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Public Disclosure of the Liberia Land Administration Project (LLAP) Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)

Background

One of the critical constraints to Liberia's sustained and inclusive growth is its land ownership which has a complex history with land rights alternating between individuals, communities and the GoL. Less than 20 percent of the country's total land is formally registered.

As part of the poverty reduction strategy, the Legislature passed into law the National Forestry Reform Law (2006), which laid the basis for the enactment in 2009, of the Community Rights Law with respect to forest land. A proposed Land Rights Act to formalize customary land ownership has been drafted and submitted to the National Legislature for passage.

To address these land related challenges, the Government of Liberia created a National Land Commission in 2009 to explore and analyze Liberia's land tenure issues and propose policy and legal reforms. The term of the Land Commission expired in January 2016 and led to the creation of a new body, the Liberia Land Authority (LLA). With the passing of the LLA Act by the Legislature in October 2016, the LLA has the legal mandate for land administration in Liberia.

Project Brief

To support the land administration reform process, a Liberia Land Administration Project (LLAP) was developed with support from the World Bank. As part of the preparation for LLAP, the Government of Liberia requested and obtained approval for a Project Preparation Facility (PPF) from the World Bank, effective April 1, 2014. Under the PPF, several studies have been approved to be conducted by local and international consultants.

The LLAP aims to support the operationalization of the Liberia Land Authority and inform the development of a new land administration system. The project consists of four (4) major components. Although not all the components will require an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment, they are summarized below to provide an overview:

1. Support to the Liberia Land Authority
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2. Support inventory and analysis of tribal land certificates
3. Support options for land administration
4. Project Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation

LLAP triggered two of the World Bank safeguard policies, namely the Environmental Assessment (OP 4.01) and Forests (OP 4.36), will lead to the preparation of an Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) under this assignment.

Disclosure Location

The Liberia Land Authority (LLA) is providing twenty-one (21) working days public notice for information and comments on the ESMF Report for the Liberia Land Administration Project. Copies of the ESMF Report can be found at the LLA office located in the Goodridge Building, Jallah Town Road, between 9th and 8th Streets, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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