

EXTERNAL FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT ON WAPP SOLAR PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (PFS) GRANT IDA N° D332

Period: From January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

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THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Dear Sir,

We have audited the financial statements of the Solar Development Sub – Saharan Africa Project implemented by the West African Power Pool (WAPP) Secretariat for the period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. These financial statements comprise: the statement of financial position, Statement of cash receipts and payments, the Statement of Reconciliation of the Designated Account and notes containing the main accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

The WAPP Secretariat is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements. This responsibility includes: designing, implementing and maintaining internal control procedures relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due fraud the determination to or errors. as well as of reasonable accounting estimates. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing ISA issued by the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC). Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit so as to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatements. An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risk that the financial statements contain material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the structure relating to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, and not in the purpose of expressing an opinion on its effectiveness.

An audit also includes assessing the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.



In performing our audit, we placed a particular emphasis on the concerns expressed in the terms of reference of the engagement, including the implementation of procedures allowing us to ensure that:

- Designated accounts are managed in relation to the provisions of funding agreements and that internal controls procedures over their utilization are reliable;
- Expenditures paid through the Designated Account and in respect of which withdrawal applications were prepared and submitted to IDA are supported by sufficient and appropriate supporting documents.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for the opinion expressed below.

In our opinion:

- The financial statements audited by us present truly and fairly in all material respects, the financial position of the Project as at December 31, 2020, and the results of its financial activities for the year then ended;
- Designated Accounts have not funded any ineligible expenditures and the statement of reconciliation is sufficiently reliable to justify their balances as at December 31, 2020.

Cotonou, June 29, 2020





STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBRE 31, 2020

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS						
(All amounts are expressed in US\$)						
	Notes	2020	2019	Cummulative		
Receipts						
Receipts from World Bank		2 765 283,00	350 000,00	3 115 283,00		
World Bank Direct Paymen	t	<u>485 214,00</u>	<u>182 455,00</u>	<u>667 669,00</u>		
Total receipts		<u>3 250 497,00</u>	<u>532 455,00</u>	<u>3 782 952,00</u>		
Payments						
Consultancy services	1	2 071 384,00	355 825,00	2 427 209,00		
Workshops	2	76 919,00	171 948,00	248 867,00		
Goods		<u>1 679,00</u>	<u>0,00</u>	<u>1 679,00</u>		
Total payments		<u>2 149 982,00</u>	<u>527 773,00</u>	<u>2 677 755,00</u>		
Decrease/increase in casl	n for the	<u>1 100 515,00</u>	<u>4 682,00</u>	<u>1 105 197,00</u>		

Movement in cash and bank balances

	2020	2019	
Balance at beginning of period	4 682,00	-	
(Decrease)/increase in the period	1 100 515,00	4 682,00	
Balance at end of period 3	1 105 197,00	4 682,00	

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION			
(All amounts are expressed in US\$)			
	Notes	Year Ended 31 [Dec. 2020
Current Assets		2020	2019
Cash and Bank Balances	4	1 105 197,00	4 682,00
Total Current Aseets		1 105 197,00	4 682,00
Accumulated Fund Balance		1 105 197,00	4 682,00

The notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

1. Project description

On July 7, 2018, the World Bank's Executive Board of Directors endorsed IDA grant support of USD 21 million to the WAPP Secretariat and its members. The IDA Regional Solar Development in Sub-Saharan Africa Series of Projects (SOP), Phase 1 (Sahel) was put in place to help WAPP ensure timely implementation of WAPP priority solar investments as defined in the WAPP Master Plan 2020 – 2023 and provide technical assistance activities to WAPP and its member utilities related to grid integration of variable renewables, in particular solar energy.

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On September 19, 2018, the World Bank and the WAPP Secretariat signed a grant agreement of \$21 million United States dollars for the 'Solar Development in Sub-Saharan Africa Project'. The agreement became effective on December 17, 2018. The Project is expected to close on October 31, 2023.

The SOP #1 is designed as technical assistance to WAPP to support the establishment of an enabling framework that would accelerate the deployment of large-scale solar plants in the WAPP region through the identification of technical bottlenecks, preparation of Regional Solar Parks, and knowledge sharing. SOP #1 will be implemented by the WAPP Secretariat in collaboration with the utilities and authorities of the recipient countries. SOP #1 consists of a regional IDA grant of US\$21 million, which will be used toward the identification and preparation of regional investments in solar electricity generation, grid infrastructure, dispatch and storage, along with capacity-building support with a particular focus on planning, regulations, and technical knowledge and resource assessment and validation. Special attention will be given to the integration of gender considerations in both components. This will be achieved mainly through staffing in the ICC and the WAPP Renewable Energy Task Force, as well as in capacity building and training activities, which will serve to reduce the gap in knowledge about gender and female staff in the solar energy sector.

2. Notes to the financial statements as at December 31, 2020

2.1. Accounting policies and methods

The financial statements of the Project have been prepared in accordance with the rules and principles for the preparation and presentation of the accounts as set by the International Public Sector Accounting Standards amended where appropriate to meet the specificities of development projects. These financial statements, which reflect the implementation of the project management activities, are comprised of:

- the Resources and Expenditures statements;
- the Statement of financial position;
- the Statement of Reconciliation of the Designated Account
- the list of inventory; and
- the notes providing details and explanations of the main items of the financial statements.

