

May 31, 2024

Case No. 23/02-2/DRS

NOTICE – NO AGREEMENT TO PURSUE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

**Tanzania: Resilient Natural Resource Management for Tourism and Growth
Project (P150523) – Second Request for Inspection**

1. On May 24, 2024, the World Bank Board of Directors approved a second Inspection Panel recommendation to investigate the *Tanzania Resilient Natural Resource Management for Tourism and Growth Project* (P150523) in response to the Second Request for Inspection that was submitted regarding the project on May 3, 2024. The Second Request raises new circumstances on the issue of resettlement that were not known at the time of the Panel’s first recommendation. Regarding the project, there is currently an ongoing Inspection Panel investigation in response to a First Request for Inspection submitted on June 20, 2023, commenced after the submission of the Notice of No Agreement to Pursue Dispute Resolution on December 11, 2023.
2. On May 28, 2024, the Accountability Mechanism Secretary (AM Secretary) wrote to the Parties offering the opportunity for dispute resolution in relation to the Second Request, pursuant to paragraph 11(a) of Resolution No. IBRD 2020-0005/Resolution No. IDA 2020-0004 (the “AM Resolution”) and paragraph 30 of Resolution No. IBRD 2020-0004/Resolution No. IDA 2020-0003 (the “Panel Resolution”). In relation to the Second Request, the Parties were given the option to engage in dispute resolution regarding the new issue raised in the Second Request for Inspection, or to have this new issue added to the ongoing investigation.
3. To facilitate the Parties’ ability to make an informed decision regarding the dispute resolution option, the AM Secretary offers to meet with each Party, in accordance with paragraph 11 of the AM Operating Procedures. Since the Dispute Resolution option was already offered in the First Request for Inspection, the AM Secretary processed this request on an expedited basis.
4. On May 30, the Requesters rejected the dispute resolution offer. The borrower has been informed of the process and the Requesters’ decision. The AM Secretary hereby informs the Executive Directors, the Inspection Panel and World Bank Management that there is no agreement from both Parties to enter dispute resolution, pursuant to paragraph 11(b) of the AM Resolution and paragraph 31 of the Panel.
5. In accordance with paragraph 11(b) of the AM Resolution and paragraph 33(a) of the Panel Resolution, following this notification the Inspection Panel will now commence its investigation on the issue raised in the Second Request for Inspection.

6. In all cases, and following the AM operating procedures, the AM Secretary informs the Board of the Parties' decision at the earliest possible opportunity and within the 30-working day period.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Orsolya Szekely', written in a cursive style.

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