

 Early Warning System

WB-P160292

Central African Backbone SOP3 Republic of Congo Additional Financing



### Quick Facts

<b>Countries</b>	Congo, Republic of
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	World Bank (WB)
<b>Status</b>	Active
<b>Bank Risk Rating</b>	B
<b>Voting Date</b>	2017-03-07
<b>Borrower</b>	GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO
<b>Sectors</b>	Infrastructure
<b>Investment Amount (USD)</b>	\$ 5.00 million
<b>Project Cost (USD)</b>	\$ 5.00 million



### Project Description

The proposed additional credit would help finance the costs associated with (i) the completion of connectivity infrastructure in Congo's western region (active equipment) from Pointe Noire to Mbinda along the CFCO railway infrastructure, as well as (ii) the support to a local ICT incubator such as Yekolab, and the establishment of a Digital Development Fund in the Republic of Congo. The construction of this fiber optic infrastructure was included under the CAB3 project's scope as originally defined at appraisal. However, there are insufficient funds under the original IDA Credit to finance some key equipment due to cost overruns incurred in the delivery of the rest of the civil works and of the active equipment (notably termination and shelters equipment). Counterpart funding that was supposed to cover these extra costs has been delayed due to severe budget constraints. Construction of this fiber optic link and related active equipment at the shelter level continues to be vital to the international connectivity of Congo and its connection to Gabon as originally intended, and it will lead to more fully realizing the benefits of other structures already financed in the sector, most notably the PCN (Projet de Couverture Nationale) and the upcoming infrastructure project funded by the African Development Bank. In addition, the proposed Additional Financing will scale up activities in component 3 by establishing and providing seed money for a new Digital Development Fund (Fonds de Développement du Numérique), aiming at leveraging private investors willing to promote entrepreneurship in the ICT sector in Congo, creation of local content, and create new job opportunities for youth in the country.

The parent project is AFCC2/RI-Central African Backbone - APL3 - Republic of Congo (P122398)



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## Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)



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### Contact Information

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### Bank Documents

- [Appraisal Project Information Document-Integrated Safeguards Data Sheet - Central African Backbone S](#) [Original Source]
- [Congo, Republic of - Third Phase of the Central African Backbone Program Project : additional financ](#) [Original Source]