

# MDBs: Emerging Standards and New Guidance for EIA

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# World Bank Group's Strategic

- ▶ SFDCC was approved in November 2008
- ▶ Guides and supports operational response of the WBG to challenges posed by climate change



# Strategic Framework

## Objectives:

- Enable WBG to effectively support sustainable development and poverty reduction, as climate risks and climate-related economic opportunities arise
- Facilitate global action and interactions among all countries

## Six Action Areas:

1. Support climate action in country-led development processes
2. Mobilize additional concessional and innovative finance
3. Facilitate the development of market-based financing mechanisms
4. Leverage private sector resources
5. Support accelerated development and deployment of new technologies
6. Step up policy research, knowledge, and capacity building

# EIA and Climate Change

- ▶ Framework commits the WBG to update guidance and existing tools, such as EIA and SEA, to take account of climate change considerations
- ▶ EIG evaluation on safeguards and the new WBG's Environment Strategy
  - WB's safeguard policies, which include EA, will be reviewed and updated in the next 24 months

# EIA and Climate Change

- ▶ Projects are beginning to assess CC risks and GHG emission potential in key vulnerable sectors but not as a safeguard requirement
  - Water resources (Padma bridge in Bangladesh) and power generation (ESKOM power project in South Africa)
  - Mandatory screening criteria for coal power based generation
  - IFC requires in sector projects GHG emissions

# SEA and Climate Change

- ▶ The WB has been coordinating with the OECD DAC SEA task team on SEA Guidance including climate change:
  - A guidance on SEA and CC is available
- ▶ In 2005, a pilot SEA program was launched:
  - It is currently supporting two pilots: Orissa (India) and Michoacán (Mexico) using SEA approaches