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WELCOME AND INTRO

Good morning Colleagues Ladies and Gentlemen!

A very warm welcome to all of you to the African Development Bank’s fully virtual Evaluation Week 2020! And to its first session IDEV OPERATIONS CLINIC.

My name is Madhu and I manage the Division 2 of the Independent Evaluation function of the Bank, dealing with agriculture, human and social development, governance, country and corporate evaluations.

As you are aware, the theme for the 2020 Evaluation Week is: From Learning to Transformational Change in Africa: Accelerating Africa’s Delivery of Sustainable Development Goals in the Decade of Action.

The IDEV OPERATIONS CLINIC brings together a series of presentations by different Bank departments on their role in advancing the quality-at-entry of operations and the assistance provided to the Task Managers.

We have put together six presentations -- in three groups of two presentations each. After presentations by each group, we will have a Q&A session, to be enriched by your active participation.

HOUSEKEEPING INFORMATION

Now, let me give you some essential housekeeping information.

- Firstly, please be aware that all microphones are muted by default, and the participants cannot unmute it themselves. I
am authorized to mute or unmute those participants to whom I give the floor.

- Secondly, please note that French and English interpretations are available, so if you are given the floor you can speak in either of the two languages. To listen to the interpretation, click on the “small world” icon on the Zoom toolbar at the bottom of your screen and select the language of your choice.

- Thirdly, to ask a question, or to make a comment, please use the Zoom’s Q&A feature on the toolbar at the bottom of your screen.

- And, finally, please raise your hand if you wish to make a live intervention. I will try to let you in, depending on the time available. Thank you.

INTRO OF PRESENTERS

Now, allow me to briefly introduce to you our distinguished panel of presenters in the order of their appearance in this session. They are:

**Mr. Debazou Yantio.** Debazou is Principal Evaluation Officer with IDEV. Debazou is also the founder member and former President of the Cameroun Development Evaluation Association and Board member of the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEA). He will present the “Challenges Regarding Quality at Entry of the Bank Operations and Task Managers’ Expectations.” Debazou, Welcome!

**Mr. Richard Schiere.** Richard is Chief Quality Assurance Officer with the Bank’s OPSCOM Secretariat and Quality Assurance Department. Richard leads a team for results measurement system and quality management and coordinates the Bank’s
Operations Academy. **He will present the “Support for Results and Quality Assurance of Operations.”** Richard, Welcome!

**Mr. Armand Nzeyimana.** Armand is Division Manager in the Delivery, Performance Management, and Results Department. Armand’s specializations include financial controls, organizational effectiveness and performance management in Africa and the Caribbean. **In this session, Armand will present the “Lessons Learned on Project Start-up Delays” jointly with Mr. Sabri Ben Meftah. Armand, Welcome!**

**Mr. Sabri Ben Meftah.** is Senior Performance Monitoring Officer at the Bank’s Delivery and Implementation Support Division. Sabri’s specializations include monitoring portfolio performance, IT solutions and operational performance. **As I said, Sabri will present jointly with Armand the Lessons Learned on Project Start-up Delays. Sabri, Welcome!**

**Mr. Patrick Mabuza.** Patrick is Principal Research Economist, in the Macroeconomic Policy, Forecasting and Research Department. Patrick’s specialization includes Additionality and Development Outcomes, Public Private Partnerships, Economic Regulation, Infrastructure Financing and Energy Markets. **Patrick will speak to us on the Bank’s ADOA Framework and Tools. Patrick, Welcome!**

**Mr. Justin Ecaat.** Justin is Lead Environmental Safeguards Specialist, with the Bank’s Safeguards and Compliance Department (SNSC). Justin, together with the SNSC team, is responsible for ensuring compliance of the Bank’s operations to the requirements of Integrated Safeguard System. **Justin will**
present the Bank’s Framework for Environmental and Social Safeguards. Justin, Welcome!

And, finally, Ms. Linet Miriti. Linet is Principal Gender Specialist, with the Bank’s Southern Africa Regional Office, in Pretoria. Linet is a strong advocate of institutional transformation and responsive programming that promote equality for women, men, girls and boys. Linet will speak to us on the Bank’s Gender Framework. Linet, Welcome!

Colleagues, these are our presenters.