

TC ABSTRACT

I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	REGIONAL/IDB
▪ TC Name:	Institutional Strengthening for Environmental and Social Management
▪ TC Number:	RG-T3672
▪ Team Leader/Members:	LUGO, GLORIA (IFD/CMF) Team Leader; ESPINOZA, JOAQUIN ORELIO (VPS/ESG) Alternate Team Leader; USECHE MELO, CLAUDIA INES (KIC/KLD); ROJAS SANCHEZ, LAURA NATALIA (CSD/RND); NEGRET GARRIDO, CESAR ANDRES (LEG/SGO); MARTINEZ LOPEZ, CYNTHIA GUADALUPE (IFD/CMF); JONES, WILLIAM DAVIS (VPS/ESG)
▪ Taxonomy:	Research and Dissemination
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	20 Mar 2020
▪ Beneficiary:	26 IDB borrowing member countries
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	US\$1,500,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	US\$0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	24 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Firms; Individuals
▪ Prepared by Unit:	IFD/CMF - Connectivity Markets and Finance Division
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	IFD - Institutions for Development Sector
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	No
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	No
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Institutional capacity and rule of law; Environmental sustainability

II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 The overall objective of this technical cooperation project (TC) is to build capacity in Borrower's institutions and executing agencies to implement environmental and social requirements in IDB projects, according to the new Environmental and Social Policy Framework (ESPF).
- 2.2 The specific objectives of this TC are to: (i) increase executing agencies' understanding and knowledge of the new Environmental and Social Policy Framework, through expanded, specialized technical training via online and in-person courses; and (ii) promote the exchange of knowledge and good-practice experiences, through collaborative south-south learning activities, and documentation and dissemination of good practices and technical information.
- 2.3 This TC is expected to contribute to improving the environmental and social performance of executing agencies throughout the project cycle and will support the implementation of the ESPF. The new ESPF integrates both E&S aspects of the current IDB E&S policies into an umbrella framework, comprised of a policy statement and ten Environmental and Social Policy Standards (ESPSs). The proposed ESPF: (i) defines the roles and responsibilities of both the IDB and the Borrower pertaining to E&S impact and risk management of IDB-financed projects; (ii) establishes clear E&S standards for Borrowers to design, implement and manage IDB-financed projects; (iii)

requires Borrowers to apply a mitigation hierarchy to anticipate and avoid adverse impacts on workers, communities, and the environment, or where avoidance is not possible, to minimize, and where residual impacts remain, compensate/offset risks and impacts, as appropriate; (iv) requires and provides means for Borrowers to engage with stakeholders (project-affected people and other interested parties) throughout the project-cycle; and (v) establishes an operational approach that facilitates engagement and technical and financial partnerships with other institutions, whether public or private.

- 2.4 The Board of Executive Directors requested Management to provide an annual allocation of dedicated technical cooperation resources for training activities for clients to better manage environmental and social issues at the project level, in compliance with the requirements of the ESPF. This technical cooperation project will be the first operation of this annual support. Management has set aside resources from its Ordinary Capital Strategic Development Program for Institutions to finance this annual allocation

III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component I: On-line Training in Environmental and Social Management.** Development of an introductory course in the new ESPF, available to all interested stakeholders, and a comprehensive certification course targeted at relevant executing agencies' personnel. The comprehensive course would be mandatory for executing agencies with operations in the IDB pipeline for 2021 and 2022. Additionally, this component will develop new courses and continue the delivery of high-demand online courses on the topics of the environmental and social performance standards
- 3.2 **Component II: In-person training and knowledge products on Environmental and Social Performance Standards .** This component will support in-country, in-person training to executing agencies with IDB operations in preparation in 2021 and 2022 and subject to the ESPF. The in-person activities will serve to develop in-deep training activities on the environmental and social requirements under the ESPF for their specific operations in preparation. The component will also include consultant support to prepare the documentation related to the ESPF.
- 3.3 **Component III: Dissemination Activities .** A set of communication and dissemination materials and activities to Borrowers and executing agencies will be designed to facilitate a clear understanding of the new ESPF and how it will build upon the Bank's existing safeguard policies and practice experience.
- 3.4 **Component IV: Contingencies.** Contingencies activities

IV. Budget

Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
On-line Training in Environmental and Social Management	US\$500,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$500,000.00
In-person training and knowledge products on Environmental and Social Performance Standards	US\$700,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$700,000.00
Dissemination Activities	US\$200,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$200,000.00
Contingencies	US\$100,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$100,000.00
Total	US\$1,500,000.00	US\$0.00	US\$1,500,000.00

V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure

5.1 IDB

5.2 Given the regional nature of this TC and the Bank's proven track record in the development of capacity building activities, the Bank will execute the TC and carry out all contracting-related activities.

VI. Project Risks and Issues

6.1 Given the development and implementation of the activities of this TC require the involvement of a significant number of executing agencies, coordination issues may arise. IDB will mitigate these potential risks through close engagement with executing agencies, and close dialogue with country representatives to ensure the training interventions respond to projects needs and agencies capacities.

VII. Environmental and Social Classification

7.1 The ESG classification for this operation is "undefined".