

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	Cameroon	Project ID:	P152755
Project Name:	Electricity Transmission and Reform Project (P152755)		
Task Team Leader(s):	Stephan Claude Frederic Garnier, Jan Friedrich Kappen		
Estimated Appraisal Date:	18-Jul-2016	Estimated Board Date:	31-Oct-2016
Managing Unit:	GEE07	Lending Instrument:	Investment Project Financing
Sector(s):	Transmission and Distribution of Electricity (80%), General energy sector (20%)		
Theme(s):	Infrastructure services for private sector development (100%)		
Financing (In USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	325.00	Total Bank Financing:	325.00
Financing Gap:	0.00		
Financing Source			Amount
Borrower			0.00
International Bank for Reconstruction and Development			325.00
Total			325.00
Environmental Category:	A - Full Assessment		
Is this a Repeater project?	No		

B. Project Objectives

The project development objectives is to improve the capacity, efficiency and stability of Cameroon's national electricity transmission network.

C. Project Description

The project development objectives is to improve the capacity, efficiency and stability of Cameroon's national electricity transmission network. The proposed project will finance priority investments to

upgrade and extend the national transmission networks and strengthen the reliability of power supply in the interconnected systems. It will also support the sustainable institutional setup to manage and operate the existing and new transmission asset. Lastly, by supporting the development of a hydropower project on the Sanaga River, it will support the further development of the sector and ensure that the additional transmission capacity will in the future be utilized for cheap and clean power.

The proposed project's main components, to be discussed with the government, are the following: (1) establishment and operationalization of the national Transmission System Operator (TSO); (2) strengthening of the national transmission grid; (3) technical support for competitive bidding for a selected cost-efficient large-scale hydropower site; and (4) project management support and capacity building.

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

Under component 2, the proposed project will finance a subset of the national electricity transmission investment program (2016-2021), which has four main objectives: (i) Strengthening of Douala's Transmission System; (ii) Strengthening of Yaoundé's Transmission System; (iii) Strengthening the three National Transmission Networks (RIS, RIE and RIN) and Interconnections; and (iv) a "Smart Grid" Investment Package.

The project also aims, under component 3, at financing studies for potential hydropower dam project.

The list of investments to be financed by the proposed Project is still indicative and the exact location of the transmission lines and substations will not be known at the time of appraisal. The specific investment locations are not yet known. However, transmission lines may affect environmental sensitive areas such as wetlands, forests, national parks, and in addition affect an area broader than the sites subject to physical works in terms of land acquisition and its likely impacts that include displacement and loss of livelihoods.

E. Borrowers Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

The two main institutions with responsibility for the environment and social safeguards policy are the Ministry in charge of Environment and the Ministry in charge of Land Registration of the Republic of Cameroon. The environmental law of 1996 and its implementation decrees require that environmental assessments be conducted for all large energy and other infrastructure projects which have to be approved by the Ministry in charge of Environment through a Certificate of Conformity. The capacity of all governmental agencies of implementing environmental and social regulation in a sustainable way and supervising the enforcement of environmental management plans can be strengthened.

There is a risk of delays due to inadequate planning and implementation of compensation and resettlement measures under Cameroonian law. In order to minimize the risk of delays, the team has agreed with the GoC to adopt a number of measures to ensure the forward-looking and proactive management of resettlement and compensation issues. The proactive measures include the streamlining and earliest possible initiation of processes related to the request for the DUP, establishment of the evaluation committees (CCE) which will identify the project affected persons and a legal covenant to secure sufficient financial resources for compensation payments (condition of effectiveness). While much of this process is governed by Cameroonian law, the Bank will support the GoC to prepare a CPR and methodological note for the CCE that will clearly outline the process

and standards to be used to determine eligibility and compensation amounts. It is expected that this unified approach will reduce the amount of time required to complete the process.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

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II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	Yes	Transmission lines may affect environmental sensitive areas such as wetlands, forests, national parks, and in addition affect an area broader than the sites subject to physical works in terms of land acquisition and its likely impacts that include displacement and loss of livelihoods. Therefore the project is categorized A. But, since the specific investments locations will not be known before appraisal, frameworks (ESMF, RPF and IPPF) will be prepared, consulted upon and disclosed in-country and at Infoshop before appraisal and 120 days before Board date.
Natural Habitats OP/BP 4.04	Yes	
Forests OP/BP 4.36	Yes	Transmission lines may cross forest areas yet to be identified, mainly in the South and East Interconnected Networks areas
Pest Management OP 4.09	No	
Physical Cultural Resources OP/BP 4.11	TBD	This policy is triggered because of civil works that will induce digging on the future project sites or borrow pits, this policy is triggered and chance find procedure will be inserted in the ESMF then reflected later on in enterprises contracts.
Indigenous Peoples OP/BP 4.10	TBD	A social assessment is currently underway to determine if there are indigenous peoples in the regions in which the project will be implemented. The results of the social assessment will be used to prepare an IPPF if necessary. The IPPF will include guidance regarding the preparation of IPPs if necessary during project implementation. It will be disclosed in country and on the Bank's Infoshop prior to appraisal per the requirements of the policy.
Involuntary Resettlement OP/ BP 4.12	Yes	Negative impacts such as land acquisition, displacement and loss of livelihoods are likely. In order to provide guidance regarding how to minimize these impacts, a RPF is currently being prepared by

		the Borrower. The RPF will explain the approach under Cameroonian law as well as the Bank's requirements in order to provide a clear orientation for the preparation of the RAP(s) and implementation of compensation measures and resettlement plans. The RPF will be disclosed in country and on the Bank's Infoshop prior to appraisal per the requirements of the policy.
Safety of Dams OP/BP 4.37	Yes	Component 3 of the project will finance technical support for competitive bidding for a selected cost-efficient large-scale hydropower site
Projects on International Waterways OP/BP 7.50	No	
Projects in Disputed Areas OP/BP 7.60	No	

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

A. Tentative target date for preparing the PAD Stage ISDS: 30-May-2016

B. Time frame for launching and completing the safeguard-related studies that may be needed. The specific studies and their timing¹ should be specified in the PAD-stage ISDS:

Launching of safeguard-related studies: March, 2016

Completion of safeguard-related studies: June, 2016

IV. APPROVALS

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¹ Reminder: The Bank's Disclosure Policy requires that safeguard-related documents be disclosed before appraisal (i) at the InfoShop and (ii) in country, at publicly accessible locations and in a form and language that are accessible to potentially affected persons.