

Strengthening the Statistical System of Uzbekistan (P173450)

Environmental and Social Management Framework Checklist

PART A: GENERAL PROJECT AND SITE INFORMATION

INSTITUTIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DATA			
Country	Uzbekistan		
Project title	Strengthening the Statistical System of Uzbekistan		
Scope of site-specific activity	Physical activities under the program include the upgrade and development of information and communication technology (ICT) infrastructure in existing SCS headquarters and regional offices. The infrastructure upgrade includes installation of servers, networking equipment, cooling systems, fire safety, power supply, etc., the establishment of a data center. Where obsolete equipment and materials cannot be reused, they should be recycled or disposed of by licensed contractors.		
Implementation arrangements	Implementing entity: The State Committee on Statistics of Uzbekistan	Works supervisor: To be determined by State Committee on Statistics for each site identified.	Works contractor: To be determined by State Committee on Statistics for each site identified.
SITE DESCRIPTION			
Description of physical and natural environment, and of the socio-economic context	The proposed program scope is countrywide. Uzbekistan is a lower-middle-income, mineral-rich, landlocked country. With more than 34.5 million people as of 2021, it is the most populous of the Central Asian countries. It has maintained high and stable economic growth over the past two decades. Between 2000 and 2019, per capita gross domestic product rose at an average pace of 5 percent per year, climbing from US\$ 2786 to 6999 (in terms of 2017 USD PPP). Official poverty estimates declined commensurably, from 27.5 percent in 2001 to 11 percent in 2019. This progress was also accompanied by equity gains. Over the period from 2008 to 2019, the incomes of the poorest 40 percent of the population consistently grew faster than those of the upper 60 percent. However, Uzbekistan’s economic achievements have largely relied on a model driven by the state’s dominance in the economy, limited economic freedoms, and a restricted private sector. As a result, for decades the country has struggled to reach its full economic potential and generate full employment.		
LEGISLATION			
National & local legislation & permits that apply to project activity	The legal documents on nature protection in the Republic of Uzbekistan include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constitution, articles 50, 54, 55, 93, 100. Article 55 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uzbekistan states: The earth, its subsoil, water, flora and fauna and other natural resources are national wealth, 		

subject to rational use and protected by the State;

- The Law on Environmental Protection dated 9 December 1992 establishes the legal, economic and organizational basis for environmental protection, ensures sustainable development and certain principles, including State Environmental Expertise (SEE). Article 12 of the Law "On Protection of Nature" states: Residents of the Republic of Uzbekistan are obliged to rationally use natural resources, take care of the riches of nature, comply with environmental requirements;
- The Law "On Water and Water Use" dated 6 May 1993, provides for rational water use, protection of water resources, prevention and mitigation of negative consequences and compliance with national legislation;
- The Law "On Protection and Use of Vegetation" dated 26 December 1997, regulates relations in the field of protection and use of flora (plants) growing in natural conditions, as well as wild plants grown for their restoration and genetic preservation;
- The Law of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On the Protection of Atmospheric Air" dated 27 December 1996, edition of 14 September 2017, defines the preservation of the natural composition of atmospheric air; legal regulation of the activities of state bodies, enterprises, institutions, organizations, public associations and citizens in the field of atmospheric air protection.
- The Law "On the State Land Cadaster" dated 28 August 1998 contains the basic rules and regulations of land use and provides for land rights;
- The Law "On Wastes" (2002) treats waste management, with the exception of emissions and air and water pollution, and provides SCEEPP with power, related to inspection, coordination, environmental assessment and setting specific parameters for the places where waste can be disposed of.
- The Law "On Subsoil" dated 23 September 1994 is aimed at ensuring the sustainable and comprehensive use of mineral resources to meet the needs for mineral raw materials and other needs, protection of subsoil, environment, exploitation safety during subsoil use and protection of users, protecting the interests of individuals, society and the State;
- The Law "On Environmental Expertise" (2001) provides for mandatory examination of the impact on the environment and human health, and also serves as a legal basis for conducting expert assessments;
- The Law "On Environmental Control" (2013) regulates relations in the field of environmental protection. The main objectives of environmental control are prevention, detection and suppression of violations of environmental legislation; monitoring environmental situation and factors, which can lead to pollution of the environment, irrational use of natural resources, endangering life and health of citizens.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION	
When / where the public consultation process will take /took place	For each site where minor works are undertaken by the Project, Parts B, C, and/or D will be disclosed on the website of State Committee on Statistics. Brief information on the planned works and contact information for addressing questions and grievance will be placed at the worksite and in its immediate surroundings.
ATTACHMENTS	
Attachment 1: Proposed training plan Other permits/agreements – as required	

