REQUEST FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

PROJECT/ACTIVITY DATA

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THRESHOLD DETERMINATION AND SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

PROJECT/ACTIVITY SUMMARY

The Donor Committee for Enterprise Development (DCED) brings together over twenty bilateral, multilateral and private donors for an exchange about enterprise-driven development, business environment reforms, private sector engagement, and women's economic empowerment, among other things. Through this initial grant, USAID will formally become a member of the organization and seek to strengthen existing collaborations with other international development donors/partners, improve technical knowledge sharing about private sector development, influence thought leadership on private sector development initiatives, and channel lessons learned and good practices to USAID and external stakeholders, especially implementing partners (e.g. through webinars, producing and disseminating technical guidance documents, webpages and videos, workshops, training, and other knowledge management and coordination activities.)

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATIONS

Upon approval of this document, the determinations become affirmed, per Agency regulations (22 CFR 216).

TABLE 1: ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATIONS

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¹ Deferrals must be cleared through an Amendment to this RCE prior to implementation of any deferred activities.
Coordination among stakeholders, promotion of strategic alignment among stakeholders, technical knowledge production (e.g. reports, newsletters), knowledge sharing/dissemination (e.g. webinars, learning events) regarding private sector development.

§216.2(c)(iv) Projects in which USAID is a minor donor to a multi-donor project and there is no potential significant effects upon the environment of the United States, areas outside any nation's jurisdiction or endangered or threatened species or their critical habitat.

Coordination among stakeholders, promotion of strategic alignment among stakeholders, technical knowledge production (e.g. reports, newsletters), knowledge sharing/dissemination (e.g. webinars, learning events) regarding private sector development.

§216.2(c)(2)(v) Document and information transfers

CLIMATE RISK MANAGEMENT

There are no significant climate risks associated with the DCED PIO Grant. However, climate risks and their potential impact on private sector development and firm productivity are important considerations to be addressed in the analytical and learning tools to be produced under the Grant, because such risks may affect economic growth and political stability.

The individual activities to be performed under the Grant do not appear to be subject to any specific, timebound or geographic climate risks. However, extreme climate events may disrupt learning events or associated travel. As possible, the future planning of Grant-related activities/events will take into consideration any such potential climate interruptions.

The activities under the Grant will strengthen technical knowledge production and sharing, social and institutional capacity, and individual expertise about private sector development. The knowledge produced and shared may improve beneficiaries’ resilience to climate risks and events, as they relate to economic growth and especially agriculture value chains. However, the potential gains will be country and context specific and cannot be predicted at this time.

The climate risks to the implementation of this Grant are low.

BEO SPECIFIED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

IMPLEMENTATION

In accordance with 22 CFR 216 and Agency policy, the conditions and requirements of this document become mandatory upon approval. This includes the relevant limitations, conditions and requirements in this document as stated in Section 3 of this RCE and any BEO Specified Conditions of Approval.
USAID APPROVAL OF INITIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXAMINATION

PROJECT/ACTIVITY NAME: Donor Committee for Enterprise Development PIO Grant

Bureau Tracking ID:

Approval: [Signature] 2/4/20
Lori Brock, E3/TRR, Acting Director

Clearance: [Signature] 2/5/20
Anastasia de Santos, AOR

Concurrence: [Signature] 2/4/20
Teresa Bernhard, E3 Environmental Officer

DISTRIBUTION:
1.0 PROJECT AND ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

1.1 PURPOSE OF THE RCE

The purpose of this document is to establish that all proposed projects/activities belong to classes of actions eligible for Categorical Exclusions as set out in Agency regulations (22 CFR 216.2(c)) and that there are no foreseeable significant direct or indirect impacts that would preclude them from receiving a Categorical Exclusion. Upon approval of this document, the Categorical Exclusions are affirmed for the project/activity. This analysis also documents the results of the project/activity level Climate Risk Management process in accordance with USAID policy (specifically, ADS 201 mandatory reference 201mal).

This RCE is a critical element of USAID’s mandatory environmental review and compliance process meant to achieve environmentally sound activity design and implementation.

