

ESS

The World Bank's (WB) ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL Standards



The ESS set out the requirements for Borrowers relating to the identification and management of environmental and social risks and impacts associated with projects supported by the Bank, through means that are appropriate to the nature and scale of the project and proportionate to the level of environmental and social risks and impacts.



2 Labor and Working Conditions



1 Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts



3 Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management



4 Community Health and Safety



5 Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement



6 Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources



7 Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities



8 Cultural Heritage



9 Financial Intermediaries



10 Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure



DESCRIPTION AND BENEFITS OF ESS



They support Borrowers in achieving good international practice relating to environmental and social sustainability.



They establish objectives and requirements to avoid, minimize and mitigate environmental and social risks and impacts and, where this is not possible, to compensate for such impacts.



They are consistent with the Sustainable Development Goals.



They adopt a risk- and outcomes-based approach.



They promote adaptive risk management.



They enhance nondiscrimination, transparency, participation, accountability and governance.



They promote innovation.



They promote institutional strengthening and capacity building.