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## Disclosure Notice: AICCRA-CCARDESA Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP)

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Accelerating Impacts of CGIAR Climate Research for Africa (AICCRA) is a project being implemented in Africa to help deliver a climate-smart African future driven by science and innovation in agriculture. It is led by the Alliance of Bioversity International and Centre for International Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) and supported by a grant from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank. The AICCRA project is being implemented in six focus countries, Senegal, Mali, Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Zambia, with scale up activities at Western, Eastern and Southern Africa regional levels.

The **Project Development Objective** is to strengthen the technical, institutional, and human capacity needed to enhance transfer of climate-relevant information, decision-making tools, and technologies in support of scaling efforts in IDA-eligible countries in Africa. The project is structured into 3 major components and comprises of **Component 1:** Knowledge generation and sharing; **Component 2:** Strengthen Partnership for delivery; and **Component 3:** Validating Climate-Smart Agriculture Innovations through Piloting.

Project component 3, provides an opportunity for the Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA) to upscale gains on Climate-Smart Agricultural (CSA) technologies and innovations co-created with CGIAR partners over the past years to enhance the resilience of farming systems. In response, CCARDESA seeks to jointly establish a CSA Model Village with Magugu Community in Chipata District of Eastern Zambia to showcase the use of solar-powered irrigation systems and other climate-resilient water management practices. The planned demonstration will be led by a farmer group in Magugu, with inputs and technical assistance from Chipata District Agricultural Office and CCARDESA, through the AICCRA-Zambia Cluster.

As envisaged, the CSA Model Village to be established is expected to lead to some environmental and social (E&S) risks and impacts. In line with this expectation and in accordance with the requirements of the project's Environmental and Social Risk Management (ESRM) guide, CCARDESA and the AICCRA-Zambia team conducted site-specific E&S screening and stakeholder engagements on the CSA Model Village between 6-9 February 2023. The exercise led to the identification of several E&S risks, which if not mitigated, could cause harm to people and the environment.

CCARDESA has, therefore, prepared an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) to guide the mitigation and response to the E&S risks identified on the site and activities planned under the CSA Model village. The ESMP was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the project's Environmental and Social Risk Management (ESRM) guide, relevant standards of the World Bank Environmental and Social Framework, as well as the national laws and regulations of Zambia.

In line with the foregoing, a NOTICE is hereby served to partners and project workers that the Environmental and Social Management Plans approved by the World Bank is published and electronically available here (*insert the link*).

This NOTICE is issued by the Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA).



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