

 Early Warning System

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ASSISTANCE TO THE COMESA TO CONDUCT A MARKET ANALYSIS ON
A REGIONAL CLOUD ECOSYSTEM # PHASE 1



Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	African Development Bank (AFDB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2022-03-14
Borrower	COMESA
Sectors	Communications, Law and Government
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 0.56 million



Project Description

According to bank provided information, the objectives of the project are (1) to undertake market demands analyses in relation with eGov development and digital platforms emergence (for e-commerce purposes, for instance) across the region, (2) to conduct a market study (financial and economic) (with a cost-benefit analysis – ROI/EVA) assessment as well as detailed business plan including some relevant ratios (FNPV, ENPV, FIRR and EIRR) and (3) to assess the digital ecosystem (governance, data protection, regional dispute settlements, PPP environment, etc.) in order to promote cross-border data and financial flows.

This intervention concerns the first phase of the assistance to the COMESA to conduct a market analysis on a regional cloud ecosystem. It will demonstrate the bankability of a regional cloud ecosystem implementation and give rise to a more detailed feasibility study for the underlying investment project. This project will be a multipurpose multinational high-tech facility geared to improve the security and performance of IT tools and services in the North and Southern corridor. It will boost business opportunities in the region through information exchange, development of common e-government and other e - services and indirect job creation helping communities transition into the digital mainstream. Further, it will reduce the cost of doing business and enhance competitiveness through fostering regional connectivity and deepening integration on the continent. The project will aid the continent to achieve UN Sustainable Development Goals by enabling access to 24/7 e services for key sectors such as Trade, Education, Health, economy, Government, Agriculture etc.



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