PART B: RISK MITIGATION INFORMATION

ENVIRONMENTAL /SOCIAL SCREENING			
<i>[Location of planned activity]</i>			
	Activity/Issue	Status	Mitigation Actions
Will the site activity include/involve any of the following?	1. Installation works	[X] Yes [] No	If “Yes”, see Section A below
	2. Electronic waste management	[X] Yes [] No	If “Yes”, see Section B below
	3. Social Risk Management	[X] Yes [] No	If “Yes”, see Section C below

PART C: MITIGATION MEASURES

ACTIVITY	PARAMETER	MITIGATION MEASURES CHECKLIST
A. General Conditions	Notification and Worker Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Notify local environment inspectorates and communities on the upcoming activities (b) Notify the public on the works through appropriate notification in the media and/or at publicly accessible sites (including the site of the works) (c) Acquire all legally required permits for installation works (d) Formally agree with the Employer that all work will be carried out in a safe and disciplined manner designed to minimize impacts on neighboring residents and the environment. (e) Ensure that workers’ PPE complies with international good practice (as needed hardhats, masks and safety glasses, harnesses and safety boots) (f) Appropriately signpost construction site to inform workers on key rules and regulations (g) Limit installation noise to daytime unless extreme urgency. Notify local communities on the works schedule if it deviates from standard working hours (h) Keep demolition debris in a controlled area
B. Electronic waste	Electronic waste management	(a) All staff engaged in electronic waste or e-waste management shall receive appropriate training and be included in e-waste management working groups (SCS / regional offices) (No. 63-29.12.2014)

ACTIVITY	PARAMETER	MITIGATION MEASURES CHECKLIST
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) Consider reusing the obsolete equipment and materials where possible (c) Where reuse is not possible, a list of e-waste disposals (machines and equipment and etc.) to be created and reviewed by the working group (d) Regional offices should agree on the list of e-waste disposals with SCS (working group) (e) The working group will identify a qualified/licensed e-waste contractor for removal, recycling and/or disposal of e-waste (including non-ferrous and precious metals) (f) When e-waste is handed over and an appropriate acceptance certificate is drawn up (g) The contractor shall ensure that collected e-waste is transported in a way that does not limit the potential for re-use purposes (h) The contractor shall ensure that the transport capacities comply with the road traffic regulation of Uzbekistan (i) E-waste shall be handled and stored with due care in order to avoid the release of hazardous substances into the air, water, or soil, as a result of damage and/or leakage (j) Containers, pallets, or packages containing e-waste shall be clearly marked (e.g. "E-WASTE") (k) E-waste will not be mixed with any other type of waste (l) The storage location shall be adequately secured and protected against unauthorized entry and theft until transported to the registered collection facility (m) E-waste will be stored on an impervious surface within a structure or a transportation unit such that it is protected from precipitation (n) Adequate storage space and good housekeeping will be maintained (o) E-waste will be stored in a way that it is not exposed to direct sunlight and rainfall (p) The working groups will ensure the State Committee on Statistics has the following information for all e-waste disposal: (a) the types of e-waste collected; and (b) the quantities of incoming and outgoing e-waste; and (c) documented evidence of proper management (e.g. recycled, refurbished, discarded, exported) (q) During handling and storage, attention shall be given to devices containing lead-acid batteries (r) Measures will be taken to prevent e-waste from entering any landfill
<p>C. Social Risks Management</p>	<p>Public relationship management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Assign local focal person who is in charge of communication with and receiving requests/complaints from local population; (b) Implement public outreach and communication activities in accordance with the Stakeholder Engagement Plan developed for the program; (c) Consult local communities to identify and proactively manage potential conflicts between SCS local offices and local stakeholders; (d) Raise local community awareness about COVID-19 prevention measures and enforce PPEs and antiseptic disinfectants application and social distancing during visits to the SCS offices during the pandemic situation; (e) Limit installation works on rush hours. When necessary, carefully schedule rush hour work and inform visitors through advance notices; (f) No temporary storage of waste materials occurs within cultivated land plots or any type of private property;

