



# 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
P167357	Support to Regional Knowledge Capacity	C - Not Required (C)	Africa
Team Leader(s)	Estimated Date of Approval	Managing Unit	Financing Instrument
Veronique Kabongo		GGOAW	Investment Project Financing

**PROJECT FINANCING DATA (US\$, Millions)**

**SUMMARY**

<b>Total Project Cost</b>	1.60
<b>Total Financing</b>	1.60
<b>Financing Gap</b>	0.00

**DETAILS**

**Non-World Bank Group Financing**

Trust Funds	1.60
Think Africa Partnership	1.60

**B. Project Development Objective(s)**

The Project Development Objective is to enhance the sustainability of the African Center for Economic Transformation’s in delivering policy to action through core activities and strengthening its capacity to support implementation of the G20 Compact with Africa.

**C. Project Description**

**1. PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES**

**A. PDO**

- The Project Development Objective is to enhance the sustainability of the African Center for Economic Transformation’s in delivering policy to action through core activities and strengthening its capacity to support implementation of the G20 Compact with Africa.

**PDO Level Results Indicators**

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The key results include:

- Produce a good practices policy engagement case study for African think tanks
- Engage with African policy makers to enhance the link between knowledge and policy
- Contribute to the implementation of the G20 Compact with Africa

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION** This project aims to support ACET in coordinating the G20 Compact with Africa agenda; enhancing its capacity to deliver core policy dialogue activities while helping promote a model for more boosting think tanks in Africa. By strengthening ACET’s strategic capacity to collaborate with other institutions, the project will support the emulation of multiple Africa-based think tanks. This support will take various forms including i) support to core activities for engagement with African governments, ii) technical assistance for facilitating the implementation of the G20 Compact with Africa and iii) developing a case study based on ACET’s policy engagement model that will serve as “good practice” for other institutions in Africa. By doing so, the project will promote knowledge generation, dissemination and implementation and contribute to building long-term, relevant research and policy capacity in the region.

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## Project Components

### **Component 1 – Strengthening ACET’s core activities on policy design - \$488,000**

This component will provide support and technical assistance to strengthen ACET’s operational capacity in delivering core products and services and with a financially sustainable business model. Strengthening a leading think tank such as ACET will have a positive impact on its continuous capacity to engage African governments in transformational policy dialogue while accelerating the transfer of good practices among peers, especially related to the strategic planning and engagement with policymakers and the public.

#### **Sub-component 1.1: Technical Assistance for an Institutional Policy Engagement Case Study - \$50,000**

**The technical assistance will seek to broaden and deepen ACET’s proven policy engagement model to boost a network of African think tanks. Through a case study it will seek to build upon ACET’s approach, but also draw upon regional and global good practice, including from other think tanks and development partners. It will assess key elements of policy engagement in Africa, to include** focus on developing a model for long term plans for think tanks with regards key components such as a) building strategic partnerships; b) strengthening the organization; c) attaining financial sustainability; d) collaboration among think-tanks; and e) convening abilities and modalities. A team will be tasked with establishing a diagnostic of ACET’s policy engagement business model and provide recommendations on “good practices” for think tanks. The process will actively engage other think tanks and this will be materialized into a case study.



**Expected outputs:** a case study based on ACET’s policy engagement model encompassing frameworks for boosting a network of African think tanks:

- Strategic collaboration approaches for think tanks in Africa;
- Organizational effectiveness and sustainable financial models of policy engagement by think tanks in Africa;
- Strategies for enhancing technical and analytical capacity for think tanks in Africa.

### **Sub-component 1.2. Assistance to ACET’s ongoing activities - \$438,000**

**This subcomponent provides support to ACET’s core business to inform and support policy design and implementation.** The Pan African Coalition for Transformation (PACT) is ACET’s primary policy dialogue platform. It is an African government peer-learning initiative focused on key sectoral areas that leads to country policy action plans on economic transformation. The PACT deliberations inform ACET’s Africa Transformation Forum (ATF) – and promotes economic dialogue between government, development partners, the private sector and civil society. Likewise, the Africa Transformation Report – ACET’s flagship report – and ACET’s Africa Transformation Index are closely interrelated to the policy dialogue in the PACT and are highlighted at the ATF. In partnership with other development organizations and think tanks, these core programs and deliverables collectively help African governments and stakeholders to focus policymaking that is innovative and transformational.

**Expected outputs:** Launch of new, or deepening the work of existing PACT sectoral chapters or policy dialogue platforms; further dissemination of the African Transformation Report (ATR); African Transformation Forum (ATF) and the updated African Transformation Index (ATI).