(i) Reporting currrency

Project account is held in USD.

(ii) Valuation methods

The method used for the valuation of items in the financial statements is that of historical cost.

(iii) Incomes

The resources reported in the accounts consist of funds actually received in the Project bank accounts and direct payments made by the World Bank to contractors.

(iv) Expenses

The expenses reported in the financial statements are expenses incurred within the Project implementation framework.

(v) Cash and Bank balances

It corresponds to the Project cash and bank balances. A bank account was opened to receive project funds which is: IDA Designated Account in USD held at ECOBANK under the name "**SOLAR DEVELOPMEN IN SUB SAHARAN AFRICA**".

An account is opened in the name of the Project with the World Bank to monitor the use of the IDA Grant. Movements observed in this account are consistent with those shown in the financial statements of the project.

2.2. Comments on the statement of cash receipts and payments

NOTES (All amounts are expressed in US\$)	2020	2019(Cummulative
Note 1 Consultancy services			
Consulting Fees & Expenses	2 035 888,00	344 283,00	2 380 171,00
Translators Fees Conferences & Meetings	-	10 776,00	10 776,00
Technical Coop with International Organizations	-		-
Installation - Professional Staff	3 000,00		3 000,00
Life Insurance Professional Staff	2 072,00		2 072,00
Medical Insurance Professional Staff	4 852,00		4 852,00
Membership Fees to Professional Bodies	8 902,00		8 902,00
Audit Fees	10 704,00		10 704,00
Local Accounts- Bank Charges	5 966,00	766,00	6 732,00
	2 071 384,00	355 825,00	2 427 209,00
Note 2 Workshops			
Travel Insurance		845,00	845,00
Petrol and Diesel Other Vehicles		261,00	261,00
Hired Vehicles	1 549,00	7 629,00	9 178,00
Official Missions Air Transport Other Staff	25 976,00	57 599,00	83 575,00
Official Missions Per Diem Other Staff	9 486,00	50 181,00	59 667,00
Official mission - Accommodation Other staff	22 847,00	42 974,00	65 821,00
E&TCM Conference Rental Fees		3 327,00	3 327,00
E&TCM Interpreters and Translators Fees	4 000,00		4 000,00
E&TCM Air Fares Strategic Planning Comm.	634,00		634,00
Reception Expenses	8 818,00	9 132,00	17 950,00
Air Transport	3 609,00		3 609,00
	76 919,00	171 948,00	248 867,00
Note 3 Goods			

	2020	2019	
Note 4 Cash and Bank Balances			
Ecobank Solar USD Account - 110027384030	1 103 123,00	2 608,00	
Petty Cash SOLAR USD	2 074,00	2 074,00	
	1 105 197,00	4 682,00	

3. Statement of expenditures of the Grant IDA D332 for the year ended 2020

The statement below summarizes for each Fund Reimbursement Request the nature of the application and the categories of expenditure financed.

WB/Trans No	Туре	Category summary		Amount requested	Amount deducted in USD	Amount payed in USD	Reception date
4 5 6	DA-A DA-A Direct payment	DA-A 1 1	USD USD EURO	1 400 000,00 1 365 283,00 400 573	- - -	1 400 000,00 1 365 283,00 485 214,00	24/11/2019 25/11/2020 21/11/2020
Total					-	3 250 497,00	

4. Reconciliation of the Designated Account for the year-ended 2020

4.1. Statement of reconciliation of the IDA Designated Account USD

(Period from January to December 2020)

The following statement summarizes the cash flows on the Project Designated Account held at **"ECOBANK**" under the name **"SOLAR DEVELOPMEN IN SUB SAHARAN AFRICA**".

DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS STATEMENTS		
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020		
(All amount expressed in United States of American Dollar)		
	Designated Account World Bank *110027384030 Ecobank USD	
Grant #D322		
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Balance - 1 Jan 2020	US\$ 2 608,00	1
Funds from the World Bank	2 765 283,00	2
Total Funds Available in the Designated Account	2 767 891,00	
Movement:		
Eligible Expenditure paid through the designated account during the year	- 1 664 768,00	3
Balance as at 31 December 2020	1 103 123,00	4

4.2. Commentary notes on the statement of reconciliation of the Designated Account

Note 1: IDA funds received

The amount of **USD 2 608** represents the opening balance funds at the beginning of the reviewed period as per the bank statement.

Note 2: IDA funds received

The amount of **USD 2 765 283** represents the funds received from the World Bank during year 2020 under the Grant IDA D332 on the Designated Account held at ECOBANK. The breakdown is as follows:

WB/Trans No	Туре		Amount payed in USD	Reception date
4	DA-A	USD	1 400 000,00	24/11/2019
5	DA-A	USD	1 365 283,00	25/11/2020
Total			2 765 283,00	

Note 3: Eligible expenditure paid through the designated account during the year 2020

This amount represents the total of the expenses paid through the designated account.

