Early Warning System

WB-P515614

Power Regional Integration through Market-Enabled Gas

Quick Facts

Countries	Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2026-06-29
Borrower	Governments of Benin, Ivory Coast and Togo - CI-Energies; and others
Sectors	Energy, Infrastructure
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 140.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 140.00 million

Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the objective of this project is to enable midstream and downstream natural gas investments and strengthen institutional capacity for national gas market and regional gas trade in participating countries.

The PRIME-GAS project aims to enhance energy security and promote regional integration by developing midstream and downstream natural gas infrastructure in Cote d'Ivoire, Benin, and Togo. It focuses on supporting immediate gas import solutions, creating long-term Gas Master Plans, and strengthening the regulatory and institutional frameworks to attract investment and ensure sustainable development of the gas sector.

This regional project aims to provide technical assistance and kickstart initial investments to help countries carry out the necessary preparation for the implementation of their short, medium, and long-term gas strategies, at both the national and regional levels. This could provide a foundation for a subsequent multi-phase approach (MPA) that supports the implementation of these strategies, which includes, in the first stage, direct loans for import infrastructure and payment/trade finance guarantee for imports, and eventually extending to gas and electricity infrastructures between the three countries to enhance regional integration in the medium to long term. It is structured around five components.

Component 1 - Supporting gas import solutions - facilitates the import strategies of the three countries, including a potential integration of Benin and Togo into a joint LNG import solution led by Cote d'Ivoire. It supports the necessary technical, commercial, and regulatory groundwork to enable gas imports and distribution.

Component 2 - Gas Master Plan and investment preparation for mid and downstream infrastructure - supports the development of long-term Gas Master Plans (2026-2040) for the three countries to guide infrastructure investment. It aims to prepare bankable projects by conducting detailed feasibility studies, engineering designs, and financing strategies.

Component 3 - Regulatory and institutional strengthening - aims to establish a coherent and stable regulatory, institutional, and operational framework for the gas sector. It focuses on creating legal instruments and building capacity to attract investment and ensure effective implementation.

Component 4 - Supporting regional integration - supports investments and studies related to the development of regional gas and power networks to enhance cross-border trade. It aims to position the countries as key players in the regional energy market, including the West African Gas Pipeline (WAGP).

Component 5 - Project management - reinforces the capacity of the implementing agencies in each country to manage the project effectively. It provides tailored support for project implementation, fiduciary management, stakeholder engagement, and E&S compliance.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

The overall environmental and social risk classification for the Program is considered **High**, due to detailed feasibility studies (including E&S) for regional and national gas pipeline infrastructures as well as for LNG receiving terminal and storage facilities at Cotonou and Lome Ports with their potential significant downstream impacts on natural habitats, biodiversity, and marine species, as well as risks of soil and water pollution.

Other potential downstream risks include health and safety risks to workers and communities; economic displacement in urban settings as well as restrictions on land use and access to natural resources,issues that, if not well managed, could lead to local tensions.

Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)

Total Project Cost: US$ 140.00 million

IDA Credit / IDA Shorter Maturity Loan (SML): US$ 140.00 million

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Bank Documents

- Appraisal Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Power Regional Integration through Market
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- Appraisal Project Information Document (PID)
- Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Togo - Power Regional Integration through Market-Enabled Gas Project
- Climate Finance Assessment (P515614)
- Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Power Regional Integration through Market-E
- Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP) - Power Regional Integration through Market-Enabled
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- ESIA Terms of Reference for expansion of the R and M station in Benin Power Regional Integration thr
- Official Documents- Disbursement and Financial Information Letter for Credit (A) 8097-TG and Credit
- Official Documents- Disbursement and Financial Information Letter for Credit 8105-CI.pdf
- Official Documents- Financing Agreement for Credit (A) 8097-TG and Credit (B) 8103-TG.pdf
- Official Documents- Financing Agreement for Credit 8105-CI.pdf
- Official Documents- Project Agreement with CI-Energies for Credit 8105-CI.pdf
- Record of Approval on an Absence of Objection Basis on June 29, 2026
- Revised Draft Terms of Reference for the Strategic Environmental and Assessment (SESA) for gas pipel
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- Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) - Power Regional Integration through Market-Enabled Gas - P515614
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