

Environmental and Social Standards Task Force (ESSTF)

Second Meeting – March 19, 9 am EDT

Attendees:

Katie Mathias (CFA)
Scott Lampman (USAID)
Camila Monteiro (Individual)
Sean Nazerali (BIOFUND, Mozambique)
Sebastian Spitzer, KfW
Claudia Eckhardt, KfW
Boris Schinke, KfW
Karen
Kathy Mikitin (Individual, Task Force facilitator)

Minutes of the March 5 meeting were approved.

New Participants

Sebastian Spitzer of KfW's Environmental and Social Safeguards group explained the role of his team which covers the conservation projects where KfW provides funds to PAs or CTFs. In an environment of increased scrutiny from NGOs, Parliament and the press, KfW would like to see the development of a simple framework and tools that could be easily adopted to fill existing gaps where institutional scale and the amounts invested were both small.

Gender

Based on a quick walk through the matrix provided by Scott Lampman and anecdotal evidence, it was clear that gender was treated differently by the both the donor institutions and those that have developed their own frameworks to respond to environmental and social risks. Gender was sometimes categorized as a social standard and other times covered by a standalone policy with separate tools and process. The group shared its experience and expressed a preference that gender be presented as a cross-cutting area that will need to be integrated, when appropriate, into the application of the remaining environmental, social and process standards.

Survey of Practice by EFs/CTFs

There was general agreement that the next step is to survey EFs/CTFs using the regional networks. It was also agreed to try to obtain more information than what was attempted by the rough draft survey already distributed to TF members. The new approach will i) use an embedded survey to separate those EFs/CTFs without frameworks from those that have them and ii) probe more deeply into what risks EFs/CTFs are identifying or screening for, what architecture they are using to ensure the risks are addressed and what experience is with performance, ie. tracking by EF/CTF and beneficiary performance. A redrafted survey will be ready for review by the next meeting.

A final question for the survey will ask EFs/CTFs whether they are willing to share their frameworks with the TF.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for Thursday, April 2 at 9 am EDT.