

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF POLICY MATRIX

Recommended Contents¹ (to be used for the Policy Component of Program Loan)

Introduction

This section will include the purpose of the report and discuss the methodology used to assess the environmental impacts of the policy component of the program loan.

Description of Policy Interventions

This section should provide a description of the policy interventions. The policy matrix prepared for the program loan should be referenced.

Environmental Assessment of Policy Interventions

This section is to assess the environmental implications of the policy interventions. It should first link the policy interventions to potential economic and social outcomes. These economic and social outcomes are the direct impacts. Based on these economic and social outcomes, the environmental impacts of the proposed policy interventions need to be assessed. The assessment should be summarized in matrix format (below).

Policy Intervention	Economic and Social Outcomes	Environmental Impact	Mitigation Measures

Environmental Management Plan

This section should describe the conditions or safeguards required to ensure that the policy interventions will promote environmentally sound development. In addition, there are usually opportunities to promote efficient use of resources that will in turn lead to environmental benefits. Such interventions should be identified and incorporated into program loans and sector development programs as appropriate to enhance to overall success and sustainability of the policy changes being introduced.

Conclusion

This section should provide an overall summary conclusion. The potential for environmental impacts should be summarized and any proposed environmental conditions or safeguards stated.

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.