APPENDIX

FINANCIALS STATEMENTS

SOLAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (All amounts are expressed in US\$)

	Notes	2020	2019 Cummulative
Receipts Receipts from World Bank World Bank Direct Payment Total receipts	4 5	2 765 283,00 <u>485 214,00</u> <u>3 250 497,00</u>	350 000,00 3 115 283,00 182 455,00 667 669,00 532 455,00 3 782 952,00
Payments Consultancy services Workshops Goods Total payments Decrease/increase in cash for the period	6 7 8	2 07 384,00 76 919,00 <u>1 679,00</u> <u>2 149 982,00</u> <u>1 100 515,00</u>	355 825,00 2 427 209,00 171 948,00 248 867,00 0.00 1 679,00 527 773,00 2 677 755,00 4 682,00 1 105 197,00
Movement in cash and bank balances Balance at beginning of period (Decrease)/increase in the period		2020 4 682,00 1 100 515,00	2019 - 4 682,00
Balance at end of period	3	1 105 197,00	4 682,00

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SOLAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

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	Notes	Year Ended 31 Dec. 2020	
Current Assets		2020	2019
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SOLAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA NOTES

(All amounts are expressed in US\$)

1 General Information - Project Background Already sent to you but please find attached again

2 Accounting Policies

 a) Basis of preparation: The financial statements was prepared in accordance with International Sector Public Accounting Standards

b) Sources: These are mainly from the funds received into the Designated Account from the World Bank and Direct to third parties by the World Bank

c) Uses: Expendires are recognised when payments are made from the designated account or directly from the World Bank

d) Property, Plant and Equipment: These are expensed upon acquisition

e) Foreign Currency: The functional and reporting currency is United States Dollars

f) Cash and Bank: These consist of balances in the designated bank account and closing cash balances as at 31st December, 2020

g) Budget: The budget for the project is prepared on cash basis and covers the same year 2020 as the financial statement. The budget was approved by the Mort Bank and there was no reclassification

6 Consultancy services			
Consulting Fees & Expenses	2 035 888,00	344 283,00	2 380 171,00
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Direct Payment	485 214,00	182 455,00	667 669,00
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SOLAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020 (All amount expressed in United States of American Dollar)

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Grant #D322	World Bank 110027384030 Ecobank USD	
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Balance - 1 Jan 2020	US\$ 2 608,00	
Funds from the World Bank	2 765 283,00	
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Movement: Eligible Expenditure paid through the designated account during the year	(1 664 768,00)	
Balance as at 31 December 2020	1 103 1 23,00	
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Designated Account

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 110027384030 BANK RECONCILIATION AS AT 31/12/2020		3					
CURRENCY : USD PARTICULARS	DR	CR .	and a		PARTICULARS	DR	CR
31/12/2020 BAL AS PER SOLAR CASH BOOK	1 103 123,00			31/12/2020	BAL AS PER ECOBANK		1 103 122,60
BANK CREDIT NOT IN CASH BOOK				31-déc-20	UNCREDITED LODGEMENT Roundi.:g Difference		0,40
DEBIT IN BANK ST NG I IN ASH BOOM					UNPRESENTED CHQS	_	
RECONCILED BALANCE		1 103 123,00			RECONCILED BALANCE	1 103 123,00	
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SOLAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

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MANAGEMENT REPRESENTATION LETTER

Economic Community Of West African States



Communauté Economique Des Etats de l'Afrique de l'Ouest

WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL SYSTEME D'ECHANGES D'ENERGIE ELECTRIQUE OUEST AFRICAIN

General Secretariat / Secrétariat Général

WAPP/2021/SG/DAF/ea/385

30th June 2021

The Managing Partner Compagnie Fiduciaire de Management et d'Audit (COFIMA) Cotonou

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Dear Sirs,

Solar Development Project in Sub-Saharan Africa Management Representation Letter

We confirm that the following representations given to you in connection with your Audit of the Solar Development Project in Sub-Saharan Africa for the period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can properly make the representations to you.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the provisions of the Financing Agreement.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations:

- There have been no irregularities involving management or employees who have a significant role in internal control or that could have a material effect on the financial statements;
- We have made available to you all books of account and supporting documentation and all minutes of meetings of January through December 2020;

- We confirm the completeness of the information provided regarding the identification of related parties;
- The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions;
- The Project Implementation Unit (PIU) has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance;
- There has been no noncompliance with requirements of regulatory authorities that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance;
- We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

Yours faithfully

BABA JARJUSEY DIRECTOR. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

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LIST OF INVENTORY

SOLAR DEVELOPMENT SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA PROJECT

ASSET REGISTER AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

N° GOODS User		DATE OF PURCHASE	AMOUNT (USD)	LOCATION
COMPUTERS).			
1 IBM Laptop lenovo	Sotelle	07/12/2020	1 679,00	WAPP Cotonou

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SOLAR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

Cash Balance As At 31 December 2020 (All amounts are expressed in US\$)

Denomination	Quantity	Total Amount
100,00	8	800,00
50,00	1	50,00
20,00	45	900,00
10,00	12	120,00
5,00	20	100,00
1,00	104	104,00
Total		2 074,00

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