SESSION 1.3

DEMAND ANALYSIS

Introductory Course on Economic Analysis of Investment Projects

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Demand Analysis

- Critical to project success
- Methods of estimation
 - Statistical projections
 - Market surveys of potential customers
 - Econometric modelling / 'contingent valuation'

Statistical Projections

- Demand is function of income, product price, competitors prices, taste/advertising
 D = f (Y, X, P)
- Simple projections based on income elasticity of demand and targeted/projected GDP growth
- If elasticity is 1.2 then if GDP growth is 5% product demand growth is 6%

Statistical Projections

 Price can be included in a model where price elasticity is known or can be approximated

For transport

 $T_{xt} = (T_{x0}^{*}(1+g_t)^{y}) * (C_{xt}/C_{x0})^{n}$

where T_{xt} is traffic flow (AADT) for type x, t is a future year, 0 is the base year, g is GDP per capita growth rate, y is income elasticity of demand, C is generalized travel costs including any toll payments, and n is a constant price elasticity

Market Surveys

Can establish current expenditure patterns

 Contingent valuation (CV) surveys can be used to determine how much people would pay for good or service

 Also reveal what demand will be at a particular price



Thank you.