

WORLD BANK GROUP DAY EVENT IAIA 2015 – FLORENCE, ITALY

Date and Time	Thursday, April 23, 13:00 – 17:30 Light lunch will be served at 12:45
Venue	Firenze Fiera Congress and Exhibition Center. Room: 4th Floor Affari
Language	English
Objective	Facilitate an open forum for impact assessment practitioners to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• better understand and discuss the World Bank’s Safeguard Policies review and update process, in particular the proposed Environmental and Social Framework (ESF). The ESF sets out the Bank’s commitment to sustainability and development effectiveness in Bank supported-projects. Participants will get a broad overview of the ESF, which contains a Vision, a Policy and a set of Environmental and Social Standards.• better understand and discuss operational issues and challenges that face WBG institutions in supporting complex, transformational projects, both public and private, in challenging markets, particularly in relation to the broader context of the project and sector operating risks. Understanding these contextual risks can be material to meeting project-level environmental and social requirements and achieving project success.• better understand and discuss environmental and social due diligence process for public and private sector projects. Case studies presented will focus on operational issues and challenges faced in undertaking environmental and social due diligence on joint projects (WBG and/or co-financed). The WBG will also share examples of using earth observation products and geographic information system tools in Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and how these products and tools can help understand contextual risk.
Conveners	Mauricio Athié, Senior Environmental Specialist, IFC Pilar Clemente Fernández, Environmental Assessment and Management Specialist, World Bank

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AGENDA

- 13:00 – 13:10 **Introductory Remarks**
- WBG Event Chair: Glenn Morgan. Advisor, Environmental Standards, World Bank*
- Co-Chair: Elizabeth M. White. Principal Strategist, IFC*
- 13:10 – 14:00 **Part 1: The World Bank’s Safeguard Policies Review: Update on the proposed Environmental and Social Framework**
- Chair: Glenn Morgan. Advisor, Environmental Standards, World Bank*
- Speakers: Mark King. Chief Environmental and Social Standards, World Bank*
Afshan H. Khawaja. Advisor, Social Standards, World Bank
- 14:00 – 15:15 **Part 2: Private Sector environment and social risk management: Factoring in ‘contextual risks’**
- Chair: Elizabeth M. White. Principal Strategist, IFC*
- Speakers: John Page. Former Chief Economist for the Africa Region, World Bank*
John Middleton. Principal Environmental Specialist, IFC
Lori Conzo. Senior Environmental Specialist, IFC
Debra Zanewich. Senior Environmental Specialist, MIGA
- 15:15 – 15:30 **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 – 17:00 **Part 3: Operational issues and challenges of environmental and social due diligence for joint public and private sector projects – Case Studies**
- Chair: Nina Chee. Advisor, Environmental Standards, World Bank*
- Speakers: John Middleton. Principal Environmental Specialist, IFC*
Nina Chee. Advisor, Environmental Standards, World Bank
- Use of earth observation tools for impact assessment in World Bank projects
- Speakers: Anna Burzykowska. European Space Agency*
Gordon Campbell. European Space Agency
- 17:00 – 17:30 **General Questions and Answers**
- Chair: Glenn Morgan. Advisor, Environmental Standards, World Bank*
- Panelists: All speakers/presenters*

World Bank Group Day Event**International Association for Impact Assessment – Annual Conference 2015 (Florence, Italy)**

This special event provides a forum for impact assessment practitioners to hear about the World Bank's proposed Environmental and Social Framework; to get insight from their respective specialties in the way in which the World Bank Group undertakes due diligence of environmental and social risks including contextual risks involving country and sector issues, analyzes strategies in its portfolio and informs decision-making outcomes; and to share recent experience on the management of environmental and social risks and impacts of projects, both public and private, supported by the World Bank, IFC and MIGA.

Part 1. The World Bank's proposed Environmental and Social Framework. As part of the safeguard policies review and update process, the World Bank is preparing a new Environmental and Social Framework, which sets out its commitment to sustainability and development effectiveness in Bank supported-projects. The framework contains a Vision, a Policy and a set of Environmental and Social Standards. Participants will get a broad overview of and an update on the proposed Framework.

Part 2. Private Sector environmental and social risk management: factoring in 'contextual risks'. This session will discuss the lessons learned from supporting World Bank Group clients in complex, transformational private sector investments in difficult country or sector contexts. It will focus on experiences where solutions extend beyond the private sector's ability to address on their own requiring partnerships with the public sector, civil society and communities. A first step is to understand the contextual risks associated with these private sector investment opportunities, the stakeholders, and how the environmental and social sustainability risks intersect. It will also provide examples of specific solutions that have required innovative partnerships and the tools that have been used to support these.

Part 3. Operational issues and challenges of environmental and social due diligence for joint public and private sector projects – Case Studies. Case studies will be shared and discussed to illustrate how contextual risks were considered as part of the environmental and social due diligence process for public and private sector projects. Case studies will focus on operational issues and challenges faced in undertaking environmental and social due diligence on joint projects (WBG and/or co-financed). The World Bank Group will also share examples of using earth observation products and geographic information system tools in Environmental and Social Impact Assessment and how these products and tools can help understand contextual risk.

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