**MINUTES OF THE IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS’ SELECTION COMMITTEE (IPSC) HELD ON 16/05/2019 IN THE SMALL OED BOARDROOM FROM 11.00 AM (NAIROBI TIME)**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

1. Lucia Kiwala
2. Saidou N’Dow
3. Mohamed Robleh
4. Bernhard Barth
5. Dyfed Aubrey

**MIN 1/2019: PRELIMINARIES**

The purpose of the meeting was to consider a request for an exemption of the ceiling of 50% in cases where projects are focusing on small scale community infrastructure systems. The Adaptation Fund Project is made up of four components; component 3 is the principal component which attributes USD$2.59 million of USD$2.8 million for the implementation of small-scale infrastructure projects, i.e. the bulk of this funding is for procurement. The project involves construction of small-scale community infrastructure systems in 189 emerging towns and villages in Lao PDR.

**MIN 2/2019: BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Bernhard Barth gave a brief background of the project as well as a presentation in discussion which included answers to some of the questions asked by Mohamed Robleh such as;

* Why the 50% ceiling does not meet the requirement of the Adaptation Fund?
* Total procurement budget for the whole AOC population?
* Why is procurement through AoC is better value for money than procurement through contractors?
* What is being procured?
* Who is procuring? The individual IPs or a national government entity with established expertise on procurement?
* How is the procurement capacity of the implementing partners verified/assessed?
* Any other matters on value for money

He mentioned that the project was being implement in Laos and that the funds came from the adaptation fund.

**MIN 3/2019: DECISION**

All the members fully supported and agreed to allow exemptions of to the ceiling of 50% for physical works (procurement) in relation to projects surrounding the Adaptation Funds. It was also agreed that the Legal office should review all agreements to make sure that they are not strictly procurement.