Early Warning System

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Africa Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund for Applied Sciences, Engineering and Technology

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Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	C
Voting Date	2018-07-05
Borrower	International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology
Sectors	Education and Health
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 15.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 24.00 million

Project Description

The objective of the project is to support the enhancement region-wide of the quality and sustainability of doctoral training, research and innovation in applied sciences, engineering and technology (ASET). The Project will build on the established framework of the PASET Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund (RSIF) to finance scholarships and research and innovation grants in applied sciences, engineering and technology in Africa, which will contribute to raising to international levels the quality of doctoral training, research and innovation in selected African universities in ASET areas. It is envisioned that this Fund will grow to finance activities beyond the duration of the Project and help create the needed nurturing environment for research and development in sub-Saharan Africa.

These objectives will be achieved through activities categorized under three primary components:

1. Support to the implementation of the Scholarship and Innovation Fund;
    i. Doctoral training in ASET fields in selected African universities.rogram.
    ii. Research grants. These grants will support research projects in ASET fields aligned with the needs of the priority sectors, presented by faculty of RSIF host institutions involved in a PhD program with RSIF scholars.
    iii. Innovation grants.
2. Design and operationalization of a Permanent Fund - This Component will support the design of a Permanent Fund in terms of its statutes, governance, structure and funding strategies, as well as the definition and implementation of the studies necessary for successful implementation and guaranteeing the sustainability of the Permanent Fund.
3. System strengthening.
    i. This Sub-component will finance the definition of the institutional arrangements to operate RSIF and investigation of gender issues during project preparation
    ii. This Sub-component will support the strengthening of the RSIF host universities in the governance of their postgraduate and research programs, including financing the design and implementation of quality assurance, accreditation and benchmarking mechanisms, the required data collection and the design and implementation of corresponding information systems

Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

Total Project Cost - 24m
IDA Grant 15m

Non-World Bank Group Financing
Single Purpose Trust Fund 9m

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Bank Documents

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