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The Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Water and Environment

**KAMPALA.**

**RE: CLEARANCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK (ESMF) FOR THE PROJECT "BUILDING RESILIENCE IN UGANDA'S WATERSHEDS; AWOJA CATCHMENT, BUKEDEA DISTRICT".**

Reference is made to your letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 submitting the revised ESMF to this Authority and in response to our review comments submitted to you in the letter dated 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021 Ref; NEMA/4.5.

A critical review of the re-submitted ESMF has been finalized. We have noted the responses made regarding our review comments and the changes incorporated in the ESMF. The review of the ESMF revealed that; 1) The proposed project components have been found adequate in terms of building resilience in Uganda's watersheds with particular focus on Awoja catchment; 2) the targeted project area is now clear although specific details on the site location will be required after sub-project components have been fully designed; 3) the current ESMF lacks details on the screening procedure and responsibility centers by different stakeholders. These will be mandatory once the various project sub components are fully designed; 4) the proposed project mitigation measures are scanty and highly generic in nature. This should be restructured once the project sub components have been designed for implementation.

The Environmental Social Management Framework (ESMF) is therefore approved with the following conditions;

- (i) The Environmental Social Management Framework (ESMF) be further improved to address the gaps identified above;

- (ii) At the level of developing specific project sub components, ensure detailed description of activities and site specific locations with GPS coordinates to facilitate adequate identification of environmental and social risks and the required mitigation measures;
- (iii) In line with the National Environment Act No.5 of 2019, ensure that all proposed project sub-components undergo proper screening and Environmental and Social Impact Assessment to effectively address environmental and social management risks;
- (iv) Effectively engage with the relevant stakeholders including this Authority during the implementation of the planned projects to ensure proper oversight on environmental and social safeguard issues including establishing a multisectoral monitoring framework for the implemented projects.

In view of the above, you can proceed to the next level of the project development and implementation.



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