

 Early Warning System

WB-P171238

Mauritania 2nd Competition & Skills DPF



Quick Facts

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| Countries | Mauritania |
| Financial Institutions | World Bank (WB) |
| Status | Proposed |
| Bank Risk Rating | U |
| Voting Date | 2020-06-01 |
| Borrower | Government of Mauritania |
| Sectors | Communications, Law and Government |
| Investment Type(s) | Loan |
| Investment Amount (USD) | \$ 30.00 million |
| Project Cost (USD) | \$ 30.00 million |



Project Description

According to bank documents, the program objective is to support the Government of Mauritania (GoM) in strengthening the business and competition environment while increasing climate resilience and human capital for private sector led growth.

The updated reform framework aims at creating Jobs through Economic Transformation (JET) and builds on strengthening market efficiency and connectivity (Pillars 1 and 2), while increasing climate resilience and human capital for private sector led growth (Pillar 3):

1. Pillar 1 supports reforms in SMEs' business environment. This pillar focuses on strengthening access of economic agents to an efficient and transparent commercial justice system and to reliable information on companies and collateralized assets. These reforms will strengthen the Government's objectives to modernize and diversify the economy, level the playing field among economic agents, reduce time and costs to enforce contracts for SMEs, improve commercial dispute resolution between economic actors, strengthen insolvency regimes, and improve access to credit. Ultimately, this will increase the attractiveness of the country for both national and international investors.
2. Pillar 2 supports reforms of the broadband digital infrastructure. This pillar focuses on removing barriers to investment and competition in the internet broadband market and facilitating equitable access to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) / digital services. It does so through regulatory reforms that: (i) open the internet retail and wholesale market up for competition and new entrants; (ii) promote access to dominant operators' essential infrastructure and reduces the costs for deploying digital infrastructure; and (iii) boosts sustainable financing and more projects in underserved areas, especially rural ones. The goal is for low-cost, high quality, broadly accessible ICT services to boost the overall productivity of the economy, enhance new business opportunities for private sector development, and leverage technology for more efficient and accessible service delivery.
3. Pillar 3 supports reforms to strengthen human capital. The aim is to boost resilience to climatic shocks while improving the quality and demand driven nature of education and skills development. On one hand, reforms will provide for a functional institutional and financial framework to respond to climate related shocks (droughts and floods) with the objective to assure food security. On the other hand, reforms aim at improving school autonomy and teachers' competence, recruitment systems, and effective deployment. The program also supports measures to overhaul the Technical and Vocational Education Training (TVET) governance systems especially for financing, training and curriculum. It also crowds-in the private sector to boost the relevance of the training offered and align it with labor market demands. These reforms are essential to improve the quality and relevance of skills provided by the national education system and as a result boost the competitiveness of the private sector and long-term productivity.



Investment Description

- World Bank (WB)



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