The IDB’s Draft Environmental and Social Policy Framework at a Glance

Over the last 12 months, the IDB has developed a new Environmental and Social Policy Framework (ESPP).

**CORE GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

- **Outcome orientation**: Responsibilities and requirements established by the ESPF will be set in proportion to the level of project risk.
- **Transparency**: A collaborative and inclusive participatory process will offer meaningful opportunities for interested stakeholders.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

The Environmental and Social Policy Framework includes the IDB’s responsibilities in a Policy Statement and borrower’s requirements in ten Environmental and Social Performance Standards. Key features include:

- **Environmental**
  - Protection of biodiversity, allowing offsets to be used as mitigation measures only when critical habitat is not involved.
  - Borrowers to systematically assess their projects’ vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change.
  - Dynamic approach to environmental and social risk management throughout project implementation.
  - Capacity building through effective systems of environmental and social management.
  - Common approach for co-financed operations with other institutions to facilitate project design and implementation.

- **Social**
  - Institutional: Explicit IDB long-standing commitment to respecting human rights, including Indigenous, Afro-descendant, and other traditional peoples’ rights.
  - Non-discrimination and inclusion of vulnerable groups.
  - Gender equality through a dedicated standard.
  - Labor rights and worker protection in accordance with international agreements.
  - Measures to avoid or minimize the risks and impacts to community health, safety, and security, including risks exacerbated by local context.
  - Through a dedicated standard, recognizes ongoing stakeholder engagement and information disclosure.

- **Institutional**
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**E&S PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

The IDB will require that its Borrowers meet these ten standards throughout the project cycle. The performance standards will serve as the basis for the Bank’s screening, classification, due diligence, monitoring, and risk management.

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE**

Public Consultation is open through a dedicated Website and open public meetings. We value your comments, suggestions, feedback and active engagement. To participate please visit www.iadb.org/mpas.