

Safeguard Policy Statement

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Policy Update

- Previous policies:
 - Environment Policy (2002)
 - Indigenous Peoples Policy (1998)
 - Involuntary Resettlement Policy (1995)
- The **Safeguard Policy Statement**, approved in July 2009 and became effective in January 2010, builds upon the 3 previous policies and brings them into one consolidated policy framework to enhance relevance and effectiveness

Outline

1. Why safeguard policy
2. Policy objectives & scope of application
3. Policy structure & key policy features
4. Implementation: Roll-Out 2009/2010

1. Why Safeguard Policy

Issue/Challenge:

While the infrastructure development projects are intended to benefit large numbers of people in DMCs, unless well managed, they can pose severe economic, social and environmental risks on affected communities and affect vulnerable group and poor disproportionately

1. Why Safeguard Policy

ADB's approach

- ADB commits to avoid, minimize, mitigate, and compensate for the adverse impacts through well-designed and appropriately-implemented plans/programs on environmental management, resettlement and indigenous peoples
- ADB believes that safeguards are a cornerstone of ADB's support to inclusive economic growth and environmental sustainable growth, and safeguard issues should be seen as an integral part of the development process

2. Policy objectives & scope of application

Overarching Objectives of the SPS

- Avoid adverse impacts of projects on the environment and affected people, where possible;
- Minimize, mitigate, and/or compensate for adverse project impacts on the environment and affected people when avoidance is not possible; and
- Help borrowers/clients to strengthen their safeguard systems and develop the capacity to manage environmental and social risks.

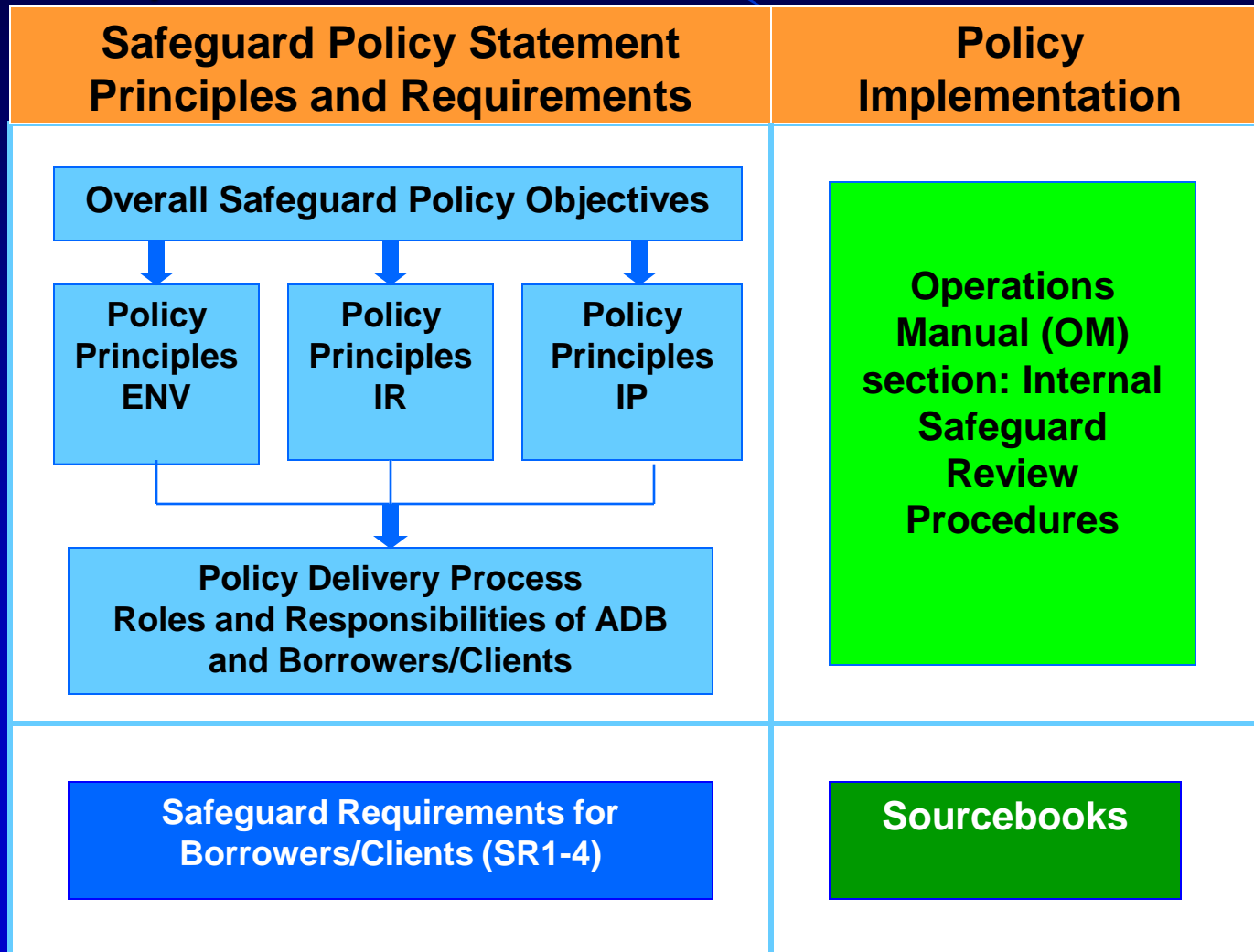
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Scope of Application

- The safeguard policy statement applies to all ADB-financed and/or ADB-administered sovereign and non-sovereign projects, and their components regardless of the source of financing, including investment projects funded by a loan; and/or a grant; and/or other means, such as equity and/or guarantees

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Key Policy Features

- 3-in-1
- Increased clarity
- Consistent with WB and IFC's approaches
- Requirements tailored appropriately to different financing modalities
- Strengthened monitoring and supervision
- Country Safeguard Systems (CSS)
- Emphasis on capacity development in DMCs