



*International Workshop for EIA system and its  
implementation in Asia:*

**EIA system and its implementation  
challenges and opportunities**

**- Based on six country study-**



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# Outline

## 1. Common challenges (system/implementation)

- Upstream EIA/SEA
- EIA quality
- Information disclosure/public participation
- Environmental management plan/monitoring

## 2. Opportunities

- For mutual learning among Asian countries
- For learning from international communities
- For the future activities from this study



# Upstream EIA/SEA

	Common Challenges
<b>System</b>	Lack of SEA legislation and guidance (4 countries)
	Lack of systematic training on SEA (all countries)
<b>Implementation</b>	Permission of projects before EIA approval (2 countries)
	Weak SEA implementation capacity (4 countries)
	Weak collaboration with other ministries regarding SEA (5 countries)



# EIA Quality

	Common Challenges
System	Lack of sector guidelines and technical guidance for assessment (4 countries)
	Lack of registration system for EIA consultants (2 countries)
	Absence of a mechanism to ensure objective EIA review, such as EIA review by Independent EIA review committee (IRC) (2 countries)
Implementation	Limited quality of baseline data (4 countries)
	Limited technical skill for EIA review by gov't staff (2 countries)
	Insufficient technical/financial capacity of EIA consultants to conduct sound investigation (4 countries)
	Absence or insufficient higher education basis to foster EIA experts (5 countries)



# Information disclosure/ public participation

	Common Challenges
<b>System</b>	Unclear procedures or requirements for information disclosure and public participation (4 countries)
	Limited public access to EIA reports during review stage (4 countries)
<b>Implementation</b>	Insufficient or ineffective public participation (5 countries)
	Limited access of EIA information such as insufficient web-based communication system (3 countries)
	Limited awareness on information disclosure and public participation related to EIA by project proponents (5 countries)
	Limited capacity of NGOs and local communities to effectively respond to EIAs (5 countries)



# Environmental management plan/monitoring

	Common Challenges
System	Limited financial basis for responding to unexpected situations, such as by environmental bond (5 countries)
	No systematic review of monitoring reports by independent body (5 countries)
Implementation	Limited implementation of mitigation measures and monitoring by project proponents (all countries)
	Insufficient quality of monitoring reports prepared by project proponents (5 countries)
	Weak monitoring capacity of government (all countries)

# Opportunities (1)

## Opportunities for mutual learning among Asian countries based on existing good practices

- Examples:
- Development of SEA legislation and guidance,
- Establishment of sector guidelines and technical guidance for assessment
- Improvement of technical skill of government staff for EIA review, and capacity of consultants for EIA preparation
- Development of guidelines for information disclosure and public participation
- Establishment of web-based communication system
- Mutual learning to improve implementation of public participation, and strengthen monitoring capacity of government agencies

## Opportunities (2)

### Opportunities for learning from international communities based on global good practice

- Examples:
- Systematic training to strengthen implementation capacity of SEA including strengthening collaboration with other ministries regarding SEA
- Development of materials on capacity building for EIA consultants, and university curricula to study EIA
- Development of guidelines for information disclosure and public participation, and establishment of web-based communication system
- Support to mutual learning for improving implementation of public participation, and to strengthen monitoring capacity of government agencies
- Advice for improvement of implementation of mitigation measures and monitoring by project proponents

## Opportunities (3)

### Opportunities for the future activities from this study

- *Examples:*
- Facilitation of mutual learning in Asia
- Information sharing including private sectors
- Promotion of knowledge and experience sharing

Thank you !