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	Labor issues management	<p>(g) Allocate areas for temporary storage of ICT equipment and materials that free movement of traffic and pedestrians is not hindered.</p> <p>In accordance with the Labor Code, internal HR procedures of the State Committee of Statistics and the Labor Management procedures prepared and disclosed, the following measures are in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Recruitment procedures will be transparent, publicly available and non-discriminatory; (b) Job applications will only be considered if they are submitted under a formal procedure established by contractors; (c) Clear job descriptions of skills required for each post will be provided before recruitment; (d) Contracts will be signed with all employees, including a description of the working conditions (with the terms and conditions further explained to the employees); (e) In the recruitment of unskilled labor, preference will be given to the inhabitants of the surrounding areas (at least 50 %); (f) Staff members will be informed in advance of anticipated termination of the employment contract at least two months before termination; (g) Contract workers will not be required to pay any recruitment fees. If there is any payment related to employment, it will be paid by the Employer; (h) Depending on the origin of the employer and the employee, the terms of employment will be prepared in two languages: The State language and the language understood by both parties; (i) For employees who may find it difficult to understand the written documentation, the terms and conditions of employment contained therein will be explained orally; (j) It should be noted that no language-related issues are expected within the project. However, if necessary, employees will be provided with interpretation; (k) Foreign workers require a work permit allowing them to work in Uzbekistan; (l) Workers involved in construction work must be at least 18 years old. This requirement will be included in contracts between PMU / HO and construction contractors; (m) Normal working hours shall not exceed 40 hours per week. Taking into account the five-day working week, the daily working hours will be determined by internal regulations approved by the employer in agreement with the employees' representatives (based on the approved working week). <p>ICT Contractors will need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Comply with national legislation and the labor management procedures prepared under the Program; – Keep records of hiring and subsequent work of contract workers; – Explain the duties and conditions of employment to contract employees in an accessible manner; – Implement a system to ensure regular monitoring and reporting on labor relations and occupational safety and health.

PART D: MONITORING PLAN

Activity	What (Is the parameter to be monitored?)	Where (Is the parameter to be monitored?)	How (Is the parameter to be monitored?)	When (Define the frequency / or continuous?)	Why (Is the parameter being monitored?)	Who (Is responsible for monitoring?)
INSTALLATION PHASE						
Provision of equipment and materials	Purchase of equipment and materials from the licensed provider	In the provider's office or warehouse	Verification of documents	During the conclusion of supply contracts	Ensure the reliability of equipment and materials and their safety for human health	Administration of State Committee on Statistics
Workers' health and safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of workers with working clothes and PPE; - Strict compliance with the rules of hand tool operation and usage of PPE; - Strict compliance with the national regulations for installation works; - Presence of basic fire extinguishing means. 	Works site	Inspection of activities	Total period of works	Reduce the probability of traumas and accidents to workers	Administration of the State Committee on Statistics

