The World Bank AFCC2/RI -Support to NPCA TerrAfrica Secretariat (P149269)

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RESTRUCTURING PAPER ON A PROPOSED PROJECT RESTRUCTURING

OF

AFCC2/RI -SUPPORT TO NPCA TERRAFRICA SECRETARIAT

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

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BASIC DATA

Product Information

| Project ID | Financing Instrument |
|---------------------------------|--|
| P149269 | Investment Project Financing |
| Original EA Category | Current EA Category |
| | |
| Not Required (C) | Not Required (C) |
| Not Required (C) Approval Date | Not Required (C) Current Closing Date |

Organizations

| Borrower | Responsible Agency | | |
|----------|--|--|--|
| NEPAD | NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency | | |

Project Development Objective (PDO)

Original PDO

The PDO is to strengthen capacity at NEPAD Agency to support TerrAfrica member countries on knowledge management and actions forscaling up Sustainable Land and Water Management (SLWM).

The project objectives have been further specified along the project's three components:

Component 1, Support for Regional Coalition Building: Support NEPAD Agency to reinforce the regional coalition that aligns assistance to countries on SLWM and related issues.

Component 2, Support for Mutual Learning Amon g Member Countries: Support NEPAD Agency's mandate to meet country demand for knowledge and best practice tools to improve land management and climate resilience while maintaining natural capital to reinforce on-going investment operations in countries, as well as national and sector development planning.

Component 3, Support for Member Countries' SLWM Investment Planning: Strengthen NEPAD Agency's role in meeting country demand for expertise and tools to develop and implement SLWM work programs and national SLWM investment frameworks.

Summary Status of Financing

| TF | Approval | Signing | Effectiveness | Closing | Net Commitment | Disbursed | Undisbursed |
|----------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------|-------------|
| TF-A3918 | 16-Nov-2016 | 30-Nov-2016 | 30-Nov-2016 | 31-Mar-2018 | 1.75 | 1.20 | .55 |
| TF-17015 | 17-Jun-2014 | 17-Jun-2014 | 17-Jun-2014 | 31-May-2017 | 2.00 | 2.00 | 0 |

Policy Waiver(s)

Does this restructuring trigger the need for any policy waiver(s)?

No

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I. PROJECT STATUS AND RATIONALE FOR RESTRUCTURING

- A. More than three years into implementation, the project has reached a cruising mode and is heading towards conclusion. Rating is "Moderately Satisfactory" on Progress towards Development Objective, and Satisfactory on Implementation Progress. The PDO indicators are on track to meet the planned targets, except with regards to the interactive knowledge platform, which has been shelved (see below). The project is also on track in achieving its Intermediate Results targets. There has been positive performance progress on activities, targets and disbursement of the original grant following the allocation of additional financing in 2017. Hence, on *Regional Coalition Building for SLWM*, the TerrAfrica Secretariat has organized, or contributed to key meetings, events and conferences related to land restoration and landscapes management, as well as the annual TerrAfrica Executive Committees. On *Regional Knowledge Management*, experts for the interactive Knowledge Platform were recruited and used for ask-the-expert on-line services in 2017. The activites are now complete and NEPAD is in the process of drawing on lessons learned (e.g. poor internet connectivity) to improve the tool. The Secretariat is also collaborating with IUCN to organize a regional training on the Restoration Opportunity Assessment Methodology. On *Country Investment Support* for SLWM, several countries have requested and received technical assistance from the Secretariat in order to develop, review and promote investment frameworks for SLWM, undertake targeted studies, organize related communication and meetings, and document and disseminate SLWM practices. A study is under way to improve guidelines on the country investment framework development.
- B. The NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency, which hosts the TerrAfrica Secretariat, has requested a 2.5 month no cost extension in order to ensure quality completion of the planned activities, such as: supporting Malawi in reviewing the national investment framework for SLWM, sharing the outcomes of the study the guidelines on the country investment framework development, and implementing the recommendations of the study to restructure the TerrAfrica website. This will also allow the Secretariat to fully participate in the final Independent Evaluation of the TerrAfrica Partnership, which is expected to start by April.

This is justified not only by the fact that implementation of activities under the AF started slowly (Jan 2017), but because of challenges NEPAD has faced in filling some of the positions at the TerrAfrica Secretariat, also under the AF.

II. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGES

C. No cost extension request: The original closing date of the CTF grant is March 31st, 2018, and the new one would be June 15th, 2018. This will affect neither the targets set in the results framework, nor the work plan and budget structure.

| III. SUMMARY OF CHANGES | | |
|--|---------|-------------|
| | Changed | Not Changed |
| Change in Loan Closing Date(s) | ✓ | |
| Change in Implementation Schedule | ✓ | |
| Change in Implementing Agency | | ✓ |
| Change in Project's Development Objectives | | ✓ |
| Change in Results Framework | | ✓ |
| Change in Components and Cost | | ✓ |
| Cancellations Proposed | | ✓ |
| Additional Financing Proposed | | ✓ |
| Reallocation between Disbursement Categories | | ✓ |
| Change in Disbursements Arrangements | | ✓ |
| Change in Disbursement Estimates | | ✓ |
| Change in Overall Risk Rating | | ✓ |
| Change in Safeguard Policies Triggered | | ✓ |
| Change of EA category | | ✓ |
| Change in Legal Covenants | | ✓ |
| Change in Institutional Arrangements | | ✓ |
| Change in Financial Management | | ✓ |
| Change in Procurement | | ✓ |
| Other Change(s) | | √ |

IV. DETAILED CHANGE(S)

LOAN CLOSING DATE(S)

| TF | Status | Original Closing | Revised Closing(s) | Proposed Closing | Proposed Deadline for Withdrawal Applications |
|----------|-----------|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| TF-17015 | Closed | 31-May-2015 | 31-May-2017, 22- Feb-2018 | | |
| TF-A3918 | Effective | 31-Mar-2018 | | 15-Jun-2018 | 15-Oct-2018 |
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