

## INTERNATIONAL SAVA RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

# **GEF Sava and Drina River Corridors Integrated Development Program P175192**

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL and SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN (ESCP)**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT PLAN

1. The International Sava River Basin Commission (hereinafter: the Recipient) shall implement Part 4 of the GEF Sava and Drina River Corridors Integrated Development Program (P175192) (the **Project**), additional financing to the Sava and Drina River Corridors Integrated Development Program (P168862) (the Parent Project), through the regional Project Implementation Unit (PIU) to be established within the Recipient. The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, acting as Implementing Agency of the Global Environment Facility, (hereinafter the Bank) has agreed to provide financing for the Project.
2. The Recipient shall implement material measures and actions so that the Project is implemented in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (**ESSs**). This Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (**ESCP**) sets out material measures and actions to be carried out or caused to be carried out by the Recipient, including the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting arrangements, grievance management and the environmental and social assessments and instruments to be prepared or updated, disclosed, consulted upon, adopted and implemented under the ESCP and the ESSs, all in a manner acceptable to the Bank.
3. The Recipient shall be responsible for compliance with all requirements of the ESCP.
4. The Recipient shall implement, monitor and report to the Bank on the material measures and actions set out in this ESCP as required by the ESCP and the conditions of the legal agreement, and the Bank shall monitor and assess progress and completion of the material measures and actions throughout implementation of the Project.
5. As agreed by the Bank and the Recipient, this ESCP may be revised from time to time during Project implementation, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to assessment of Project performance conducted under the ESCP itself. In such circumstances, the Recipient shall agree to the changes with the Bank and shall update the ESCP to reflect such changes. Agreement on changes to the ESCP shall be documented through the exchange of letters signed between the Bank and the Recipient. The Recipient shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.
6. Where Project changes, unforeseen circumstances, or Project performance result in changes to the risks and impacts during Project implementation, the Recipient shall implement actions and measures to address such risks and impacts, which may include environmental, social, health, and safety impacts including but not limited to labor risks and sexual exploitation and abuse and sexual harassment (SEA/SH).

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MATERIAL MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBLE ENTITY/AUTHORITY
<b>MONITORING AND REPORTING</b>			
A	<p><b>REGULAR REPORTING</b></p> <p>Prepare and submit to the Bank regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social, health and safety (ESHS) performance of the Project, including but not limited to the implementation of the ESCP, stakeholder engagement activities, functioning of the grievance mechanism(s), etc.</p>	Semi-annually starting from the Effective Date, as part of regular progress reporting, throughout Project implementation.	Regional PIU
B	<p><b>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS</b></p> <p>Notify the Bank of any incident or accident related to the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers including accidents involving workers or members of affected communities, labor issues, SEA/SH allegations etc. Provide sufficient detail regarding the incident or accident, indicating immediate measures taken or that are planned to be taken to address it, and any information provided by any contractor and supervising entity, as appropriate.</p> <p>Subsequently, as per the Bank's request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to prevent its recurrence.</p>	<p>Notify the Bank within 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident.</p> <p>A report to be provided within a timeframe acceptable to the Bank, as requested.</p> <p>This notification/reporting system shall be in place throughout Project implementation.</p>	Regional PIU
<b>ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS</b>			
1.1	<p><b>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE</b></p> <p>Establish an organizational structure (Regional PIU) within the Recipient with resources, terms of reference, functions, and composition including qualified staff to support management of environmental and social risks of the Project, all in a manner acceptable to the Bank. The Environmental and Social Specialist shall be engaged by the Recipient on a permanent basis, in a manner acceptable to the Bank.</p> <p>Maintain communication and cooperation with national implementing structures including PIUs in line with the overall Parent Project development, and as needed related to the development of the regional studies.</p> <p>For hiring consultants for the development of the regional studies, environmental and social competencies will be included in the Terms of Reference.</p>	<p>Not later than 90 days after the Effective Date.</p> <p>The organizational structure, including the environmental and social specialist shall be maintained throughout Project implementation</p> <p>Throughout Project implementation</p> <p>Throughout Project implementation, as needed and advertised.</p>	<p>Recipient</p> <p>Regional PIU</p> <p>Regional PIU</p>

