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MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND MEDIA (MINCOTIM)

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)

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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The Republic of Burundi, (**hereinafter “the Recipient”**), is implementing the Burundi Digital Additional Financing-Digitalization of Public Financial Management Project (**the Project**), through the Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media and the Secretariat Executif des TIC as project manager, the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Interior, Community Development and Public Security, Ministry of Public Services and Ministry of Finance. The International Development Association (**hereinafter “the Association”**) has agreed to provide the original financing(p176396) and additional financing (P180987) for the Project, as set out in the referred agreement(s). This ESCP supersedes previous of the ESCP for the project and shall apply both to the original and the additional financing for the project referred to above.
2. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) and this Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), in a manner acceptable to the Association. The ESCP is a part of the Financing Agreement. Unless otherwise defined in this ESCP, capitalized terms used in this ESCP have the meanings ascribed to them in the referred agreement(s).
3. Without limitation to the foregoing, this ESCP sets out material measures and actions that the Recipient shall carry out or cause to be carried out, including, as applicable, the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring, and reporting arrangements, and grievance management. The ESCP also sets out the environmental and social (E&S) instruments that shall be adopted and implemented under the Project, all of which shall be subject to prior consultation and disclosure, consistent with the ESS, and in form and substance, and in a manner acceptable to the Association. Once adopted, said E&S instruments may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement by the Association.
4. As agreed by the Association and the Recipient, this ESCP may be revised from time to time if necessary, during the implementation of the Project, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to the project performance. In such circumstances, the Recipient through the Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media and the Secretariat Executif des TIC and the Association agree to update the ESCP to reflect these changes through an exchange of letters signed between the Association and the Recipient (Minister). The Recipient shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.

MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY / AUTHORITY
MONITORING AND REPORTING			
A	REGULAR REPORTING: Prepare and submit to the Association regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) performance of the project, including, but not limited to the implementation of the ESCP, implementation of E&S instruments required under the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities and functioning of grievance mechanism(s) (logbook, including those related to Sexual Exploitation and Abuses, as well as Sexual Harassment (SEA/SH)).	Starting from the Effectiveness Date, quarterly reports shall be submitted no later than 15 days after the end of each quarter throughout the Project implementation.	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)
B	NOTIFICATION OF INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS: Promptly notify the Association of any incident or accident related to or affecting Project's activities which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers, including safety, health and environmental risks (EHS), sexual exploitation and abuses and sexual harassment, alleged violations of labor laws and working conditions. Provide sufficient detail regarding the incident or accident, indicating immediate measures taken to address it, and including any other information provided by any supplier or service provider or by the oversight entity, as applicable. Subsequently, as per the Association's request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence. In addition to the initial notification, a report must be submitted to the Bank on completion of incident investigation and closure.	Promptly notify the Association within 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident (severe), and within 24 hours after any fatal incidents or accidents, including SEA/SH incidents. Provide subsequent reports to the Association with a detailed report no later than 7 days after learning of the incident or another timeframe specified by the Association.	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)
C	MONTHLY REPORTS FROM SUPPLIERS AND PROVIDERS: Provide monthly monitoring reports to the PIU. Monthly reports of suppliers and providers would be submitted to the Bank by the Borrower upon request.	Monthly reports for contracted work throughout the term of their contracts or subcontracts	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)

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ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACT		
<p>1.1 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE:</p> <p>a) The Recipient has established an organizational structure for the Parent Project that shall apply to the AF project and will provide the necessary resources to support the management of ESHS risks and impacts of the Project. That structure includes, for both parent and AF, the hired project coordinator, an administrative and financial officer, a procurement officer, an ICT expert, an environmental safeguard specialist, and a social, gender-based violence and Gender specialist. This structure may be reinforced by other specialists, depending on the activities planned, to support the management of environmental and social risks.</p> <p>b) Provide capacity-building activities to E&S specialists to ensure that they will be immediately operational to meet ESF requirements in terms of management of E&S risks and impacts, including risks of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment (SEA/SH).</p> <p>c) Any entity contracted for the implementation of parent Project activities must carry them out together with AF activities in compliance with Environmental and Social Standards (ESS).</p>	<p>a. Maintained and reinforced throughout the implementation of the parent and AF project activities the organizational structure, as needed.</p> <p>b. Maintain capacity-building activities to E&S specialists throughout the implementation of the Parent and AF Project activities.</p> <p>c. Implementing contractors shall maintain organizational structure and qualified staff and resources throughout the parent and AF Project implementation.</p>	<p>Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)</p>

