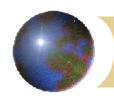


POSSIBLE DIRECTIONS FOR WORLD BANK SUPPORT TO EA DEVELOPMENT IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA 2004 - 2007



The Vision:

By 2015, Sub-Saharan African countries, regional organizations, civil society and the private sector are effectively using environmental assessment as a tool for environmentally sustainable development and for contributing substantially to achieving the Millennium Development Goals.



Delivered by:

- A professional Sub-Saharan African EA Network involving:
 - Public Sector
 - Private Sector
 - Civil Society



Through programs and activities to strengthen:

Public-Sector Institutions
Partnerships
Knowledge Development



Public-Sector Institutions:

Outcome: Public-sector institutions are effectively and consistently implementing EA programmes in support of sustainable economic and social development



Partnerships:

Outcome: Institutes, organizations and practitioners involved in EA training and capacity building are actively working together to develop and sustain Sub-Saharan Africa EA services

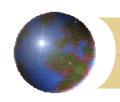


Knowledge Development:

Outcome: Public- and private-sector EA practitioners have the sustained capacity to effectively deliver EA programs and services



POSSIBLE DIRECTIONS FOR WORLD BANK SUPPORT



PUBLIC-SECTOR INSTITUTIONS

- A comprehensive diagnostic of EA legal and regulatory frameworks, as well as implementation capacities
- Support the development of EA policies and procedures by national, sub-regional and regional institutions
- Promote the use of SEA



PARTNERSHIPS

Continue to support the further emergence and strengthening of African institutes, associations and organizations, and especially partnerships among them, to both supply and demand EA services in Sub-Saharan Africa



KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT

- Focus primarily on initiatives to enhance client capacities to respond adequately to the Bank's EA requirements
- Continue to build client EA capacity as integral components of regular Bank operations
- Seek to devolve some EA review and clearance functions to national EA authorities (central and/or sectoral)
- Primarily focus on capacity building in sectoral agencies (e.g. transport, energy, water and sanitation)



KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT

- Support innovative, catalytic, cutting-edge short training courses on selected EA topics of particular relevance to the Bank's own business needs
- Support innovative programs aimed at developing civil society awareness and understanding of national EA systems, and the opportunities for influencing development activities through EA processes
- Offer advice and guidance, and perhaps funding, to SSA initiatives for strengthening educational and training institutions that respond to EA needs



KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT

- Support the development and implementation of programs that support junior EA professionals to gain on-the-job experience with more seasoned EA practitioners
- Support the development and implementation of a voluntary accreditation system for African EA practitioners