

Training Workshop

Reviewing Environmental Impact Assessment Documents

Siem Reap (November 18 – 20, 2015)

Sihanoukville (November 30 – December 2, 2015)

Ratanakiri (September 12 - 14, 2016)

Objectives of the Training Workshop

Since 2005, responsibility for dealing with the environmental review of projects less than \$2million has been delegated to Provincial offices. However, these offices will often only consist of a small number of staff, whose qualifications and skills may not necessarily cover all of the development sectors in the given Province. It also appears that there has not been much in the way of donor support for capacity building at the Provincial Environment Office level.

Given that there is growing development pressure in Cambodian Provinces, and that the Department of EIA in Phnom Penh appears to be already busy with environmental review work, it would appear to make sense to boost the capacity of provincial EIA officers so that they can take charge of managing the environmental safeguards procedures when developments are “close to home”.

At the end of this 3-day training workshop, it is hoped that trainees will feel confident in their ability to:

- understand where document review fits within the overall EIA process;
- understand current state-of-the-art international approaches to EIA document review;
- direct proponents on how to design IEE and EIA studies;
- design terms of reference for IEE and EIA studies;
- understand the linkage between a proponent terms of reference ... the proponent’s impact assessment document ... and the structure of an IEE or EIA review;
- develop templates that can be applied to IEE and EIA document review;
- apply the IEE/EIA document review template to a sample of real impact assessment documents in a range of industry sectors; and,
- write IEE/EIA review reports.

Approach to the Training Workshop

The workshop will consist of a mix of short lecture/presentations and interactive work on real IEE/EIA documents.

Training Set-Up Requirements

1. Room set up in table format (approximately 6-8 people per table).
2. Computer projector (2)
3. Projection screen
4. Whiteboard and markers
5. Microphone (if the room is large)
6. Flip charts (one for every two tables)
7. Paper for flip charts, and marker pens.
8. Real EIA and/or IEE documents produced by proponents (at least 2 per table, from a variety of sectors. If possible, it would be good to have some that have not yet been reviewed).

Agenda

Day 1: September 12

Introduction to Reviewing Impact Assessment Documents

Time	Content	Presenter
0900-0930	Registration	
0930 - 0945	Welcome Speeches	MoE Representative ADB Representative
0945 - 1000	Introduction to participants and workshop methodology	
1000 - 1030	Overview of the EIA process Presentation and discussion on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Where document review generally fits within the EIA process• What is the role and purpose of the EIA review?• Where does the review stage fit within the EIA process in Cambodia?	Dr. David Annandale, ADB consultant Discussion within groups, and feedback

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the main steps in the EIA review process? 	
1030 - 1045	Coffee break	
1045 - 1130	<p>Overview of the EIA process (continued)</p> <p>Presentation and discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where document review generally fits within the EIA process • What is the role and purpose of the EIA review? • Where does the review stage fit within the EIA process in Cambodia? • What are the main steps in the EIA review process? 	<p>Dr. David Annandale, ADB consultant</p> <p>Discussion within groups, and feedback</p>
1130 - 1230	<p>What are the necessary components of good EIA document review?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examples of current state-of-the art international approaches to EIA document review • What are the necessary components of good document review? 	<p>Dr David Annandale</p> <p>Discussion within groups</p>
1230 - 1330	Lunch	
1330 – 1430	<p>What types of projects are undergoing IEE or EIA in the Provinces?</p> <p>Groups to focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are proposals “triggered”? • Do specific sectors predominate? • What are the main environmental or social issues that present themselves? 	<p>Facilitated by Dr David Annandale</p> <p>Informal group presentations</p>
1430 - 1515	<p>Plenary discussion on perceived problems with the existing approach to EIA document review</p>	<p>Facilitated by Dr David Annandale</p>
1515 - 1530	Coffee break	
1530 -	An important phase of EIA document review:	Small group work

1700	determining review criteria Group worked focused on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using proponent ToR as the basis for document review• What should a generic ToR look like?• Do we need ToRs/guidelines for specific sectors?• Drafting a generic ToR	facilitated by Dr. David Annandale
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Day 2: September 13

Designing and Applying Review Templates

Time	Content	Presenter
0900 - 0930	Recap from Day 1	Dr. David Annandale
0930 - 1030	Steps in carrying out the EIA review	Dr. David Annandale Presentation
1030 - 1045	Coffee break	
1045 - 1230	Developing review templates: examples Presentation and questions and answers Designing an appropriate review template <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gaining agreement on a generic review template• Review templates for common projects• Do we need sector-specific review templates?	Presentation (Dr David Annandale) and small group work with feedback
1230 - 1330	Lunch Break	
1330 - 1530	Applying review templates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applying the generic and sector-specific templates to a sample of old and new projects	Small group work
1530 - 1600	Coffee break	
1600 - 1700	Applying review templates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comparing the outcomes from application of the new templates to reviews undertaken previously	Small group work

Day 3: September 14

Applying Review Templates

Time	Content	Presenter
0900 - 0930	Recap from Day 2	Dr. David Annandale
0930 - 1030	Applying review templates <ul style="list-style-type: none">Comparing the outcomes from application of the new templates to reviews undertaken previously	Small group work
1030 - 1045	Coffee break	
1045 - 1230	Reviewing specific sector projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">Basic Elements and Impact Assessment of Industrial ProjectsOther sectors as identified on Day 1	Facilitated by Dr David Annandale Presentations from small groups
1230 - 1330	Lunch	
1330 - 1430	Reviewing specific sector projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">Basic Elements and Impact Assessment of Industrial ProjectsOther sectors as identified on Day 1	Facilitated by Dr David Annandale Presentations from small groups
1430 - 1530	What happens after document review? <ul style="list-style-type: none">What information do decision-makers need?Preparing documentation for decision-makersDesigning outcome-based condition documents	Presentation and Small group work
1530 - 1545	Coffee break	
1545 - 1630	What happens after document review? <ul style="list-style-type: none">What information do decision-makers need?Preparing documentation for decision-makersDesigning outcome-based condition documents	Small group work

1630 - 1700	Wrap up	
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