

 Early Warning System

EBRD-54872

AAIB sustainability bond



Quick Facts

Countries	Egypt
Financial Institutions	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2024-06-12
Borrower	Arab African International Bank S.A.E.
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Fund
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 100.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 499.00 million



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### Project Description

According to bank-provided information, the project involves the provision of up to USD 100m (EUR 90m) investment in the first issue of a senior unsecured sustainability bond programme, issued via private placement by Arab African International Bank S.A.E. ("AAIB") for a total of up to USD 499m (EUR 450m).

The investment is in the first sustainability bond ever issued in Egypt, supporting both green and social sub-projects. The issuance is governed by the Sustainability Bond Framework of AAIB, which is developed in line with relevant guidelines from the International Capital Markets Association (ICMA). The project contributes to the development of the Egyptian capital market while supporting AAIB's resilience by improving asset-liability composition and supporting AAIB's transition towards a more sustainable business model. Furthermore, the project is expected to set standards for green and social bond issuances in Egypt and should facilitate and increase capital flow towards green and social assets.

A technical cooperation package funded by Luxembourg was delivered to support AAIB with project preparation and implementation.



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- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)

## Financial Intermediary

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

- [Arab African International Bank](#) (Financial Intermediary)



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## Private Actors Description

Arab African International Bank S.A.E. ("AAIB"), a commercial bank incorporated in Egypt and owned by the Central Bank of Egypt and the Kuwait Investment Authority (each holding a 49.4% stake). With an asset base of ca. USD 17.5bn as at YE2023, AAIB is the 5th largest bank in the country.



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