<p>1.2</p>	<p>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT/ MANAGEMENT INSTRUMENTS AND PLANS/CONTRACTORS</p> <p>a. Assess the environmental and social risks and impacts of the proposed Project activities, including SEA/SH risks in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF), as well as an updated Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) to be prepared, adopted, and disclosed for the Project, including a plan of action on prevention, mitigation and response SEA/SH risks, including increased vulnerabilities during health crisis such as COVID-19 that affect women and girls disproportionately, and screening criteria for the subprojects. A Labor Management Procedure (LMP), including environmental, social, health and safety measures (ESHS), code of conduct with SEA/SH provisions, and an E-waste management key sections (EWM) shall reflect in the ESMF. An assessment of cumulative impacts (through an ESMPs for subprojects) during the implementation shall also conduct before the commencement of any subproject.</p> <p>b. Prepare, disclose, adopt and implement any other environmental and social management plans or any other instruments required for the respective project activities based on the ESCP and the assessment process, including the EWMP in accordance with the ESS, ESMF, EHS, and other relevant international good industrial practices, in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p> <p>c. Incorporate relevant aspects of this updated ESCP, including, in the paragraph inter alia, any environmental and social management plans (ESMPs), the SEA/SH action Plan, or other instruments, while including the requirements of the EES2 and any other required EHS measures, into the EHS specifications of the procurement and contract documents with the contractors and the Supervising Agencies comply with the EHS specifications of their respective contracts.</p>	<p>a. The ESMF with a section on EWM, SEA/SH Action Plan, and LMP shall be updated, approved, and disclosed prior the appraisal of the AF Project.</p> <p>b. Prior to the implementation of relevant project activities and thereafter throughout the implementation of these activities</p> <p>c. ESMPs shall be submitted to the Association for approval before the launch of the tender procedure for the corresponding sub-projects, based on the ESMF provisions. Approved ESMPs shall be executed throughout the implementation of these affected sub-projects.</p>	<p>Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC (SETIC-PIU)</p>
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	<p>d. Prepare a Social Evaluation on the potential social risks and impacts of the AF activities. Appropriate measures shall be incorporated into the respective E&S instruments.</p>	<p>d. Within the first 6 months after AF project effectiveness.</p>	
<p>1.3</p>	<p>MANAGEMENT INSTRUMENTS</p> <p>The parent project has developed the E&S instruments required under the ESF such as: ESMF, RPF, IPPF, an to respond to gender-based violence/sexual exploitation and abuse or sexual harassment (GBV/SEA/SH), ESIA/ESMPs, SEP, GRM, LMP and SRA (Security Risk Assessment). All these instruments shall be updated to reflect AF activities during the implementation.</p> <p>The Social Evaluation will be prepared as specified in section 1.2 (d)</p> <p>In accordance with the ESMF, the RPF, and the IPPF, a preliminary assessment ("screening") of any subprojects shall be carried out and specific environmental and social impact assessments (ESIAs like the rehabilitation of PAFEN site-AF) shall be conducted, and specific Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) and Indigenous Peoples' Plans (IPP) shall be prepared during project implementation.</p>	<p>The ESMF, LMP, RPF, IPPF, and SEP shall be updated, approved, and disclosed before Appraisal of AF Project.</p> <p>The SRA shall be done prior to the start of relevant project activities.</p> <p>The instruments (ESIA/ESMPs, C-ESMP, RAP, IPP) have to be elaborated prior to the implementation of relevant project activities and thereafter throughout the implementation of these activities."</p>	<p>Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)</p>

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1.4	<p>EXCLUSIONS: Exclude the following types of activities as ineligible for funding under the parent Project and AF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activities that may result in long-term, permanent and/or irreversible adverse impacts (e.g., loss of major natural habitat), • Activities that have a high probability of causing serious adverse effects on human health and/or the environment, • Activities that may have significant adverse social impacts and may result in significant social conflict, • Activities that may create significantly adverse impacts on indigenous peoples or other vulnerable communities, <p>All other excluded activities set forth in the project's updated ESMF.</p>	During the assessment process above under Action 1.2.a.	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	<p>LABOR MANAGEMENT: The parent project and AF shall be carried out in accordance with applicable ESS2 requirements, in a manner acceptable to the Association, including implementation of Labor Management Procedures (LMP) and appropriate occupational health and safety (OHS) measures (including emergency preparedness and response measures), defining grievance arrangements for project workers and incorporating labor requirements into ESHS specifications of procurement documents and contracts with contractors and oversight companies. The Code of Conduct addressing SEA/SH, as part of the LMP, developed for the Parent Project shall apply to the AF project. The code of conduct shall be signed by all project workers involved in the project. In addition, all staff shall be regularly trained in SEA/SH risks, the content of code of conduct and procedures to denounce SEA/SH incidents before starting work throughout the implementation of the Project.</p>	The LMP shall be updated, approved and disclosed prior to the Appraisal of AF and shall be updated before the recruitment of project workers, and after that when deemed necessary. The LMP and other specific measures in Action 2.1 will be implemented throughout project implementation.	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)

