

# Environmental Safeguards

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# Scope of presentation

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- Brief description of the ADB safeguards;
- Application of the environment safeguards to the Project:
  - Selection of Border Crossing Points;
  - Environmental assessment.
- Gender and Development



# ADB's Safeguards

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- ◉ Regulated by Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS) 2009;
- ◉ Objective:
  - Avoid adverse impacts of projects on the environment and affected people where possible;
  - Minimize, mitigate, and/or compensate for adverse project impacts on the environment and affected people where avoidance is not possible;
  - Help borrowers to strengthen their safeguard systems and develop capacity to manage environmental and social risks.



# Safeguards of ADB

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- SPS 2009 presents policy objectives, principles, scope, and triggers for the following safeguard directions:
  - Environment;
  - Involuntary resettlement;
  - Indigenous people.
- The SPS applies to all ADB-financed and / or ADB-administered projects and their components, regardless of the source of financing.



# SPS 2009 on-line

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## ○ SPS's URLs:

- In English:

- <http://www.adb.org/Documents/Policies/Safeguards/Safeguard-Policy-Statement-June2009.pdf>

- In Chinese:

- <http://www.adb.org/Documents/Translations/Chinese/Safeguard-Policy-Statement-cn.pdf>

- In Russian:

- <http://www.adb.org/Documents/Translations/Russian/Safeguard-Policy-Statement-June2009-ru.pdf>



# Environmental Safeguard: requirements

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- ◉ Environmental Assessment (Project Categorization: A, B, or C)
- ◉ Environmental Management Plan
- ◉ Information Disclosure
- ◉ Consultation and Public Participation
- ◉ Grievance Redress Mechanism
- ◉ Monitoring and Reporting (Monitoring of implementation of EMP and preparation of reports)



# Application of Environmental Safeguards – Task 1

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## A. Principles during Selection of BCPs:

1. Consider Economic, Social, Environmental and Engineering Aspects;
2. Subproject preliminary assessment,
  - a) Try to avoid subprojects with adverse environmental impacts (direct or indirect) of high magnitude or projects in environmentally sensitive areas;
  - b) Try to prioritize projects with potential substantial positive environmental impacts



# Application of Environmental Safeguards – Task 2

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## A. Environmental Assessment and Review Process

- Environmental clearance: national level and ADB
- Major stages:
  - Categorization of subprojects (A, B, or C)
  - Preparation of Environmental Assessment (EA) Reports (Initial Environmental Examinations or Environmental Impact Assessment)
  - Submission of EA reports to ADB for reviewing
  - Disclosure of EA documents on ADB web-site (120 day before Board consideration for Category A projects).



# Application of Environmental Safeguards - Impacts

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- Potential environmental impacts the Project:
  - Direct impacts
    - Physical: soil erosion; air and water pollution;
    - Ecological: impacts on flora and fauna, protected areas;
    - Social: resettlement, impacts on indigenous people
  - Indirect impacts
    - Ecological: increase in cross-border movement of endangered species, hazardous waste
    - Social: increase in human trafficking, increase in transmission of HIV/ AIDS and other diseases.



# Gender and Development

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- Gender and Development project design features assure that the project benefits men and women equally

## 3 key approaches:

- Design gender sensitive border post (e.g. separate waiting line for men and women, separate washrooms, extra room for security checks, space for shelter of illegal migrants who are discovered at the BCPs)
- Provide equal employment opportunities and training for women staff at BCP
- Facilitate cross border trade for border communities (mostly women are involved in community cross border trade)



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Thank you!