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Quick Facts

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

Project Description

The proposed additional credit would help finance the costs associated with (i) the completion of connectivity infrastructure in Congos 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 continue 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 National) 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 DÃ©veloppement du NumÃ©rique), 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)

Investment Description

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Contact Information

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Bank Documents

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