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2.2	<p>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PARENT PROJECT AND AF WORKERS Ensure that Implementing contractors and subcontractors establish, maintain and operationalize a Grievance Mechanism (GM) for workers, as described in the LMP and in line with ESS2 and national labor legislation. The GM shall develop specific procedures to denounce SEA/SH incidents in an ethical and confidential manner.</p>	GM of the project workers shall be updated prior to the recruitment of workers by each entity working for the Project and be implemented throughout the Project implementation.	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)
2.3	<p>OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OHS) OHS measures, including emergency preparedness and response measures, can be set out in a separate E&S document (e.g. ESMP) already mentioned in the section under ESS1 above.</p> <p>The PIU shall prepare, adopt and implement project-related to occupational health and safety measures specified in the ESMP.</p>	The OHS measures shall be maintained throughout the implementation of the parent and AF project	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			
3.1	<p>E-WASTE AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS MANAGEMENT PLAN The PIU shall prepare, adopt, and implement e-waste and hazardous materials management sections as outlined in the updated ESMF and later in the elaborated ESIA/ESMP document, if necessary, prior to the start of the parent and AF project activities.</p>	Developed three months after AF Project effectiveness and thereafter implemented throughout Project implementation.	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)
3.2	<p>RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT Resource efficiency and pollution prevention and management measures shall be covered under the ESMPs to be prepared under action 1.2 above.</p>	Same timeframe as for the preparation and implementation of the ESMPs	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
4.1	<p>COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY Prepare, adopt, and implement measures and action to assess and manage specific risks and impacts to the community arising from Project activities (e.g., behavior of Project workers, risks of labor influx, response to emergency situations), and include these measures in the ESMPs to be prepared in accordance with the updated ESMF, in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p>	Same timeframe as the preparation and implementation of the ESMPs.	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)

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4.2	<p>TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY: Adopt and implement measures and actions to assess and manage traffic and road safety risks as required in the ESMPs to be developed under action 1.2 above.</p>	Same timeframe as the preparation and implementation of the ESMPs	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)
4.3	<p>RISKS OF GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE, SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE, AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT (SEA/SH)</p> <p>Prepare, adopt, and implement prevention, mitigation and response measures to assess and manage the risks of sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment (SEA/SH), as part of a SEA/SH Action Plan that will be part of the ESMF, and the necessary resources will be provided for its implementation throughout project implementation. These actions will include an accountability and response framework establishing how to handle SEA/SH allegations, disciplinary actions for violations of the code of conduct by workers, and a referral pathway to refer survivors in line with national protocols. In addition, mitigating measures such as regular consultations with women and girls on project-related risks, awareness raising strategy targeting workers and community members on codes of conduct and reporting mechanisms in case of an incidence of SEA/SH The borrower shall also include SEA/SH requirement in bidding documents and contracts.</p> <p>Provide the project with additional funds, if necessary, to implement measures to assess the risks of GBV/SEA/SH that may occur during the implementation of the project.</p>	<p>SEA/SH action plan in the same timeframe as 1.2(a)</p> <p>SEA/SH measures: Before the signature of contracts with providers. These measures are maintained throughout the implementation of the Project.</p>	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)
ESS 5 : LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
5.1	<p>RESETTLEMENT PLANS: Prepare, adopt, and implement resettlement plans (RAPs) with measures designed in accordance with ESS 5 and consistent with the requirements of the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) that has been prepared and disclosed for the Project, which covers land acquisition, involuntary resettlement (including physical and economic displacement), and restrictions on land use, and thereafter adopt and implement the respective RAPs before carrying out the associated activities, in a manner acceptable to the Association.</p>	RAPs submitted for the Bank’s approval and, once approved, implemented prior to commencing Project activities that involve land acquisition, restrictions on land use, and/or involuntary resettlement.	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)

