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Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies

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Safeguards: Key Objectives

- Support integration of environmental and social aspects of projects into the decision making process
- Provide a mechanism for addressing environmental and social issues in program and project design, implementation and operation
- Identify and manage impacts and risks
- Provide a framework for consultation and disclosure
- Support development effectiveness – increase results on the ground both short and long term

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Impacts, Risks and Sustainability

- Environmental Assessment
- Natural Habitats
- Forests
- Pest Management
- Physical Cultural Resources
- Involuntary Resettlement
- Indigenous Peoples
- Safety of Dams
- Projects involving International Waters
- Projects in Disputed Areas

Access to Information Policy

Subject to Independent Inspection Panel

Piloting Use of Country Systems for Environmental and Social Safeguards

Updating and Consolidation of Safeguard Policies

- The Board of Executive Directors has endorsed the undertaking by Bank Management of a comprehensive updating and consolidation of the safeguard policies
- The process will allow for “evolution” of the system to better address environmental and social impacts and risks and promote environmentally and socially sustainable development
- A major Focus is on improving effectiveness and efficiency of the application and implementation of safeguard policies

Consultations

Consultations with Stakeholders:

- Governments (National and Sub-National)
- Development Partners
- Private Sector
- Academic and Applied Research Institutes
- Professional Organizations
- Indigenous Peoples Leaders
- Civil Society Organizations
- Nongovernmental Organizations

*Consultations will be a major focus of work during Fall 2011 and 2012
Draft Policy will be available in multiple languages*

Information on World Bank Group Environmental and Social Policies

- Safeguards Website
www.worldbank.org/safeguards
- Use of Country Systems Website
www.worldbank.org/countrysystems
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Tool Kit Website
www.worldbank.org/seatoolkit
- IFC's Sustainability Policy Framework
www.ifc.org
- Environmental Health and Safety
www.ifc.org/ifcext/enviro.nsf/context/EnvironmentalGuidelines



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