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1.2	<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p>Ensure that the consultancies, studies, capacity building, training and any other technical assistance activities under the Project, including, inter alia, any environmental and social assessments and related environmental and social instruments, are carried out in accordance with the relevant requirements of the ESSs and with terms of reference acceptable to the Bank.</p> <p>Ensure that any outputs from the technical assistance activities, including, inter alia, any environmental assessment and related environmental and social instruments, shall be consistent with the ESSs.</p> <p>Ensure the exchange of information with national implementation structure including PIUs on the implementation of country- specific ESMFs, RPFs, SEPs and LMPs under the Parent Project</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	Regional PIU
1.3	<p><b>MANAGEMENT TOOLS AND INSTRUMENTS</b></p> <p>Ensure all planning, strategic and design documents applicable to the Project , <i>i.e.</i>, SEP and an LMP specifically for this Project , are prepared or updated as needed, disclosed, consulted upon, adopted, and implemented in accordance with the requirements of ESSs and in a manner acceptable to the Bank.</p>	<p>The SEP for this project reflects the Project activities and will be disclosed, consulted upon and adopted prior to project appraisal.</p> <p>An LMP shall be prepared, disclosed, consulted, and adopted prior to engaging any Project workers.</p> <p>All relevant E&amp;S instruments shall be implemented throughout the Project implementation.</p>	Regional PIU
<b>ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS</b>			
2.1	<p><b>LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES</b></p> <p>Ensure that the relevant aspects of ESS2 apply to Project workers, as appropriate, in accordance with the type of workers involved in the Project activities; and the Labor Management Procedures (LMP/s) for the Project if needed and developed; all in accordance with the requirements of ESS2 and in a manner acceptable to the Bank.</p>	A LMP (which includes elements of the workers GRM) shall be prepared for this regional PIU (or the Parent Project's LMPs shall be updated, as needed), disclosed, consulted, and adopted, once the composition of the Regional PIU is known, and prior to	Recipient

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		engaging any Project workers. The LMP shall be implemented thereafter throughout the Project implementation.	
2.2	<b>GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS</b> Develop, maintain and operate a grievance mechanism for Project workers as will be described in the LMP/s developed or updated for this Project consistent with the requirements of ESS2 and in a manner acceptable to the Bank. The main elements of the workers GRM will be set out in the LMP/s.	Grievance mechanism shall be operational prior to engaging Project workers and maintained throughout the Project implementation.	Regional PIU
2.3	<b>OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OHS) MEASURES</b> OHS measures shall be adopted as needed, in particular where any of the studies to be conducted as part of the Project require assessments and analysis on the ground. These measures shall be and adopted and implemented in accordance with the requirements of ESS2 and in a manner acceptable to the Bank.	Throughout the Project implementation.	Regional PIU and in cooperation with national PIUs, as needed
<b>ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b>			
3.1	<b>RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b> The regional studies shall stipulate provisions to promote resource efficiency and pollution prevention and management measures in line with ESS3.  All strategic plans, programs and documents that will be prepared as part of the Project shall be consistent with ESS3 and acceptable to the Bank.	Throughout the Project implementation.	Regional PIU and in cooperation with national PIUs as needed
<b>ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>			
4.1	<b>COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY</b> All strategic plans, programs and documents that will be prepared as part of the Project shall be consistent with ESS4 and acceptable to the Bank.	Throughout Project implementation.	Regional PIU and in cooperation with national PIUs as needed
<b>ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT</b>			
5.1	<b>RESETTLEMENT PLANS</b> All strategic plans, programs and documents that will be prepared as part of the Project shall be consistent with ESS5 and acceptable to the Bank.	Throughout the Project implementation	Regional PIU and in cooperation with national PIUs as needed
<b>ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES</b>			
6.1	<b>BIODIVERSITY RISKS AND IMPACTS:</b> All strategic plans, programs and documents that will be prepared as part of the Project shall be consistent with ESS6.	Throughout Project implementation.	Regional PIU and in cooperation with national PIUs as needed

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<b>ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES</b>			
7.1	Currently not relevant to the project		
<b>ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>			
8.1	<p><b>CHANCE FINDS</b>                      All strategic plans, programs and documents that will be prepared as part of the Project shall be consistent with ESS8 and acceptable to the Bank, in particular for areas that are considered as cultural heritage.</p>	Throughout Project implementation.	Consultants engaged on the development of the studies, where relevant
<b>ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES</b>			
9.1	Currently not relevant to the project		
<b>ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE</b>			
10.1	<p><b>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION</b>                      Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) prepared for the Project shall be disclosed, consulted upon and adopted.                      SEP shall be updated as necessary, and shall be implemented in a manner consistent with ESS10 and acceptable to the Bank.</p>	<p>Prior to project appraisal.</p> <p>Throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>Recipient</p> <p>Regional PIU</p>
10.2	<p><b>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM:</b>                      Prepare, adopt, and operationalize a grievance mechanism, as described in the Project's SEP. The Grievance Mechanism shall receive and facilitate resolution of concerns and grievances in relation to the Project, promptly and effectively, in a transparent manner that is culturally appropriate and readily accessible to all Project-affected parties, at no cost and without retribution, including concerns and grievances filed anonymously, in a manner consistent with ESS10. The grievance mechanism shall also receive, register and address concerns and grievances related to the sexual exploitation and abuse, sexual harassment in a safe and confidential manner, including through the referral of survivors to gender-based violence service providers.</p> <p>Maintain and operate a grievance mechanism, as described in the SEP prepared for this Project.</p>	<p>Not later than 90 days after the Effective Date. It is advisable to coordinate this with the timing of hiring of the social specialist.</p> <p>Throughout Project implementation</p>	<p>Regional PIU</p> <p>Regional PIU</p>
<b>CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)</b>			
CS1	Training for Regional PIU staff on Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) requirements	Starting after the establishment of the regional PIU and throughout the Project implementation.	Bank team to train staff. Specialists to train consultants as necessary.