as supporting GHG inventory and low-carbon infrastructure in the water and wastewater, mobility and transport, buildings, and energy sectors. The project also offers the possibility of disseminating new approaches for fostering social inclusion in infrastructure projects such as improved design for community cohesion and gender integration, for persons with disabilities, or

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for prevention of gender-based violence. This extends to new approaches to minimizing involuntary resettlement including in situ redevelopment and land consolidation and readjustment. The quality of practices and materials hosted on the GPSC platform will be vetted by WRI and the Bank's GPSC Task Team.

The project includes no physical works, results in no direct environmental or social impacts and is mainly focused on knowledge sharing . However, the project does involve technical assistance through the development of new knowledge products and adaptation of existing tools, such as working papers, guidelines or tools, which will be part of the technical knowledge library to be hosted on the GPSC platform. The provision of TA under the project triggers the Bank's OP/BP 4.01 on Environmental Assessment. Applicable requirements under this policy include the preparation and public disclosure prior to Appraisal of a brief Environmental and Social Management Framework (1 to 2 pages) highlighting the E&S issues to be addressed in urban development plans and investments covered by the GPSC. Public consultations would be limited to an online public comments period on the Draft ESMF.

Outcomes of the project will support knowledge sharing and capacity development for child projects, however implementation of the child projects is not causally or sequentially linked to the GPSC . The child projects may be implemented by different implementing agencies including the World Bank, UNIDO, IADB, ADB, Dev Bank of South Africa, etc, and will be subject to the relevant implementing agencies' environmental and social standards or safeguards requirements. Any child project subject to future World Bank



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		<p>support will be subject to full World Bank safeguards requirements and due diligence.</p> <p>The World Bank’s environmental and social safeguards principles and good practice will be incorporated into the Knowledge platform (Component 3) and Learning and Promotional Events (Component 2), as appropriate. These principles will be set out in the Terms of Reference for the activities and included in the Operations Manual.</p>
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	No	
Forests OP/BP 4.36	No	
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	No	
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	No	
Involuntary Resettlement OP/BP 4.12	No	
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	No	
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	

H. Safeguard Preparation Plan

Appraisal stage ISDS required? Yes

a) Tentative target date for disclosing the appraisal stage ISDS

23-Feb-2018

b) Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed.

The safeguard-related preparations, including ESMF and inputs to Operations Manual, will be undertaken during February 2018.

APPROVALS

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