

Introducing the Environmental and Social Framework (ESF)



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Why has the Safeguard Policy been updated to the ESF?



- **Need to modernize**
- **Improve efficiency of safeguard business processes**
- **Increase convergence and harmonization**
- **Improve implementation outcomes**

Overview of ADB's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF)

The ADB Board of Directors approved the ESF on 22 November 2024

Expected to become effective on 1 January 2026 for projects without an approved concept note

What's in the ESF?



Vision



Environmental
and Social
Policy



10 Environmental
and Social
Standards



Requirements for
Financing Modalities
and Products



Prohibited
Investment
Activities List

How will the ESF Benefit Me?

The ESF moves beyond compliance by taking a more strategic approach



Flexibility in project preparation

Opportunity to use borrowers' safeguard systems

Closely aligned with other lenders' systems

Risk-based approach

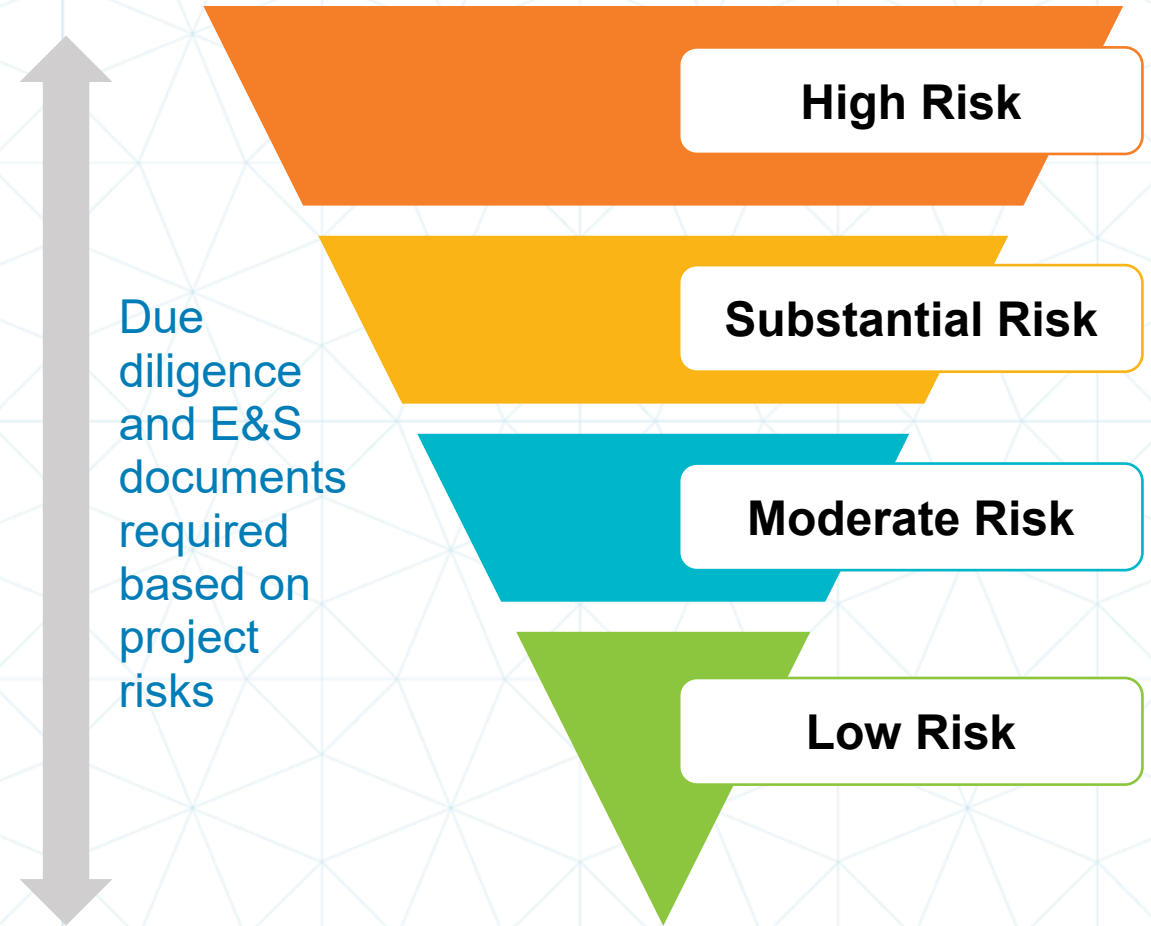


Environmental and Social Policy

A New Approach to Risk Classification

One risk classification per project, compared to three in the SPS (for environment, involuntary resettlement, and Indigenous Peoples)

SPS categories mapped to ESF classifications:
Cat A (=High);
Cat B (=Substantial or Moderate);
Cat C (= Low)



For Financial Intermediary transactions, the risk classification assigned is FI, with sub classifications of FI-1, FI-2 and FI-3 based on the risk of the expected transactions/activities to be financed by ADB



ADB's Environmental and Social Standards (ESS)

