

Public Information Summary

Host Countries	Worldwide (Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America, Southeast Asia)
Name of Borrower	MCE Empowering Sustainable Agriculture Fund LLC (“MESA”), a limited liability corporation organized and existing under the laws of Delaware.
Project Description	MESA is an investment vehicle for gender-inclusive, sustainable agribusinesses in emerging markets (the “Fund”). The proceeds of the loan will be used to finance loans made to rural-focused Financial Service Providers (“FSPs”) and agriculture-focused Small and Growing Businesses (“SGBs”) in DFC eligible countries.
Proposed DFC Loan/Guaranty	\$10 million nine-year loan
All-Source Funding Total	\$40 million
Policy Review	
Developmental Objectives	The Fund is expected to have a highly developmental impact through the provision of longer-term debt investments to micro-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises involved in or supporting agriculture, meeting key financing requirements for growth. The Fund’s investments are anticipated to help bridge the gap in funding for smaller agricultural firms and women-led enterprises. Around half of the portfolio is expected to be in lower-middle-income countries.
Environment and Social Assessment	<p>The Project has been reviewed against the DFC’s 2020 Environmental and Social Policies and Procedures manual (“ESPP”) and has been determined to be categorically eligible. DFC direct investments to investment funds to support small and medium enterprises and financial service providers are screened as a Category D for environmental and social assessment. These downstream investments are expected to result in minimal adverse environmental and social impacts. Therefore, all those downstream investments have been pre-screened as Category C and further review and consent is not required for these investments. To ensure that the Fund’s investments are consistent with the DFC’s statutory and policy requirements, the DFC loan will be subject to conditions regarding the use of proceeds including what is considered eligible as climate finance. The primary environmental and social issues identified in this transaction relate to the need for an Environmental and Social Policy (“ESP”) that meets the 2012 IFC Performance Standards.</p> <p>Under the DFC’s ESPP, the Fund is required to comply with applicable local and national laws and regulations related to environmental and social performance and applicable provisions of the 2012 International Finance Corporation’s Performance Standard (“PS”) 1 and 2. A desk-</p>

review based due diligence assessment indicates that because the Project will use DFC support to support SME's and financial service providers, significant adverse impacts concerning community health and safety, biodiversity, land acquisition and resettlement, indigenous people, and cultural heritage are not anticipated; therefore, PS 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are not triggered at this time.

The Fund has an Environmental and Social Responsibility Policy, Human Resources Policies, and Grievance Mechanisms that generally align with the requirements found in IFC PS 1 and 2. However, they will be required to make adjustments to their risk management related to child and forced labor screening and GHG accounting to align with the expectations listed within the DFC's ESPP prior to the receipt of support.