

**ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL CREDIT RISK MANAGEMENT  
THE ACCESS STORY**

## The Premise of our ESRM Policy

- Access Bank's Corporate Philosophy 'The Quest for Excellence' captures the essence of an aggressive growth strategy and the creation of a financial institution which operates at the height of international best practices.
- Of particular focus is the Bank's strategy of quality and sustainable earnings and practices.
- The Bank is therefore committed to elements that will drive the triple-bottom-line; social, environmental and financial considerations, as against striving only for financial supremacy.
- Access Bank is in partnership with such Development Finance Institutions as; the IFC, FMO, Finnfund, Proparco, AfDB, EIB, BIO. Thus projects financed by the Bank), reflect socially responsible and sound environmental management practices, (elements espoused under the Equator Principles as well as UNEP –FI Declarations) in line with the requirement of these partners.

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- The Bank's business principles are governed by our core values which are Trust, Passion for Customers, Continuous Learning, Ethics, Excellence, and Team Work.
- Of particular focus is the Bank's strategy of quality and sustainable earnings and practices.
- ***Access Bank recognizes that as financiers we have the leverage to promote responsible environmental stewardship and socially responsible development.***
- The Bank is therefore committed to elements that will drive the triple-bottom-line; social, environmental and financial considerations, as against striving only for financial supremacy.

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- Among the most critical challenges for an organisation's management is determining how much risk the entity is prepared to and does accept as it strives to create value, and identifying and managing multiple and cross-enterprise risks.
- Access Bank in consonance with Accenture and KPMG, has crafted a robust Enterprise Risk Management Framework that provides key risk principles and concepts, a common language, and clear direction and guidance.
- Access Bank's Credit review / appraisal process ensures that projects that do not meet our ESRM risk acceptance criteria are treated in either of two manners.
  - *We either create the enabling environment for the bank to still participate in the project by insisting that the right corporate governance structure, and environmental and social standards are maintained or*
  - *If the project sponsors are unwilling to adhere to the Bank's ESG standards, the project is screened out.*

## Our ESRM Review System.

Access Bank's review system is a multi-step process which is presented below:

Initial Project Screening	Make sure the proposed transaction is not on the Prohibited/Exclusion List.
Second Project Screening	Classify each prospective new project according to its expected environmental and social impacts. The classification is according to Categories A, B and C. Category C represents projects with minimal or no social or environmental impacts (See Appendix I)
Environmental & Social Impact Analysis	Complete environmental/social issue due diligence on the proposed project. This is accomplished through- ESRM Due Diligence Questionnaire - ESRM Site Visit Checklist - Confirmation of legal/regulatory compliance
Environmental/Social Risk Assessment	Completion of the Risk Summary form by Access Bank's Environmental Risk Manager Development of Risk Mitigation Measures (as needed) Require EIA for environmentally sensitive projects

**Thank You**