1



Assessment and Management
of Environmental and Social
Risks and Impacts

2



Labor and Working
Conditions

3



Resource Conservation
and Pollution Prevention

4



Health, Safety,
and Security

5



Land Acquisition and
Land Use Restriction

6



Biodiversity Conservation
and Sustainable Natural
Resources Management

7



Indigenous Peoples

8



Cultural Heritage

9



Climate Change

10

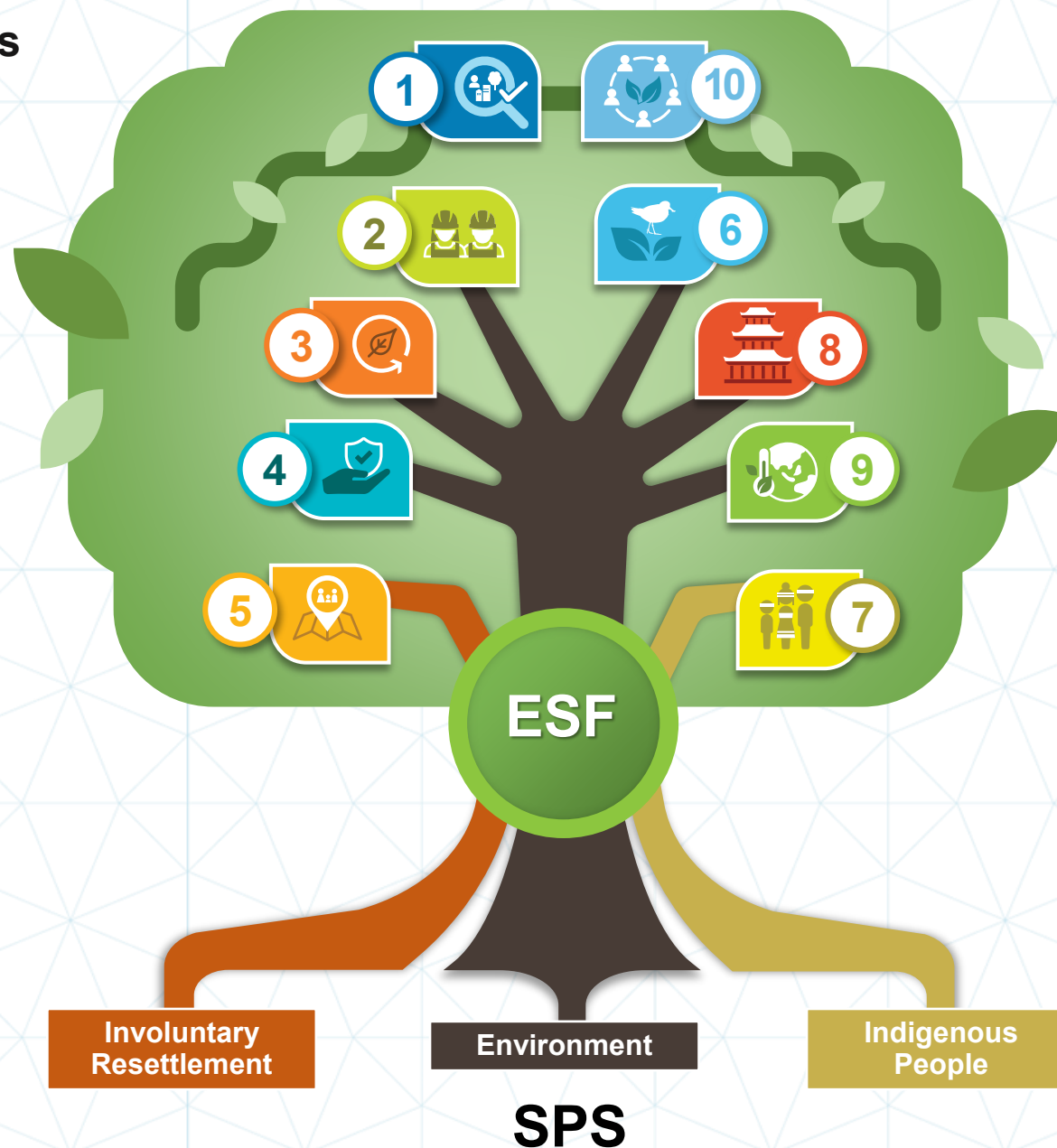


Stakeholder Engagement
and Information Disclosure



Environmental and Social Standards (ESS) for Borrowers and Clients

The ESF has grown out of the three requirements in the Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS)



ESF Rollout

What happens next?

Capacity Building

Orientation, training, and eLearn courses



Project Processing

All projects with an approved concept note by the end of 2025 will continue to be delivered under the existing Safeguard Policy Statement.

The ESF is expected to become effective on



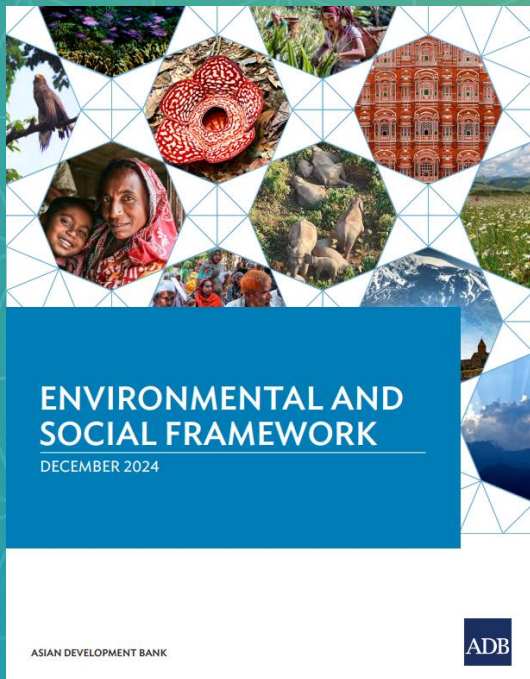


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