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5.2	<p>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM</p> <p>The grievance mechanism (GM) to address resettlement-related complaints shall be described in the RPF, RAPs and SEP.</p>	Prior to commencement of resettlement activities	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
6.1	Not relevant		
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
7.1	<p>Relevant aspects of this standard are to be considered under Action 1.2 above. The Indigenous Peoples Planning Framework (IPPF) will be developed, approved and disclosed to guide the preparation of and implementation of potential Indigenous People’s Plans (IPPs) consistent with the requirements of ESS7, in a manner acceptable to the Association, if Indigenous Peoples/ Traditional and Historically Underserved Local Communities are identified in project sites.</p> <p>The Recipient will ensure that these Indigenous Peoples/Traditional and Historically Underserved Local Communities are properly informed and can share in the benefits of the project in an inclusive and culturally appropriate manner (i.e., prevention and treatment) with the relevant provisions included in the ESMF, IPPF and SEP.</p>	<p>IPPF prepared, updated, and disclosed prior to project appraisal.</p> <p>The respective IPP for the Association’s approval prior to the carrying out of any activity that requires the preparation of an IPP. Once approved, the IPP will be implemented throughout project implementation</p>	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)
7.2	<p>GRIEVANCE REDRESS MECHANISM</p> <p>The PIU will prepare, adopt, and implement the arrangements for a grievance mechanism accessible to Batwa as required under the IPPF and further describe such arrangements in the respective IPPs.</p>	IPPs with GRMs will be prepared as specified in the IPPF, prior to the commencement of project activities in areas where indigenous peoples are located, and maintained throughout the implementation of the project.	Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			

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8.1	<p>CHANCE FINDINGS : ESS8 is considered relevant to the project as one of the project activities is the deployment of fiber optic cables underground, where cultural heritage artefacts can be found. Clauses on potential discoveries shall be included in all work contracts, even in cases where the probability is very low. The ESIA/ESMPs shall include a chance finds procedure in case of accidental discovery of cultural remains, in accordance with national legislation and in compliance with ESS8</p>	<p>Prior to the start of project activities and applied throughout project implementation</p>	<p>Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)</p>
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
9.1	Not relevant		
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER COMMITMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			
10.1	<p>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION Adopt and implement an updated Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) for the Project, consistent with ESS10, which shall include measures to, inter alia, provide stakeholders with timely, relevant, understandable and accessible information, and consult with them in a culturally appropriate manner, which is free of manipulation, interference, coercion, discrimination and intimidation. The SEP from the Parent Project shall be updated and disclosed before appraisal.</p> <p>The PIU shall implement the SEP.</p>	<p>A SEP shall be updated and disclosed prior to appraisal. The original SEP shall be adjusted and complemented by an addendum with the results from the consultations on the AF activities before implementation.</p> <p>The SEP shall be updated, finalized and adopted as needed throughout the life of the project.</p> <p>Once disclosed, the SEP will be implemented throughout the life of the project.</p>	<p>Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)</p>

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10.2	<p>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM (GM)</p> <p>The Parent Project grievance mechanism, as described in the SEP, shall be implemented and maintained for AF activities. Accessible GM arrangements shall be made public to receive and facilitate the resolution of project-related concerns and complaints/grievances, including SEA/SH complaints, in accordance with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Association. The GM will adopt complaints and reporting procedures, as well as specific procedures for the ethical and confidential handling of SEA/SH complaints with a survivor-centered approach. The mechanism will establish a referral protocol for survivors to facilitate medical, psychological, legal and judicial assistance. The GM from the parent project will be updated.</p>	<p>The grievance mechanism will be adopted and established prior to project commencement and maintained throughout the implementation of the project.</p> <p>The project will communicate any SEA/SH incident to the World Bank within 24 hours of receiving the complaint</p>	<p>Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC(SETIC-PIU)</p>
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
CS1	<p>Delivery and required ESF training for PIU Staff involved in the parent Project and AF, Stakeholders, project workers, suppliers, providers and Beneficiaries, as necessary, on:</p> <p>Briefing on the Bank’s ESF requirements and technical workshop on relevant E&S requirements/instruments relevant for compliance of the WB ESF requirements.</p> <p>Technical quality review of E&S instruments by the PIU safeguard specialists;</p> <p>Emergency preparedness and response</p> <p>Community health and safety</p> <p>Code of conduct and its SEA/SH provisions.</p> <p>Grievance management mechanism,</p> <p>Occupational health and safety (OHS) aspects,</p> <p>Other relevant environmental and social issues, including identification and management of GBV/SEA/SH risks.</p>	<p>Prior to the commencement of activities, and maintained and reinforced throughout the project implementation, as needed.</p>	<p>Ministry of Communication, Information Technology and Media/ Secretariat Executif des TIC (SETIC-PIU)</p>