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Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2021-03-30
Borrower	African Union Commission
Sectors	Law and Government, Technical Cooperation
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 300.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 300.00 million

Project Description

According to bank documents, the project objective is to strengthen the capacity of the African Union Commission (AUC) and participating countries to serve African citizens, businesses, and governments through adoption of selected digital public sector platforms.

The project has three components:

1. Component 1: Strengthening the capacity of the AUC-level mechanisms to implement the AU Digital Transformation Strategy (US$30 million). This component seeks to support the AUC-level mechanisms in fostering the conditions for public sector digital transformation and adoption of public digital platforms across the continent. The objectives are: (i) to foster economies of scale and efficiency gain in public digital transformation across the continent, (ii) to implement the basis for interoperable cross-border digital platforms, (iii) to improve the institutional capacity of the AUC to implement its digital transformation strategy, and (iv) to provide a framework to support the capacity of AUC member countries and foster peer-to-peer learning for digital transformation. The component will support the AUC and related regional bodies.
2. Component 2: Supporting citizen-centric digital transformation and integration at country level (US$270 million). The component seeks to support countries in the implementation of their public sector digital transformation agenda. Proposed interventions under this component will seek to support the implementation of government digital platforms based upon the proposed AUC regional guidelines and frameworks developed under Component 1. This component will be a combination of input-based lending (investment and TA), as well as performance-based financing. The interventions will support the implementation of the whole-of-government approach to digital transformation and citizen centric digital platforms to foster improved governance of digital transformation, economies of scale, efficiency gains and improved service delivery to citizens.
3. Component 3: Contingent Emergency Response Component (CERC) (US$0). The component will provide funding following an eligible emergency. The component will include conditions for the use of funds, and will only be triggered when certain actions, as agreed by the Government and Bank teams, are met. These actions include the following: (i) the country experiences an eligible emergency; and (ii) the country presents a sound and actionable country-level response plan. This component provides a platform for country-level discussions about the importance and need for country-level readiness to respond to disease outbreaks. Once triggered, the component will be guided by Investment Project Financing (IPF) Policy, Paragraph 12, which enables rapid reallocation of funds between project components following an emergency. Together with the operational, fiduciary, procurement, disbursement and financial management arrangements that underpin its implementation, the component provides a conduit for additional emergency funds into the project.

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Bank Documents

- Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Digital Governance Capacity for Africa - P1 [Original Source]
- Concept Project Information Document (PID) - Digital Governance Capacity for Africa - P172935 [Original Source]