

**INSTITUT DES FINANCES BASIL FULEIHAN
LEBANON DIGITAL PROCUREMENT PROJECT
P178801**

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

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1. The Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan (IoF) (the Recipient) will implement the Lebanon Digital Procurement Project (the **Project**) as set out in the Grant Agreement. The World Bank has agreed to provide financing for the Project (P178801) as set out in the referred agreement.
2. The Recipient shall ensure that the Project is carried out in accordance with the Environmental and Social Standards (ESSs) and this Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP), in a manner acceptable to the Bank. The ESCP is a part of the Grant Agreement. Unless otherwise defined in this ESCP, capitalized terms used in this ESCP have the meanings ascribed to them in the referred agreement(s).
3. Without limitation to the foregoing, this ESCP sets out material measures and actions that the Recipient shall carry out or cause to be carried out, including, as applicable, the timeframes of the actions and measures, institutional, staffing, training, monitoring and reporting arrangements, and grievance management. The ESCP also sets out the environmental and social (E&S) instruments that shall be adopted and implemented under the Project, all of which shall be subject to prior consultation and disclosure, consistent with the ESS, and in form and substance, and in a manner acceptable to the Bank. Once adopted, said E&S instruments may be revised from time to time with prior written agreement by the Bank.
4. As agreed by the Bank and the Recipient, this ESCP will be revised from time to time if necessary, during Project implementation, to reflect adaptive management of Project changes and unforeseen circumstances or in response to Project performance. In such circumstances, the Recipient and the Bank agree to update the ESCP to reflect these changes through an exchange of letters signed between the Bank and the Recipient the Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan. The Recipient shall promptly disclose the updated ESCP.

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A	<p>REGULAR REPORTING: Prepare and submit to the Bank regular monitoring reports on the environmental, social and health and safety (ESHS) performance of the Project, including but not limited to the implementation of the ESCP and SEP and functioning of the grievance mechanisms.</p>	<p>Starting from the Effective Date, biannual reports shall be submitted no later than 20 days after the end of each reporting period and maintained throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan (IoF)</p>
B	<p>INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS NOTIFICATION: The Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan shall promptly notify any incident or accident related or having an impact on the Project which has, or is likely to have, a significant adverse effect on the environment, the affected communities, the public or workers, including, inter alia, cases of sexual exploitation and abuse, and sexual harassment (SEA/SH) and accidents that result in death, serious or multiple injury. Provide sufficient detail regarding the scope, severity, and possible causes of 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/or supervising firm, as appropriate.</p> <p>Subsequently, at the Bank's request, prepare a report on the incident or accident and propose any measures to address it and prevent its recurrence.</p>	<p>Notify the Bank within 48 hours after learning of the incident or accident. A report would be provided within a timeframe acceptable to the Bank, as requested. This notification/reporting system shall remain in place throughout Project implementation.</p>	<p>Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan (IoF)</p>
ESS 1: ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISKS AND IMPACTS			
1.1	<p>ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE: Establish an organizational structure for Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan with qualified staff to support management of E&S risks including stakeholder engagement. The organizational structure will</p>	<p>The organizational structure shall be established by project Effective Date and</p>	<p>Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan (IoF)</p>

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	include a part-time focal point of contact to support management of environmental, social, health and safety risks and impacts of the Project.	maintained throughout project implementation. The part-time E&S focal point has been nominated.	
ESS 2: LABOR AND WORKING CONDITIONS			
2.1	LABOR MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES: Incorporate, in a manner acceptable to the Bank, the relevant aspects of ESS 2 in the contracts of consultants directly hired or engaged through third-parties to perform works related to core functions of the Project (including terms and conditions of employment, non-discrimination and equal opportunity for employment, worker's organizations, prevention of sexual harassment and sexual abuses, occupational health and safety (OHS) measures related to COVID-19 as per the national health requirements). These procedures will also be included in the Project Operations Manual (POM).	Throughout the project implementation.	Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan (IoF)
2.2	GRIEVANCE MECHANISM FOR PROJECT WORKERS: Develop and maintain a grievance mechanism for Project workers and trainees as described in the POM and consistent with ESS2 and ESS10. For consultants, work contracts will specify working conditions and arrangements for the management of possible complaints. For public servants, the current national grievance system, as described in the SEP, will be utilized.	Establish grievance mechanism prior engaging Project workers and thereafter maintain and operate it throughout Project implementation	Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan (IoF)
ESS 3: RESOURCE EFFICIENCY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT			

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3.1	Develop and implement as part of POM, the measures and procedures to manage e-waste and specific measures to save energy and reduce use of raw materials during the preparation and implementation of the Project activities.	To be implemented throughout the project lifecycle and should be reported in the progress Reports as per Section A.	Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan (IoF)
ESS 4: COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY			
4.1	COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY: Adopt and implement COVID-19 prevention measures during stakeholder engagement consistent with the Government of Lebanon and WHO prevention guidelines. These measures will be incorporated in the POM.	Throughout project implementation. Implementation of Community H&S measures will be reported in the progress Reports.	Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan (IoF)
ESS 5: LAND ACQUISITION, RESTRICTIONS ON LAND USE AND INVOLUNTARY RESETTLEMENT			
5.1	NA	NA	NA
ESS 6: BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF LIVING NATURAL RESOURCES			
6.1	NA	NA	NA
ESS 7: INDIGENOUS PEOPLES/SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED TRADITIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITIES			
7.1	NA	NA	NA
ESS 8: CULTURAL HERITAGE			
8.1	NA	NA	NA
ESS 9: FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES			
9.1	NA	NA	NA
ESS 10: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE			

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10.1	<p>STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION: Disclose and implement the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP) consistent with ESS10 in a manner acceptable to the Bank.</p>	<p>The SEP will be disclosed in June and shall be implemented throughout Project implementation and will be revised as relevant.</p>	<p>Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan (IoF)</p>
10.2	<p>PROJECT GRIEVANCE MECHANISM: Implement, maintain and operate a grievance mechanism, as described in the SEP. Accessible grievance arrangements shall be made publicly available to receive and facilitate the resolution of concerns and grievances in relation to the Project, consistent with ESS10, in a manner acceptable to the Bank. The grievance mechanism shall be equipped to receive, register, and facilitate the resolution of SEA/SH complaints, including through the referral of survivors to relevant gender-based violence service providers, all in a safe, confidential, and survivor-centered manner.</p>	<p>Throughout project implementation as described in the SEP under section 10.1 The SEP implementation will be included in the quarterly report as per Section A.</p>	<p>Institut des Finances Basil Fuleihan (IoF)</p>
CAPACITY SUPPORT (TRAINING)			
MATERIALS MEASURES AND ACTIONS		TIMEFRAME	RESPONSIBILITY ENTITY/AUTHORITY

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CS1	<p>The following trainings are proposed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-procurement capacity building of concerned stakeholders including within the Public Procurement Authority, to-be-pilot-contracting authorities, • Training of Trainers, general awareness, awareness to senior decision-makers, etc. • Capacity Building will be deployed on oversight bodies, etc. 	<p>ESS-related training as mentioned under section C.1 will be delivered to the relevant staff as required, including front-line implementers. Training will be delivered once project effectiveness and shall be continued throughout the project lifecycle. Reporting on training will be documented in the Reports as per Section A.</p>	<p>The IoF will hire the relevant experts to conduct the training as part of the project. Responsibility for ensuring that the necessary training is provided lies with the IoF.</p>