Assessing Environmental Policy, Regulatory and Institutional Capacity

An Environment Strategy Workshop
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The Environment Strategy Roundtable and Workshops

- A forum to discuss methodologies and good practice experiences related to the Environment Strategy implementation
- An opportunity to guide the ENV Strategy team on areas requiring greater support on implementation
- Special attention to new tools and issues promoted by the Environment Strategy:
  - Country Environmental Analysis
  - Poverty-environment linkages…
Country Environmental Analysis

- Upstream diagnostic analytic tool to systematically assess:
  - Key environmental challenges of development and poverty reduction
  - Policies that affect the environment
  - Institutional capacity to address environmental priorities

Overall Framework

- Environment Strategy Note #7 in your binders (Lovei and Pillai)
- Three aspects of public sector capacity:
  - Policymaking
  - Administrative efficiency
  - Implementation and impact
Linkage with EA Capacity Assessment

- EA systems are a critical part (and many times the first step) of the environmental institutions of our client countries.
- A solid assessment of EA capacity assessment is key in CEAs and is indispensable in our support to scale-up development effectiveness.
- The information and analysis of the CEA on the environmental challenges and key cross-sectoral policies is needed to evaluate the real impact and benefits of the EA system.

The Agenda

- Four blocks:
  1. The experience with institutional capacity assessment in other practices:
     - Governance Toolkits - Poul Engberg-Pederson, PRMPS
     - CFAAs - Parminder P. S. Brar, OPCFM
  2. Institutional capacity assessment in CEAs:
     - Ethiopia – Magda Lovei, EASES
     - Tunisia - Aziz Bouzaher, AFTS1
The Agenda

- Four blocks:
  - EA Capacity Assessment
    - Lessons from Review - Sam Bartlett, ECON, Norway
    - EA Capacity in LCR - Virginia Alzina, IADB
  - Implications for Capacity Assessment from Environmental Management Projects
    - Experiences from Mexico and Colombia - Ernesto Sanchez-Triana and Angela Armstrong, LCSEN

The Agenda

- Final discussion on next steps:
  - Methodological gaps
  - Additional good practice cases
  - Guidance to ENV Strategy Team support to regional work
  - Suggestions for following workshops