

INTEGRATED SAFEGUARDS DATA SHEET

IDENTIFICATION / CONCEPT STAGE

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I. BASIC INFORMATION

A. Basic Project Data

Country:	South Asia	Project ID:	P154856
Project Name:	Regional Capacity Building: Transboundary Water Governance		
Team Leader(s):	Christina Leb		
Estimated Date of Approval:	25-May-2016		
Managing Unit:	GWA06	Lending Instrument:	IPF
Sector(s):	Public administration- Water, sanitation and flood protection (50%), General water, sanitation and flood protection sector (50%)		
Theme(s):	Climate change (10%), Environmental policies and institutions (30%), Water resource management (30%), Managing for development results (30%)		
Financing (in USD Million)			
Total Project Cost:	0.4948	Total Bank Financing:	0
Financing Gap:	0		
Financing Source			Amount
The World Conservation Union			0.0748
South Asia Water Initiative (SAWI)			0.42
Environment Category:	C - Not Required		

B. Project Development Objective(s)

The development objective of this grant is to increase availability of high quality training modules on water diplomacy and basin governance related to cooperative water governance.

C. Project Description

The grant will support the design of short training modules and curriculum in water diplomacy and basin governance—for uptake by participating universities and other institutions for long-term teaching of the topics. Firstly, a project advisory group will be constituted, consisting of representatives from India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, IUCN, the World Bank and academic institutions, to oversee curriculum development. The short training modules will then be authored and finalized for pilot testing. Focus institutions will be identified in India and Bangladesh to run the modules. The modules will then be piloted through the focus institutions and piloted at a regional workshop with participation from other countries in the region. The modules will finally be fine-tuned based on inputs received during the national and regional level workshops and through

consultations with experts and institutions stationed in South Asia. At the closing of the grant, the modules/curriculum will be ready for roll-out and institutionalization across the region (into government training agencies and academic programs in universities).

The training modules/curriculum will aim to build capacity at the policy and technical levels, with a focus on transboundary water governance and hydro-diplomacy at the basin and sub-basin levels for policymakers, water agency technical staff, and students. With a goal to institutionalize and ensure sustainability of teaching on these subjects, the modules/curriculum will support current and future decision makers to identify and consider transboundary and cooperative water governance as a policy option, and to negotiate and handle sensitive inter- and intra-state water resources issues in bilateral and multilateral contexts. Importantly, the content will relate water cooperation to cooperation in other areas, such as electricity, navigation, national security, creation of economic corridors, and jobs growth to facilitate an environment of overall meaningful cooperation in the Indus, Ganges, and Brahmaputra basins.

Component 1: Development of Training Modules/Curriculum (US\$122,000)

Seven content modules will be developed by a team of ten authors from at least two countries in the South Asia region. Lecture notes, case studies, presentations, role-plays, individual and group exercises, films, background reference material, and interaction with those who have carried out negotiations on water will enrich the content of each module. Further refinements will be made to the module after pilot testing workshops. The output of this component will comprise of designed curriculum, training modules and a basic e-module on the topics of water diplomacy and basin governance for uptake by participating universities and other institutions for long-term teaching of the topics.

Component 2: Pilot Testing of Modules (US\$ 215,000)

The modules will be pilot tested in India and Bangladesh, and at a regional workshop, to select policymakers and practitioners for their utility and effectiveness before rollout. The modules will then be presented to institutions from other countries of the region for potential future uptake and teaching. Support will be provided to agencies and academic institutions to adapt and integrate the short training modules into long-term running courses. The outputs of this component are national and regional pilot testing workshops on training module/curriculum content.

Component 3: Program Management and Dissemination (US\$83,000 from SAWI + US\$ 74,800 from IUCN)

This component will fund dissemination of course material and information about available training programs, including through an e-discussion forum; as well as management of the implementation of this regional grant through various IUCN country offices.

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

Project Location: South Asia Region

Salient Physical Characteristics: None; this is a capacity building activity with no physical interventions.

E. Borrower's Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies

Not required. This project will not have any safeguard implications.

F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team

II. SAFEGUARD POLICIES THAT MIGHT APPLY

Safeguard Policies	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	No	
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	

III. SAFEGUARD PREPARATION PLAN

Appraisal stage ISDS required?: No

IV. APPROVALS

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