

# GUIDANCE NOTES ON LAR FOR EAs AND PIUs IN ARMENIA: OPERATIONAL MANUAL FOR STREAMLINING SOCIAL SAFEGUARD REQUIREMENTS OF CSS AND SPS 2009 IN ADB PROJECTS

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# Preparation of Country Safeguards Guidance Notes

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- Objectives
- Purpose and Target groups
- Activities
- Status

# Objectives

Promoting ADB policy principles and application mechanisms

through development of **technical instructions**

Enhancing country's LAR procedures

through development of **guidelines and procedures for LAR implementation** that will fit both ADB policy principles and local requirements

Improving LAR administration at country level

through **institutionalization** of the Guidelines Notes through **trainings and application**

# Purpose


- Policy interpretation
- Development of procedures
  - Local procedures, envisaged by law
  - Local best practices
  - New practices based on lessons learnt
- ToRs
- Templates
- Checklists

# Target Group

- Executing Agencies
- Implementing Agencies
- Consultants
  - Local
  - International

# Activities

Review of existing LAR practice in ADB  
financed projects



Development of Country Safeguards Guidance  
Notes



Institutionalization of Guidance Notes

# Review of Existing LAR Practice

New field - lack of capacity

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Adaptation of international practice to local context];
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Main sources of information to fill up the gap

Project specific procedures, tools and instruments are developed during implementation

Institutionalization of local knowledge  
Adaptation of international practice to local context

# Preparation process of Guidance Notes

- Review of LAR practices of ADB financed projects
- Periodical discussions with specialists of EAs and PIUs
- Trainings and workshops
- Analysis of issues, gaps, lessons learned
- Need assessment
- Definition of topics

# Topics of Guidance Notes

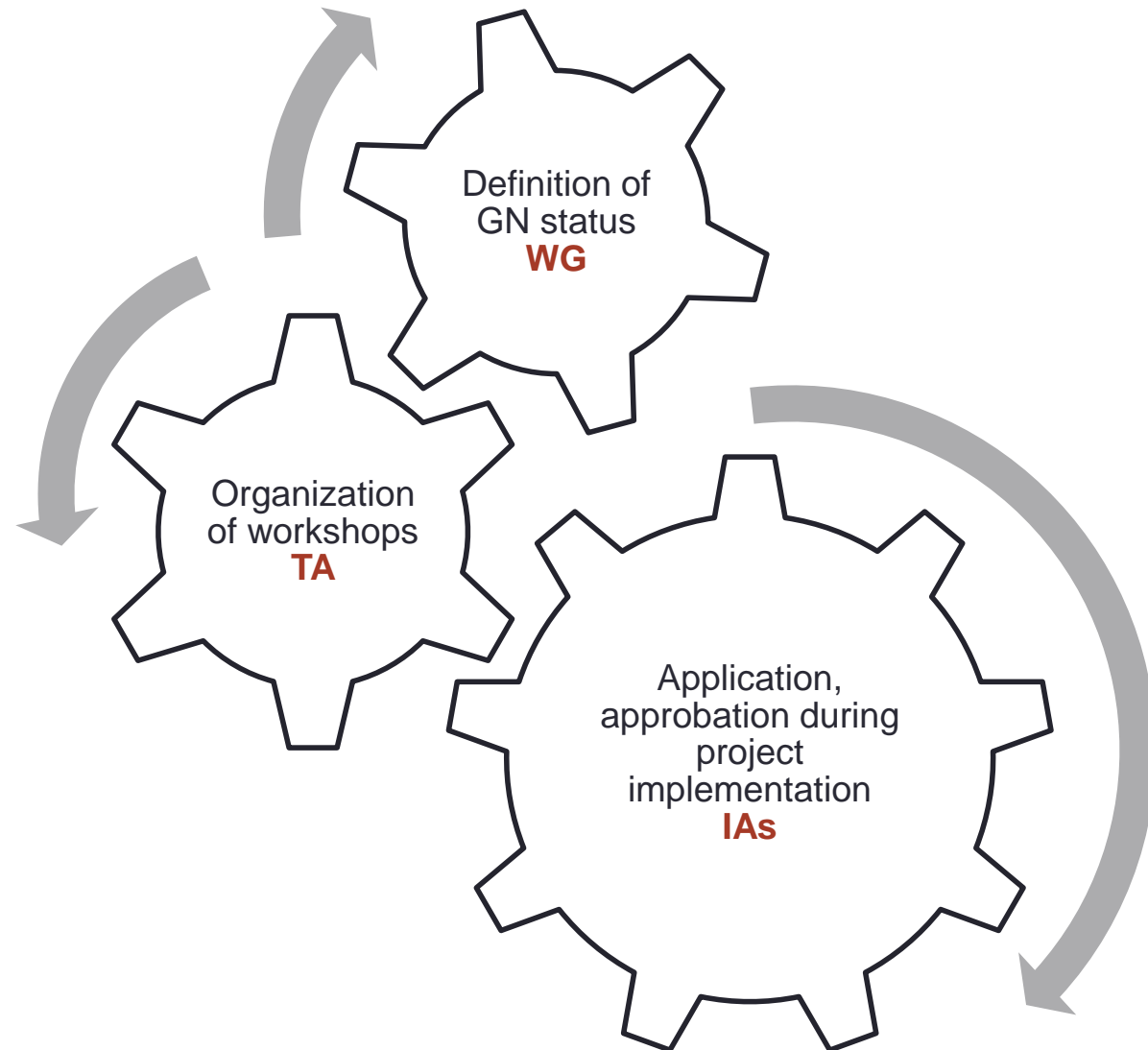
- Public Consultation and Participation
- Information Disclosure
- Grievance Redress Mechanism
- LARP preparation and Implementation
- Identification and Legalization of Affected Person
- Harmonized Safeguard Processing and Implementation Timeline
- Entitlement and Compensation
- Valuation Procedure and Methods
- Monitoring and Reporting
- ESMS for Financial Intermediary