Activity	What (Is the parameter to be monitored?)	Where (Is the parameter to be monitored?)	How (Is the parameter to be monitored?)	When (Define the frequency / or continuous?)	Why (Is the parameter being monitored?)	Who (Is responsible for monitoring?)
Generation of packaging waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Temporary storage of packaging materials in especially allocated waste containers - Timely disposal of packaging waste from work site through municipal system of waste management 	Works site; Waste disposal site	Inspection of activities	Periodically during equipment installation and upon its completion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prevent environmental pollution; - Avoid accidents at the work site due to scattered fragments of construction materials; - Retain esthetic appearance of the work site and its surroundings 	Administration of State Committee on Statistics
E-waste minimization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purchase products with recyclable components; - Purchase products with longer warranty period; - Select easily upgradeable equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In the provider's office or warehouse - State Committee on Statistics offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Verification of documents -Inspection of the equipment 	During the conclusion of supply contracts	Limit impacts of e-waste on the environment	Administration of State Committee on Statistics

Activity	What (Is the parameter to be monitored?)	Where (Is the parameter to be monitored?)	How (Is the parameter to be monitored?)	When (Define the frequency / or continuous?)	Why (Is the parameter being monitored?)	Who (Is responsible for monitoring?)
Onsite collection of e-waste for reuse and recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provision of e-waste handling training to workers before the start of work; - Proper handling of e-waste that does not limit the potential for re-use purposes; - Proper collection of e-waste separated from other waste; - Collection of e-waste in especially allocated areas in the premises of State Committee on Statistics (impervious surface, no direct sunlight and rainfall); - Preparation of e-waste for temporary on-site storage through proper packaging and full labeling (details of composition and handling information). 	State Committee on Statistics offices	Inspection of activities	During the dismantling of obsolete equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure reusing the dismantled equipment where possible; - Avoid the release of hazardous substances into the air, water, or soil, as a result of damage and/or leakage; - Ensure good housekeeping 	Administration State Committee on Statistics /PMU

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E-waste storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preparation of premises for on-site temporary storage of e-waste (provision of non-permeable flooring, protection from precipitation, security systems, etc.); - Adequately secured storage location, protected against unauthorized entry and theft; - Clearly marked containers, pallets, or packages containing e-waste; - Safe placement of e-waste for temporary storage. 	SCS storage location for e-waste	The site inspection	Periodically during storage of e-waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prevent whole or components of e-waste containing hazardous substances from dispersal to the environment; - Prevent e-waste from entering the landfill; - Prevent e-waste from illegal recycling. 	Administration of State Committee on Statistics

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Transportation and disposal at offsite e-waste management facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Technical condition of vehicles; - Confinement and protection of truck loads with lining; - Respect of the established hours and routes of transportation; - Written agreement on the recycling/disposal of e-waste by licensed contractors; - Timely disposal of e-waste to the formally designated locations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Routes of transportation of e-waste - E-waste recycling/disposal site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inspection of roads adjacent to the storage locations of State Committee on Statistics - Review of agreements on the recycling/disposal of e-waste 	Selective inspections during transportation and disposal of e-waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prevent releases of e-waste to the environment; - Ensure that e-waste is recycled or disposed of by licensed contractors; - Minimize traffic disruption; - Limit nuisance to local communities from noise and vibration. 	Administration of State Committee on Statistics
E-waste recordkeeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recorded types of e-waste collected from State Committee on Statistics offices and quantities of incoming and outgoing e-waste; - Documented evidence of proper e-waste management (e.g. recycled, refurbished, discarded, exported). 	Premises of the State Committee on Statistics	Inspection of records and documents	Total period of works	Ensure proper management of e-waste	Administration of State Committee on Statistics

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Working conditions, labor rights, occupational health and safety, worker GRM	Compliance to labor management procedures Effectiveness of workers' GRM	SCS local offices, contractor offices	Review of signed labor contracts and code of conducts, observation of working conditions of contractors	Random checks of grievance registries, every quarter or half-year Regular reporting	- Verify availability of written contracts and employment terms, working conditions and GRM performance	SCS/PMU
Grievance redress mechanism (GRM)	Effectiveness of GRM	State Committee on Statistics at central and regional levels	Data compilation from diverse GRM focal points	Quarterly reporting	- To comply with ESS10 on Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure	SCS/ PMU Social Specialist

