



Strengthening Capacity for Environmental Law in the Asia-Pacific
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ADB's Environment Safeguards and Climate Resilience

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Environmental Sustainability in ADB Projects

Environment Operational Directions Paper (2013-2020)

- Promoting a shift to sustainable infrastructure;
- Investing in natural capital;
- Strengthening environmental governance and management capacity; and
- Responding to the climate change imperative.





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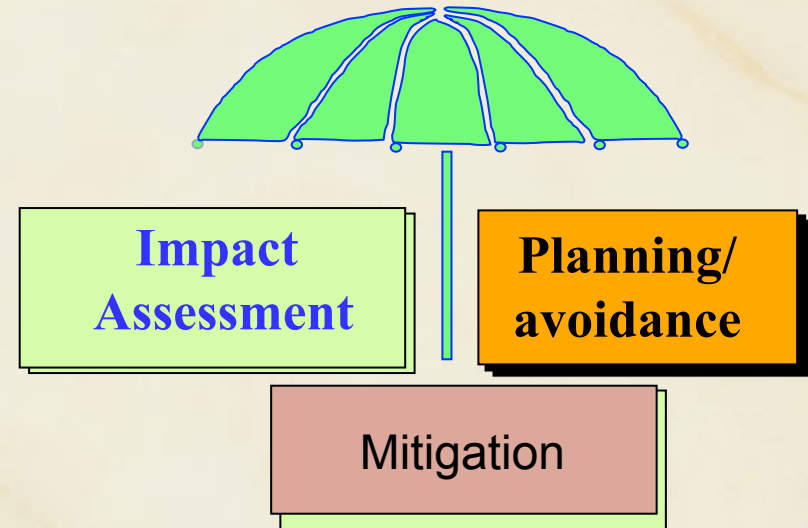
ADB Safeguard Policy Statement (2009)

- *Environmental* and social safeguards are a cornerstone of ADB's support to inclusive economic and *environmentally* sustainable growth
- Ensure the *environmental* soundness of projects and integration of *environmental* and social considerations into the project **design and decision-making** process.

Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS 2009)

Integrates :

- *Environment*
- Involuntary Resettlement
- Indigenous Peoples



Key Objectives:

- **Avoid** adverse impacts of projects on the environment and affected people
- **Minimize, mitigate, and/or compensate for adverse impacts** on the environment and affected people when avoidance is not possible
- **Strengthen** country safeguard systems and develop capacity to manage environmental and social risk
- **Develop** meaningful environment, climate resilience and social standards

Environment management : Striking the Balance



**Environment and Natural
Resources**

**Planning and
Engineering design**

**Creating Sustainable
Assets**



Environment Safeguards

Policy Principles and Requirements

1. Project **screening** and categorization
2. Environmental **assessment**
3. **Alternatives** examination
4. Environmental **management** plan
5. **Consultation** and grievance redress mechanism
6. Information **disclosure**
7. **Monitoring** and reporting
8. Biodiversity **protection** and natural resources management
9. Pollution **prevention** and abatement
10. Occupational and community health and safety
11. **Physical cultural resources**



Policy Principles and Requirements

Screening and Categorization

Conduct screening and categorization at the *early* stage of project preparation to:

- reflect the significance of potential impacts and risks
- identify the extent and scope of impact assessment and institutional resources required
- determine the best means of disclosure and outreach

Screening and Categorization


- **Category A:** *Projects with potential for significant adverse environmental impacts. An environmental impact assessment (EIA) is required*
- **Category B:** *Projects judged to have some adverse environmental impacts, but of lesser degree and/or significance than those for category A projects. An initial environmental examination (IEE) is required*
- **Category C:** *Projects unlikely to have adverse environmental impacts. No EIA or IEE is required, although environmental implications are still reviewed*
- **Category FI:** *Projects are classified as category FI if they involve a credit line through a financial intermediary or an equity investment in a financial intermediary. Environmental and Social Management System required*

Categorization based on the

Typical EIA /IEE Report Structure

- Executive Summary
- Policy, Legal, and Administrative Framework
- Description of the Project
- Description of the Environment (Baseline Data)
- Anticipated Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures
- Analysis of Alternatives
- Environmental Management Plan
 - Mitigation
 - Monitoring
- Conclusion and Recommendation





ADB's Accountability Mechanism

An independent forum and process whereby people adversely affected by ADB-financed projects can voice and seek resolution of their grievances.

2 phases :

- (i) Consultation phase led by ADBs special project facilitator reporting directly to the President
- (ii) Compliance review phase, led by an independent, three member panel that reports to the Board of Directors.

The Compliance Review Panel investigates alleged violations of ADB's operational policies and procedures, including safeguard policies and recommends how to ensure project compliance.

<http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/29960/accountability-mechanism-summary-brochure.pdf>

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Environment Protection is everyone's responsibility



*Lets watch our ecological footprint together and
“safeguard” future generations.*