# Structure of Guidance Notes

- List of documents with policy requirements of ADB and RA
- SPS requirements
- Other ADB relevant policy
  - Public Communication Policy (2010)
  - Accountability mechanisms Policy (2011)
- RA eminent domain requirement
- Main part
  - Procedures
  - Structure of documents etc.
- Attachments
  - ToRs
  - Templates
  - Etc.

# Institutionalization of Guidance Note



# Application of GNs in current projects

## *Good Practice:*

The Guidance Note on Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) and Guidance Note on Legalisation of displaced persons' rights have been used during the preparation of 2 projects:

- *Tranche 3 LARP for North-South Road Corridor Investment Project*
- *Tranche 2 LARP for Sustainable Urban Development Project.*

# What's next?

- Finalization of GNs
  - *Revision of GNs by EAs and PIUs*
  - *Updating of GNs based on comments and feedback*
- Application, approbation during project implementation
  - *Presentation of finalized GNs through the trainings and workshops*
  - *Application and approbation of GNs in specific current projects*
- Capacity building for new projects
  - *Training of new specialists and staff of new projects based on developed GNs*

# WORKSHOPS: SUMMARY

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# Objectives

Promoting ADB policy principles and application mechanisms for this principles

through LAR related trainings

Improving LAR administration at country level

through LAR related trainings

# Three Levels of Capacity Building

Promoting ADB policy principles

Development of better country's LAR procedures

Strengthening LAR administration

# Workshops

- Land Acquisition and Resettlement: Peculiarities of International Policy and Local Requirements & Practice
- Grievance Redress in Managing IR
- Safeguards for Engineers in ADB financed Projects
- Participation of CSOs in social safeguards component in ADB financed projects
- Participatory Approach to LAR: GNs on GRM, Public Consultations and Information Disclosure
- LARP Preparation and Implementation
- Defining Entitlement and Compensation during LARP Preparation
- Valuation Procedure and Methods: International Practice and its Application in Local Projects
- Monitoring and Reporting on LAR during Project Preparation and Implementation
- Harmonization of Project Processing and Safeguards Requirements



# Challenges and Issues for Discussion

- How to ensure, that developed mechanisms are on place?
  - LARF, LARP
    - Who, when, how?
  - Revision of ToRs
    - Who, when, how?
  - Status of Guidance Note

THANK YOU