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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES, AQUACULTURE DEVELOPMENT AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROJECT) LOAN (AUTHORIZATION) BILL, 2019

MEMORANDUM

This Bill seeks to authorize the Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Malawi, to borrow from the African Development Fund, sums of money in various convertible currencies, not exceeding the equivalent of six million, five hundred and ten thousand Units of Account (UA6,510,000) to finance the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries, Aquaculture Development and Watershed Management Project (the "Project").

The objective of the Project is to contribute to Government’s poverty reduction efforts by improving management and utilization of fisheries resources along Lake Malawi and Lake Chilwa, as well as the Shire River system and developing aquaculture in a changing environment. The Project will improve the resilience of the fishing and fish farming communities taking into account the prevalent climate variability as well as the risks associated with longer-term climate change. The Project will further contribute towards poverty reduction through improved value addition and the provision of infrastructure for increased fisheries productivity, strengthened nutritional security through value chains and build climate resilience in Malawi.

The Project activities are divided into the following four components—

Component 1:—Sustainable Capture Fisheries and Watershed Management

This component aims at restoring and sustaining fisheries resources through an eco-system approach to fisheries (EAF) and within a blue economy framework. The component is further divided into two—
Sub-component 1:—Capture Fisheries Management
The sub-component comprises the following activities—
(a) development of multispecies fisheries management plans;
(b) rehabilitation of selected fish landing sites;
(c) strengthening decentralization through capacity building of officials and beach village committees for co-management;
(d) training of extension workers and reforming shoreline by-laws;
(e) stock assessment and fisheries management support; and
(f) developing a blue economy framework that has sectoral and cross-sectoral dimensions as well as partnership arrangements.

Sub-component 2:—Ecosystem-based Fisheries and Watershed Management
The sub-component comprises the following activities—
(a) develop institutional capacity for eco-system-based fisheries and watershed planning and monitoring, including three watershed management plans for Chilwa, Zomba and Lower Shire basin;
(b) pilot community-based soil and water conservation and improved fallow and agro-forestry in the Lake Chilwa catchment, with Chambo restoration plans, the lower Shire river, Bua river and the Nkhata-bay river basins;
(c) restoration of spawning grounds for capture fisheries, including invasive aquatic weeds control in Songwe, Bua and Dwangwa rivers; and
(d) strengthening community-based early warning system.

Component 2:—Aquaculture Development
This component aims at promoting commercial aquaculture ventures, integrated pond-based polyculture systems and various fish farm pilots. It will support the following activities—
(a) production of fingerlings and feeds;
(b) piloting of cage aquaculture in selected sites with endemic species;
(c) fish genetic improvement research;
(d) creation and organisation of fish farmer’s cooperatives; and
(e) site selection and viability assessments of cage cultures.

Component 3:—Fish Chain Strengthening
This component aims at strengthening the fish value chain approach in order to meet the local fish demand and advance market-oriented development to reduce post-harvest loss and promote skills for men, women and youth in the fisheries and aquaculture sector. It will support the following activities—
(a) adopting innovative fish processing technologies (solar drier, cold storage, refrigerated trucks, kilns) for scaling out production;

(b) promoting private sector partnership and infrastructure development with selected SMEs and cooperatives;

(c) training and capacity development for business financing and community business models including an innovation hub; and

(d) facilitating fish processing zones and fish export trade corridors in the SADC region, through the Nacala and Mtwara transport corridors.

Component 4: Support to project management

This component will ensure effective implementation of the Project based on a set of target indicators, executed by a Project Implementation Unit and supported by a Steering Committee. It supports the following activities—

(a) day-to-day project management activities;

(b) development of sub-project specific gender action plans;

(c) development and implementation of site specific Environmental and Social Management Plans;

(d) development of web-based results framework for monitoring and evaluation;

(e) procurement, disbursement, audit and financial management;

(f) annual financial and technical audits;

(g) strengthening reforms and governance related studies including the blue economy framework and multispecies management plans;

(h) procurement of vehicles, vessels and ICT equipment; and

(i) operational costs (staff salaries, office spaces, fuel, vehicle operations and maintenance, travel expenses, steering committee meetings, etc).
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ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

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A BILL

entitled

An Act to authorize the Malawi Government to borrow from the African Development Fund, sums of money in various convertible currencies, not exceeding the equivalent of six million five hundred and ten thousand Units of Account (UA 6,510,000)

ENACTED by the Parliament of Malawi as follows—

1. This Act may be cited as the African Development Fund (Sustainable Fisheries, Aquaculture Development and Watershed Management Project) Loan (Authorization) Act, 2019.

2.—(1) The Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, on behalf of the Malawi Government, is hereby authorized to borrow from the African Development Fund, sums of AU 6,510,000.

B. No. 20
The object of this Bill is to authorize the Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Development, on behalf of the Malawi Government, to borrow from the African Development Fund, sums of money in various convertible currencies, not exceeding the equivalent of six million, five hundred and ten thousand Units of Account (UA 6,510,000) to finance the implementation of the Sustainable Fisheries, Aquaculture Development and Watershed Management Project.
Sustainable Fisheries, Aquaculture Development and Watershed Management Project.

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