Activity	What (Is the parameter to be monitored?)	Where (Is the parameter to be monitored?)	How (Is the parameter to be monitored?)	When (Define the frequency / or continuous?)	Why (Is the parameter being monitored?)	Who (Is responsible for monitoring?)
Stakeholder engagement	Compliance with ESMP and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)	Meetings in office, local communities	Observations, site visits, interviews with key informants on: -Engagement and Disclosure activities during program implementation -Records of stakeholder engagement activities, including records of engagement with vulnerable persons/groups - Public education campaign on the SCS and statistics improvements - Engagement in accordance with SEP & ESMP requirements	Regularly per the timeframe stated in the SEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitor feedback from consultation events - The local community should be informed of program activities, potential impacts. - To comply with ESS10 on Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure 	PMU/Social Specialist

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OPERATIONAL PHASE						
Emergency preparedness	Presence of fire alarm and fire localization system, and emergency back-up systems for power and water supply	Premises of State Committee on Statistics	Periodic check-ups	Total period of operation of the office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduce risks for the staff and visitors; - Avoid disruption in the provision of utility services to the State Committee on Statistics office 	Administration of the State Committee on Statistics
E-waste minimization, reuse, and recycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Correct use and maintenance of equipment; - Purchase products with recyclable components; - Purchase products with longer warranty period; - Select easily upgradeable equipment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -In the provider's office or warehouse -State Committee on Statistics offices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Verification of documents -Inspection of the equipment 	During the conclusion of supply contracts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limit impacts of e-waste on the environment 	Administration of State Committee on Statistics
Working conditions, labor rights, occupational health and safety	Compliance to labor management procedures	SCS local offices	Review of signed labor contracts and code of conducts, observation of working conditions	Random checks, every quarter or semiannual	To comply with ESS2 on Labor and Working Conditions	HR/PMU/Trade Union
Grievance redress mechanism	Effectiveness of GRM	Statistics offices at central, regional and local levels	Data compilation from diverse GRM focal points	Quarterly reporting	To comply with ESS10 on Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure	SCS/ PMU Social Specialist

Attachment 1. Proposed Training Plan

The table below provides the basic training for Environmental and Social risk management during program implementation. The State Committee on Statistics with the support of the Consultant will provide the training to contractors, State Committee on Statistics staff, and other groups.

Training course	Implementation of Environmental and Social mitigation measures
Participants	Key managerial staff and Environmental and Social staff of construction contractor/technical supervisor
Training frequency	After selection of contractor and supervisor and prior to start of civil works; update based on requirements
Time	One-day training; on an annual basis depending on needs
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requirements of Environmental and Social monitoring; - Grievance mechanisms and protocols, designation of focal points (including SEA/SH provisions); - Code of Conduct; - Roles and responsibilities of contractors; - Content and methods of Environmental and Social monitoring; - Response and risk control; - Monitoring forms and guide how to fill in the forms; - Preparation and submission of report.
Responsibilities	SCS
Training course	Health and safety at work in the COVID-19 pandemic
Participants	Key managerial staff and Environmental and Social staff of contractors
Training frequency	As appropriate
Time	One-day presentation, to be repeated on a per needs basis
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Covid-19 safety measures; - Entry/exit to the work site and checks on commencement of work; - Contingency planning for an outbreak; - Communication and awareness raising; - Monitoring and Reporting.
Responsibilities	SCS
Training course	Electronic Waste Management
Participants	SCS staff engaged in e-waste management, e-waste disposal contractors.
Training frequency	Before the start of operation
Time	One-day training; content will be reassessed during implementation depending on needs
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procedures for dismantling, storage, handling, and final disposal of e-waste in accordance with internationally recognized practices; - Monitoring of the types/quantities of waste electrical and electronic equipment disposed of; - Recordkeeping. How to document evidence of proper management (e.g. recycle, refurbish, discarded, exported).
Responsibilities	SCS

