

## Safeguards Compliance Memorandum

### Project Information

<b>Project Name</b>	Land Degradation Neutrality Fund Technical Assistance Facility
<b>GEF Focal Area</b>	Land Degradation
<b>Safeguards Categorization</b>	C

### Project Description

The project proposes to support the Technical Assistance Facility (TAF) to provide project preparedness and technical assistance services to build an effective portfolio of transformative projects for the Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) Fund. The aim of the TAF is to support investment readiness for projects seeking finance from the LDN Fund with a view to building a strong portfolio of transformative projects.

This will be achieved through the following components:

- 1) Improving technical and operational processes, advising on agronomy, forestry, sustainable land management services and enhancing financial structures of LDN-eligible projects for improved agricultural practices and increased land productivity, profitability, and/or sustainability; and
- 2) Knowledge management and effective project monitoring and evaluation.

### Project Location and Salient Physical Characteristics Relevant to the Safeguard Analysis

Not applicable.

<b>Safeguards Policy</b>	<b>Triggered</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Natural Habitats	No	N/A
Indigenous People	No	N/A
Involuntary Resettlement	No	N/A
Pest Management	No	N/A

### Summary of Key Safeguards Issues

**Describe any safeguard issues and impacts associated with the proposed project. Identify and describe any potential large scale, significant and/or irreversible impacts:**

This Project has been categorized by the WWF-GEF Agency as category "C" since it is a technical assistance activity and there are no environmental or social impacts envisaged under the project's technical advisory activities and does not trigger any WWF's environment and social safeguards policies. The WWF-GEF LDNF TAF Project will fund technical assistance activities such as consultancies, information exchange visits, training, stakeholder consultation process, land tenure analysis. As such, the LDNF TAF will have no on-the-ground activities.

<p>LDNF TAF support may include inter alia, environment impact assessments, social assessment or mitigation plans to meet the requirements of the LDNF Fund’s Environment and Social Management System. In other words, the role of the TAF is not to develop the safeguard system of the LDN Fund - which has already been developed based on IFC Performance Standards and VGGT - but to support projects to meet the LDNF ESS and become eligible for investment.</p>
<p><b>Describe measures taken by the Project Team to address safeguard policy issues. Provide an assessment of borrower capacity to plan and implement the measures described:</b></p>
<p><b>Identify the key stakeholders and describe the mechanisms for consultation and disclosure on safeguard policies, with an emphasis on potentially affected people:</b></p>


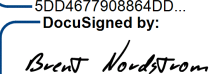
**Monitoring and Compliance**

<p>Have satisfactory calendar, budget and clear institutional responsibilities been prepared for the implementation of measures related to safeguard policies? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Have costs related to safeguard policy measures been included in the project cost? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Does the Monitoring and Evaluation system of the project include the monitoring of safeguard impacts and measures related to safeguard policies? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Have satisfactory implementation arrangements been agreed with the borrower and the same been adequately reflected in the project legal documents? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Have relevant safeguard policies documents been sent to WWF-US? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Have relevant documents been disclosed in-country in a public place in a form and language that are understandable and accessible to project-affected groups and local NGOs? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> NA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

**Disclosure Requirements**

Not Applicable.

**Approvals**

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