

WWF Environmental and Social Safeguards Categorization Memorandum

Project Title: Land Degradation Neutrality Fund Technical Assistance Facility	Date: 7/12/2018															
Project Location and salient physical characteristics relevant to the safeguard analysis: N/A	Project Categorization (A, B, C): C															
<p>Project Description:</p> <p>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 UNCCD 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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 																
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<p>Summary of Key Safeguard Issues:</p> <p>The proposed program has been categorized as category "C" since it is a technical assistance activity and there are no environmental or social impacts envisaged under the project. However, the LDN Fund will be financing investments that may have potential adverse environment and social impacts and will be assessed under the LDN Fund Environment and Social Management System.</p>																
<p>Describe any potential indirect and/or long term impacts due to anticipated future activities in the project area:</p> <p>There are no potential indirect and/or long term impacts anticipated.</p>																

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Required actions: (type of ESIA, ESMP, IPP, IPMP, RAP, consultations, disclosure)

No further assessments are necessary

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