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Quick Facts

Countries	Brazil
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2021-06-29
Borrower	BANCO SANTANDER BRASIL SA
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 150.00 million

Project Description

The indicative proposed investment consists of a 3-year loan of up to US$150 million to Banco Santander (Brasil) S.A. (“Santander” or the “Bank”), an existing IFC client since 2009. The proposed investment aims to continue supporting the Bank’s lending to climate-smart sub-projects, with a focus on Renewable Energy (“RE”), by providing financing for solar panel sub-loans (the “Project”). This Project is part of IFC’s strategy of fostering the greening of the banking sector in Brazil.

People Affected By This Project

Brazil's climate finance market is currently dominated by financial institutions, which provide a general level of climate finance opportunities to their clients. To achieve its ambitious climate finance targets under the Paris Agreement, however, Brazil is relying on the private sector to channel more financial resources towards climate finance activities, including to retail and SME segments. As a systemically-relevant financial institution with country-wide reach and in-depth market presence, Santander is in a strong position to serve as a demonstration example for other funding providers to significantly scale-up climate finance in Brazil through expansion of green lending financial and non-financial products and services, as well as by promoting affordability of green finance in the market. IFC expects that the proposed investment, combined with IFC's capacity building activities, will promote greater environmental sustainability by furthering international green lending principles in the climate finance segment. Further, IFC expects this project to demonstrate the commercial viability of expanding climate lending to retail customers and small and medium-sized enterprises ("SMEs") and therefore encourage replication by other institutions to significantly influence market movement.

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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.

- Banco Santander (Brasil) S.A. (Financial Intermediary)

Contact Information

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