### **Component 2 – Supporting ACET’s role in implementing the G20 Compact with Africa (CwA) - \$715,000**

**This component will provide technical assistance to support ACET’s role in supporting the implementation of the G20 Compact with Africa (CWA).** CWA was initiated by the German presidency in the Finance Track, endorsed by the G-20 finance ministers and central bank governors in Baden-Baden in March 2017, to promote private investment in Africa, including in infrastructure. In collaboration with the WBG, IMF and other African institutions, ACET’s role is to support the CWA implementation through the facilitation of peer



learning, analysis and peer review interventions as well as by undertaking coordination role in CWA implementation.[1]

### **Sub-component 2.1. Strengthening Compact Countries' Capacity - \$415,000**

**Technical assistance for CWA implementation support.** ACET will work organizations such as h the UN Economic Commission for Africa, the African Development Bank, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to support CWA implementation through consultations, workshops, and analytical studies. This includes advisory services for periodic review of progress where country-led teams will include ACET and the other technical partners, private sector representatives, officials from Compact countries and think tanks or non-governmental organizations from the Compact countries[2]. Activities includes: Organize consultations and workshops Support countries' communication and dissemination capacity Facilitate access to advisory services

**Expected outputs:** multiple workshops, papers and technical events.

**Technical assistance for peer-to-peer learning.** Working with international partners, ACET will establish a CWA Peer-to-Peer Learning Platform for African Compact countries, interested G20 countries, international organizations and African institutions. The Bank will avail facilities, co-brand events and support dissemination. Activities includes: Coordination of the agendas Prepare and disseminate studies, analysis and reviews Facilitate high level sessions

**Expected outputs:** multiple peer learning events, associated background papers and research inputs. Peer learning website for knowledge exchange.

### **Sub-component 2.2 Bi-Annual Peer Review of CwA Self-Assessments– \$100,000**

**Twice a year, ACET will present the consolidated CwA Peer Review report based on Countries' CwA self-assessments.** The report will highlight key directional messages, gaps, and recommendations that will serve as an input to the overall CwA Monitoring Report and the G20 Ministerial Report. The Bank will support the



development of a systematic methodology and support dissemination of the report. Activities include technical assistance: Development of the review methodology and analysis of self-assessments; Preparation, presentation and dissemination of reports;

**Expected outputs:** CwA Peer Review Report

### **Sub-component 2.3 Advocacy for Africa and the CwA - \$200,000**

**As a member of the T20 Africa Standing Group[3](ASG) Steering Committee, ACETS serves as a liaison between the Think20 platform and African think tanks.** This network of research institutes and think tanks from the G20 countries provides research-based policy advice to the G20, facilitates interaction among its members and the policy community, and communicates with the broader public about issues of global importance. The goal is to build African think tanks' capacity to more effectively influence ongoing policy dialogue. The Bank will avail facilities and co-brand events. Activities include: Lead the development of G20 policy briefs in collaboration with think tank partners; Build collaboration with T20 members around existing events on key priority themes for African Compact countries.

**Excepted outputs:** several brief papers, networking events and networking platform.

**Technical assistance in establishing a CwA Advisory Panel [4] that will act as focal point and help guide the overall work on the CwA.** The Panel will be a key interface for new countries governments helping in calibrating expectations, required commitments and overall process. The Bank will avail facilities. Activities include:

### **Component 3 – ACET Transformational Fellow Program - \$317,000**

[1] Consensus statement CWA Ministerial Meeting, Accra, September 6th 2017

[2] There are 11 countries in scope: Senegal, Rwanda, Morocco, Guinea, Ghana, Ethiopia, Egypt, Cote d'Ivoire, Benin, Tunisia, Togo.

[3] The ASG engages in cross-regional joint knowledge production and provide evidence based policy advice related to cooperation between G20 and Africa. Governance mechanisms for Africa-G20 cooperation is a key focus. [https://www.die-gdi.de/press\\_release\\_africa\\_standing\\_group/](https://www.die-gdi.de/press_release_africa_standing_group/)



[4] The Panel will comprise about five individuals who have formerly served in positions such as Prime Minister, Finance Minister, Central Bank Governor, senior Government advisor, or IFI senior official

1. Convene and facilitate the Advisory Panel meetings;
2. Provide substantive and logistic support to the Advisory Panel activities i.e. briefs, communication, logistic, etc.

**Expected outputs:** technical and high-level engagements to support validation and implementation of agreed policy commitments.

3. **This component will finance a fellowship program including salaries, benefits and travel etc. for Fellows.** A core aspect of improving knowledge to policy action is ensuring a pipeline of young African professionals with a robust understanding of policy design and implementation and the potential for think tanks and policy institutes to support Africa’s economic transformation. ACET Fellowship program will see members of the diaspora and young African professionals hosted by ACET working in the region on specific projects or policy challenges. This will promote knowledge generation and dissemination, as well as building research and policy capacity in the region. Candidates will be competitively selected and recruited by leveraging the WBG Fellowship program.

**Expected outputs:** Fellows on board and contributing to policy engagement in Africa.

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## SAFEGUARDS

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

NA as none are relevant for safeguard analysis

### **E. Borrower’s Institutional Capacity for Safeguard Policies**

NA in this case as no safeguard work is required

### **F. Environmental and Social Safeguards Specialists on the Team**

Abdelaziz Lagnaoui, Environmental Safeguards Specialist  
Charles Ankisiba, Social Safeguards Specialist

### G. Policies that might apply

Safeguard Policies Triggered by the Project	Triggered?	Explanation (Optional)
Environmental Assessment OP/BP 4.01	No	the project is limited to capacity building and policy dialogue
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	

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### H. Safeguard Preparation Plan

**Appraisal stage ISDS required?** No

#### APPROVALS

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