Early Warning System

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Senegal-Mauritania Accelerating gas Resources for economic Transformation - Phase 1

Quick Facts

Countries	Mauritania, Senegal
Financial Institutions	World Bank (WB)
Status	Proposed
Bank Risk Rating	A
Voting Date	2026-12-22
Borrower	Governments of Mauritania and Senegal - GES PETROGAZ
Sectors	Energy, Law and Government, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 50.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 50.00 million

Project Description

According to the Bank’s website, the objective of this project is to improve the regulatory and technical capacity to manage gas resources effectively and enable gas-to-power investments to a bankable stage in Senegal and Mauritania.

Phase 1 of the SMART GAS regional MPA is a technical assistance, institutional strengthening and investment preparation operation that lays the foundational conditions for sustainable gas monetization and gas-to-power development in Senegal and Mauritania. It builds the human capital, regulatory frameworks, governance systems, and transaction-ready project structures that are prerequisites for the large physical investments planned under Phase 2. At a regional level, it promotes regulatory harmonization and operational alignment (such as pipeline O&M) as building blocks for a nascent regional gas market.

In Senegal (USD 30 million), it strengthens the State's capacity to independently oversee, monitor, audit, and capture revenues from producing offshore fields, while simultaneously enabling the domestic gas market through strategic planning, infrastructure studies, and private sector transaction support. In Mauritania (USD 20 million), it operationalizes the institutional and technical foundations for gas-to-power development and a modernized power transmission system. Phase 1 is an enabling operation that builds frameworks, capacities, plans, and bankable studies that will ultimately deliver cleaner and cheaper electricity to households and firms in both countries.

Early Warning System Project Analysis

The overall environmental and social risk classification for Phase 1 is rated **High**, driven primarily by the significant downstream social and environmental risks and adverse impacts anticipated in Phase 2. While Phase 1 only finances technical assistance — including feasibility studies, E&S assessments, and transaction advisory support — these activities will directly shape the design, siting, and governance of future Phase 2 investments across the gas-to-power value chain in Senegal and Mauritania, which carry significant potential risks and adverse impacts on sensitive environmental and social receptors. However, the direct environmental and social risks for Phase 1 are considered Moderate and are associated mainly with field missions, inspections, and consultations and transaction advisory consultancy.

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Total Project Cost: US$ 50.00 million

IDA Credit: US$ 50.00 million

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Bank Documents

- Concept Environmental and Social Review Summary (ESRS) - Senegal-Mauritania Accelerating gas Resourc
- Concept Project Information Document (PID)