1.2 PROJECT/ACTIVITY OVERVIEW

The Donor Committee for Enterprise Development (DCED) brings together over twenty bilateral, multilateral and private donors to exchange about enterprise-driven development, business environment reforms, private sector engagement, and women’s economic empowerment, among other things. Through this initial DCED Grant, USAID will formally become a member of the organization and seek to strengthen existing collaborations with other international development donors/partners, improve technical knowledge sharing about private sector development, influence thought leadership on private sector development initiatives, and channel lessons learned and good practices to USAID and external stakeholders, especially implementing partners (e.g. through webinars, producing and disseminating technical guidance documents, webpages and videos, workshops, training, and other knowledge management and coordination activities.)

USAID will specifically work through specific DCED’s working groups (on Business Environment Reform, Market Systems Development, Private Sector Engagement, and Women’s Economic Empowerment and potentially others) to: share DCED knowledge and reinforce its thought leadership in the related areas; improve DCED’s internal knowledge through DCED’s review of USAID’s private sector development-related knowledge products, as needed; build evidence, share knowledge/experiences and develop guidance that is coordinated with other donors; and disseminate acquired knowledge to USAID field operating units through learning events and resources.

1.3 PROJECT/ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

TABLE 2: DEFINED OR ILLUSTRATIVE PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES AND SUB-ACTIVITIES

| Project/Activity 1 — Coordination among stakeholders, promotion of strategic alignment among stakeholders, technical knowledge production (e.g. reports, newsletters), knowledge sharing/dissemination (e.g. webinars, learning events) regarding private sector development. |

2.0 ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

2.1 JUSTIFICATION FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION
The activities under the Donor Committee for Enterprise Development PIO Grant are among the classes of actions listed in 22 CFR 216.2(c)(2) and have no foreseeable significant direct or indirect adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, under 22 CFR 216.2(c)(1), neither an IEE nor an EA will be required for these activities. Instead, a Categorical Exclusion is recommended for the projects/activities described above in Section 1.3 as follows:

**TABLE 3: RECOMMENDED DETERMINATION FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION**

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2.2 CLIMATE RISK MANAGEMENT

This section summarizes the methodology used and findings of the CRM Screening (see Annex 1). The project design team, in consultation with the CIL, considered the potential effect of climate risks/stressors on the sustainability of the project (changing precipitation patterns, rising temperature, floods, droughts, fires, landslides, etc.) in addition to the impact of project activities on the climate (increased greenhouse gas emissions, land use changes, etc.).

3.0 LIMITATIONS OF THE CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

The categorical exclusions recommended in this document apply only to projects/activities and sub-activities described herein.

Other projects/activities that may arise must be subject to an environmental analysis and the appropriate documentation prepared and approved, whether it be a new Request for Categorical Exclusion, an amendment, or other type of 22 CFR 216 document.

It is confirmed that the projects/activities described herein do not involve actions normally having a significant effect on the environment, including those described in 22 CFR 216.2(d).

3.1 MANDATORY INCLUSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS IN SOLICITATIONS, AWARDS, BUDGETS, AND WORK PLANS

USAID will ensure the environmental compliance requirements are incorporated into solicitations, awards, budgets, and work plans, including relevant limitations of Section 3 above. In addition, climate risk management requirements will also be incorporated.

3.2 GENERAL IMPLEMENTATION & MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (IF APPLICABLE)

As a committee member, USAID will work to ensure that the following requirements are met:

- Activities in 216.2(d) are examined with the rigor of a full ESIA
- Threatened or endangered species or critical habitat are not impacted unless the requirements of, 216.5 are met
- Use or procurement of pesticides is appropriately examined in a manner that meets the substantive requirements of 216.3(b).

ATTACHMENTS:

Annex 1: Climate Risk Management Summary Table for Activity
## ANNEX 1. **ACTIVITY CLIMATE RISK MANAGEMENT SUMMARY TABLE**

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<td>Production of global, comprehensive guidance on when and how Special Economic Zones work to promote private investment.</td>
<td>There is no significant climate risk associated with the DCED Membership PIO Grant. However, climate risks and their potential impact on private sector development and firm productivity are important considerations to be addressed in the analytical and learning tools to be produced under the Grant, because such risks may affect economic growth and political stability.</td>
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² List key risks related to the defined/illustrative interventions identified in the screening and additional assessment.
³ Low/Moderate/ High
⁴ Describe how risks have been addressed in activity design and/or additional steps that will be taken in implementation. If you chose to accept the risk, briefly explain why.
⁵ Describe opportunities to achieve multiple development objectives by integrating climate resilience or mitigation measures.

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E3/Donor Committee for Enterprise Development PIO Grant

RCE TEMPLATE VERSION 3.1