### Early Warning System

IFC-48908

DCM Arab African International Bank



#### **Quick Facts**

Countries	Egypt
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	В
Voting Date	2024-05-29
Borrower	ARAB AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL BANK
Sectors	Finance
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 300.00 million

#### **Project Description**

According to the Bank's website, the proposed project involves an IFC investment of a 5-year senior sustainability bond of up to (i) US\$300 million in Arab African international Bank's (AAIB or the Bank) US\$500 million sustainability bond program, to support the Bank's expansion of green and sustainable related projects (the Project), and (ii) up to \$50 million uncommitted trade finance facility under the Global Trade Finance Program ("GTFP"). In addition, it is expected to be supported by the IFC-BMWK Scale up Climate Finance through Greening the Financial Sector (BMWK) Program as described in the Blended Finance Section.

#### **Early Warning System Project Analysis**

The Project is an investment in AAIB's Sustainability Bond issuance. Proceeds from the issuance will support eligible green assets, and MSMEs. The Project will not support Excluded Activities, coal-related activities, mining, oil and gas, or any other Higher-Risk activities that may include: (a) involuntary resettlement; (b) potential adverse impacts on Indigenous Peoples; (c) significant risks to or impacts on the environment, community health and safety, biodiversity, cultural heritage; (d) risk of significant retrenchment or (e) significant occupational health and safety risks.

The main E&S risks of the Project relate to the Bank's capacity to correctly implement its newly established ESMS to manage the E&S risks associated with the sub-projects supported through the Project proceeds. Overall, the E&S risk associated with the asset class to be supported by IFC is considered medium, and likely to entail medium adverse E&S risks and impacts that are few, generally site-specific, largely reversible and can be readily addressed through mitigation measures. The Project has therefore been categorized as FI-2 according to IFC's Sustainability Policy.

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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.

• Arab African International Bank (Financial Intermediary)

#### **Private Actors Description**

The Bank is owned by the Central Bank of Egypt and the Kuwait Investment Authority (49.37% each).

AAIB was established by a special law in 1964 which has since evolved into a fully-fledged regional banking institution. It is the third largest private sector bank in Egypt with a solid corporate, retail, and SME franchise. The Bank serves its customers through more than 650 thousand clients and a network of 99 branches, 507 ATMs and e-banking services, with presence in United Arab Emirates and one branch in Lebanon.



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