

SEA Approaches in the Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Program: Case of the State of Michoacán, Mexico

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Abstract: SEA may be a useful tool for setting priorities for climate change adaptation and mitigation. The presentation will outline the experience of the State of Michoacán (Mexico) in developing an Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Plan, which is incorporating SEA principles into its planning framework. At the request of the Government of Mexico, the World Bank has been supporting the State government in utilizing an SEA approach to guide the plan's development. This case study will outline lessons learned through this approach, including the benefits of, and initial outcomes from, a participatory effort to identify the likely impacts of climate change, and prioritize related adaptation and mitigation options. Particular emphasis will be placed on the incorporation of a risk management framework, which has been identified by key stakeholders as a particularly useful exercise.

Summary: SEA may be a useful tool for setting climate change adaptation and mitigation priorities. Results from incorporating SEA principles into the State of Michoacán's Climate Change Plan show the benefits of a participatory effort to identify climate change impacts, and prioritize related adaptation and mitigation options.