Public Information Summary

Host Country(ies)	Africa; primary focus on "Tier-1" countries including Angola (LMIC), Benin (LMIC), Botswana (UMIC), Cote d'Ivoire (LMIC), Gabon (UMIC), Mauritius (UMIC), Morocco (LMIC), Mozambique (LIC), Namibia (UMIC), Rwanda (LIC), Senegal (LMIC), South Africa (UMIC), Tanzania (LMIC), Togo (LIC), and Uganda (LIC).[1]
Name(s) of Fund	Acre Export Finance Fund I LP, a Mauritius limited partnership.
Name of Fund Manager	Acre Capital Management, a private limited company incorporated under the laws of Mauritius.
Project Description	Acre Export Finance Fund I LP invests in climate-aligned infrastructure projects in Africa, unlocking ECA guarantees to mobilize private sector capital, thus contributing to closing the infrastructure financing gap in Africa. Target sectors include: (i) renewable energy, (ii) health, food and water scarcity (iii) sustainable cities and (iv) green transportation.
Proposed DFC Equity Investment	Up to $25 million
Target Fund Size	$300 million
Policy Review	
Developmental Objectives	In 2020, $8.6 billion in sustainable infrastructure transactions were completed in Africa, a fraction of the estimated $170 billion needed annually. Financing is largely constrained by limited availability of commercial finance. In recent years, banks have been reluctant to provide commercial financing for transactions, leading to some projects being delayed or not proceeding at all, a trend exacerbated by the COVID 19 pandemic. Additionally,

[1] The Fund's geographic remit is comprised of 54 African countries. A minimum of 75% of committed capital is expected to be invested in the Tier-1 countries listed above and up to 25% of committed capital may be invested in non-core Tier-2 countries in Africa. A maximum of 20% of committed capital may be invested in a single country Tier-1 country and a maximum of 15% of committed capital may be invested in a single country Tier-2 country. Tier-2 countries include Algeria (UMIC), Cameroon (LMIC), Cape Verde (LMIC), Rep. Congo (LMIC), Dem. Rep. Congo (LIC), Egypt (LMIC), Guinea (LMIC), Kenya (LMIC), Madagascar (LIC), Malawi (LIC), Mauritania (LMIC), Niger (LIC), Nigeria (LMIC), Seychelles (HIC) and Tunisia (LMIC). Tier-3 countries include Burkina Faso, Burundi (LIC), Central African Republic (LIC), Chad (LIC), Comoros (LMIC), Djibouti (LMIC), Equatorial Guinea (UMIC), Eritrea (LIC), Eswatini (LMIC), Ethiopia (LIC), Gambia (LIC), Ghana (LMIC), Guinea-Bissau (LIC), Lesotho (LMIC), Liberia (LIC), Libya (UMIC), Mali (LIC), Sao Tome & Principe (LMIC), Sierra Leone (LIC), Somalia (LIC), South Sudan (LIC), Sudan (LIC; Closed), (Zambia (LMIC), and Zimbabwe (LMIC). Exposure to Tier-3 countries is prohibited in the LPA. However, countries may move up and down between tiers based on a change in circumstances in consultation with the LPAC. DFC will ensure that it can be treated as an excused investor in all portfolio projects located in the following countries: Tier-1—Gabon, Rwanda, and Uganda; Tier-2—Guinea, Niger, Seychelles, and Tunisia; and Tier-3—Burkina Faso, Chad, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Ghana, Libya, Mali, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Zimbabwe.

	this lack of financing hinders job growth in the formal economy. Africa's gender parity falls below global averages, with 89% of women in sub-Saharan Africa employed through the informal economy. To address these challenges, the Fund is expected to have a positive development impact in Africa by providing much-needed capital to highly impactful sustainable infrastructure projects. Over a four-year investment period, the Fund expects to deploy $300 million into projects across renewable energy, health, food, and water scarcity, sustainable cities, and green transportation. By providing the commercial loan financing for each project, the Fund unlocks guarantees from export credit agencies valued at up to 85% of each project, with the potential to mobilize significant private sector capital from established international banks. DFC has qualified the Fund as 2X based on the Fund's intent to meet and / or exceed the 2X criteria for leadership and percentage of 2X-eligible companies in its portfolio. Given the Fund's characteristics, it is categorized as Highly Impactful per DFC's Impact Quotient.
Environment and Social Assessment	**SCREENING:** Financial Intermediaries (FI) with downstream investments that may pose high environmental and social risks are screened as Category FI-A for the purposes of environmental and social assessment. Downstream investments made by the FI will still be screened for categorical prohibitions and, if applicable, subject to DFC's public disclosure requirements for Category A projects. Climate change resilience assessments for FI projects are not required under DFC's policies. However, the FI will be required to include climate change resiliency assessments for any Category A projects as part of the ESIA process. **APPLICABLE STANDARDS:** Under DFC's ESPP, the FI is required to comply with applicable local and national laws and regulations related to environmental and social performance and applicable provisions of the 2012 International Finance Corporation's Performance Standard ("PS") 1 and 2. A virtual due diligence assessment indicates that because the Project involves an investment in a financial intermediary, significant adverse impacts with respect to community health and safety, biodiversity, land acquisition and resettlement,

	indigenous peoples and cultural heritage are not anticipated. Therefore, PS 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are not triggered by DFC's investment; however, DFC's ESPP requires the FI to maintain an ESMS that appropriately identifies, assesses, manages, and monitors risks with respect to the IFC Performance Standards the General and Sector-specific EHS Guidelines. It is anticipated that the FI's subprojects may trigger the following PS: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. Because the FI may invest in Category A subprojects, where that categorization is triggered, DFC will require that ESIAs for these be submitted and disclosed by DFC for public comment. **Environmental and Social Risks and Mitigation:** Key risks associated with the Project include the need for rigorous E&S management systems and organizational capacity at the Fund to oversee a portfolio of medium to high-risk projects inclusive of supply chains that carry elevated labor risks under IFC Performance Standard 2. The Fund has experience working with DFI LPs and ECAs and their E&S requirements and has developed an ESMS that generally aligns with DFI requirements, including IFC Performance Standards. As a first-time Fund Manager, the staff have limited organizational capacity and track record. As a result, the Fund will be required to hire and ESG lead and commit to training in the IFC PS. DFC will request to review E&S risk assessment material associated with its first three investments and any Category A projects. DFC will monitor the Fund's implementation of the ESMS. The Fund will be required to incorporate DFC's categorical prohibitions as part of their environmental and social screening procedures. The Fund will be required to provide annual monitoring throughout the DFC investment. While the Fund generally maintains HR systems of sufficient capacity for the organizational size, it will be required to make updates to fully align with PS 2.