Training course	Stakeholder Engagement and Grievance Redress Mechanism
Participants	SCS staff engaged in public outreach, citizen engagement
Training frequency	On-going
Time	Cycle of half-day training workshops;
Content	<p>Stakeholder Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requirements of the WB Environmental and Social Standard 10 on Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure - Stakeholder Engagement Plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Roles and responsibilities on SEP implementation and monitoring; o Strategy for public consultations and information disclosure; o Tips on effective methods for stakeholder engagement at the national, regional and local levels. <p>Grievance Redress Mechanism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o GRM Structure; o Roles and responsibilities of GRM focal points at different levels; o GRM procedures (filing, investigation, resolution, informing the status of the complaint, anonymous grievances); o Monitoring and reporting on the status of GRM; o WB's Grievance Redress Service.
Responsibilities	SCS/PMU
Training course	Labor Management Procedures (LMP), Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) and Workers' Grievance Redress Mechanism
Participants	SCS staff engaged in program implementation
Training frequency	Before the start of operation
Time	Half-day training workshop;
Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requirements of the WB Environmental and Social Standard 2 on Labor and Working Conditions; - Labor Management Procedures under the Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Employment conditions; o Occupational health and safety; o Potential labor risks and their avoidance; o Sexual abuse and harassment/GBV; o Worker GRM (focal point contacts, responsibilities, filing procedures, grievance log, reporting on the status); o Contractor Management; o Roles and responsibilities on LMP/OHS implementation and monitoring.
Responsibilities	SCS/PMU

Minutes for Consultations on the Environmental and Social Management Framework Checklist

for the project Strengthening the Statistical System of Uzbekistan (P173450)

The meeting for Consultation on the Environmental and Social Management Framework Checklist for the Strengthening the Statistical System of Uzbekistan Project was held Monday, October 18 at 3:00 PM (Tashkent).

The meeting was chaired by Odiljon Mamadaliev, (Head of International cooperation and information exchange State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Statistics,), who made a comprehensive presentation of the made a presentation of the project and of the ESMF Checklist, to give those in attendance a more detailed context. The NSC counterpart has also shared with those present about the status of the project in the approval process. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Ministry for Support of Makhalla and Family of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Employment and Labor Relations of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Emergency Situations of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Investment and Foreign Trade of the Republic of Uzbekistan, State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Ecology and Environmental Protection, Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

Comments:

Considering that disposal of e-waste may be a considerable effort in the project, there is need to ensure that a competent entity is competitively contracted (via tender procedure) to provide such services. A more comprehensive e-waste disposal plan may be useful to ensure compliance with government requirements and international standards for the protection of the environment.

The State Committee of the Republic of Uzbekistan on Ecology and Environmental Protection has emphasized that they are the ones that develop the national e-waste plans for different types of materials, and that they are being updated regularly.

The setup of the data center may encounter some construction/re-construction, with considerable impact on the environment.

Decisions reached:

The NSC will ensure that an e-waste management service provider will be competitively contracted, in line with the E-Waste disposal plan. It was confirmed that such services will need to be conducted in compliance with government requirements and international standards for the protection of the environment, which could be specified in the services procurement documents.

In addition, NSC has expressed its intent to dedicate project funding to building capacity of its staff on appropriate e-waste management practices throughout project implementation and beyond. Review of government requirements on e-waste management will be conducted regularly.

NSC confirmed that if/when the setup of the data center will encounter construction/re-construction works with a considerable impact on the environment, the project will comply with the Uzbek government regulations in this sense, and contractors will be informed of such requirements to comply ahead of time.

No need to review/modify the initially drafted documents was identified.

Annex 1: Attendance of the Meeting for Consultation on the Environmental and Social Management Framework Checklist, October 18, 2021:

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