

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW PROCEDURES

Recommended Contents¹

(to be incorporated into reporting on environmental assessment of sector loans and environmental assessments of financial intermediation loans and equity investments)

Introduction

This section should outline the purpose, that is, to provide the procedures for environmental assessment and review of subprojects.

Overview of Type of Subprojects to be Assessed

This section should provide a brief overview of the nature of the subprojects. It should provide detail of the specific activities that may have potential for environmental impacts.

Country's Environmental Assessment and Review Procedures

This section should describe the country's environmental assessment and review process. It should show how the environmental assessment and review procedures for subprojects are designed to comply country's environmental assessment and review process and other environmental laws and regulations.

Specific Procedures to be used for Subprojects under the Sector Loan

1. Responsibilities and Authorities

The section should describe the responsibilities and authorities of (i) executing agency; (ii) other government departments; (iii) project proponents; (iv) the responsible Regional Department of ADB; and (v) RSDD of ADB, if any.

2. Environmental Criteria of Subproject Selection

This section should outline specific environmental criteria (e.g., exclusion from environmentally sensitive areas, negative lists for procurement) that are to be used in subproject selection.

3. Procedures for Environmental Assessment of Subprojects

This section should include procedures for

- environmental classification (if necessary),
- specific of free limits¹ as appropriate,
- preparation of initial environmental examinations (IEEs),
- preparation of environmental impact assessments (EIAs),
- requirements for environmental management plans,

¹ These recommended contents are to serve as a guide for reporting. The level of effort, amount of analysis, comprehensiveness, and level of detail are to be guided by nature of the project and the significance of the potential impacts.

¹ Free limit: A monetary limit above which subloans require the Bank's prior approval

- requirements for public consultation and information disclosure,
- review of environmental assessment reports by government environmental agencies,
- review of environmental assessment by ADB regional departments and RSDD as necessary, and
- monitoring environmental performance – reporting on environmental assessment activities

Confirmation that Environmental Assessment and Review Procedures conforms to ADB's Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies

This section should evaluate the adequacy of the environmental assessment and review procedures in the context of ADB's environmental assessment requirements.

Staffing Requirements and Budget

This section should estimate the staffing requirements and cost estimates for operation of the environmental assessment and review procedures. It should also provide estimates of costs required for preparation of IEEs and EIAs for subprojects.

