

Partnership for Environmental Assessment in Africa

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| Recipient Agency: | Southern Africa Institute for Environmental Assessment |
| Web Address: | http://www.saiea.com/ |
| Financial Arrangements for FY09 (Amount in US \$ Million) | |
| Total Budget: | 0.87 |
| DGF Funding Request: | 0.13 |
| DGF Percentage: | 14% |
| Objectives and Expected Outcomes | |
| <p>The Partnership for Environmental Assessment in Africa (PEAA) will promote the harmonization, scaling-up and visibility of a range of EA capacity-building initiatives, addressing three pillars of the Bank's Africa Action Plan: (i) accelerating shared economic growth requires scaling-up of financing for infrastructure, which will increase demand for EA services; (ii) building capable states requires improvements in technical capabilities and governance, including in application of EA; and, (iii) strengthening the global development partnership. PEAA initiatives will help achieve MDG #7, ensuring environmental sustainability, and attainment of Target #9, integration of the principles of sustainable development into country policies and programs.</p> | |
| Main Components | |
| <p>PEAA will support the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) EA training; ii) Environmental governance –promoting civil society participation in EA decision-making; iii) Professional development fellowships; iv) Development of case studies and training materials; v) EA professionals register - register of peer-reviewed African professionals in environmental fields; vi) EA review and Environmental Management Plan (EMP) monitoring; vii) Integrating EA in the Development Planning Process; viii) Workshops, seminars and conferences. | |
| Performance Indicators | |
| <p>The vision of the PEAA is that African governments, regional organizations, civil society and the private sector will effectively use EA as a tool for sustainable development. Indicators of performance will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Demand for EA services in the preparation, review, implementation and supervision of public and private sector investments; (ii) African professionals are engaged in increasing numbers for the provision of EA services; (iii) The Network Capacity Development and Linkages for Environmental Assessment in Africa (CLEAA) implements a strategy to become self-sustaining through the provision of membership services. | |
| Progress and Achievements | |
| <p>CLEAA provides a coordination mechanism for Africa's environmental assessment and management institutions, including the following sub-regional nodes. In November 2007, the first meeting of PEAA Coordinating Committee, including CIDA, the Government of the Netherlands (NCEA/DGIS), Swedish EIA Center, NORAD, USAID/ENCAP, and World Bank - approved the annual work program for 2007—2008. It secured nearly USD 1million for the first Annual program. Resource allocation for the Secretariat and the various nodes is as follows:</p> | |

CLEAA Secretariat -- Operational support (USAID, World Bank DGF & Swedish EIA Centre; USD 149,000). Assessment of the quality of EA Education (Swedish EIA Centre & Norwegian MoFA—NIBR; USD 50,000). Scoping of Regional EA Practitioners' Database. (Norwegian MoFA—NIBR; USD 15,000).

Eastern Africa Node -- Professional Development Fellowship Program for African EA Professionals: (Swedish EIA Centre & USAID/ENCAP; USD 142,000). Eastern Africa EA Practitioners' Training (NORAD/NBIR & World Bank/DGF; USD 30,000).

Central Africa Node -- Institutional and Activities Support (NCEA; USD 380,000). Training for EA Consulting Firms. (World Bank/DGF; USD 20,000).

Southern Africa Node -- Leadership Program in Sustainable Development Tools for Decision Makers. (Norwegian MoFA—NIBR & World Bank/DGF; USD 28,000). EA Effectiveness Case Studies. (Norwegian MoFA—NIBR & World Bank/DGF; USD 32,000).

West Africa Node -- Practitioner EA Tools Training. Norwegian MoFA—NIBR & Swedish EIA Center; USD 30,000).

- The PEAA annual work program is well under implementation. All other funds for the PEAA annual work program are available and being disbursed, except those funds (\$125,000) committed by the Bank. The disbursement process of Bank funds to the Vendor, Southern African Institute for Environmental Assessment (SIEA), is being finalized and shall be available for the annual program soon;
- To formalize the PEAA membership, PEAA's Partnership Framework Memorandum, initiated by the Bank and adopted by the Coordinating Committee is now being opened for signature by all the partners.

Partners

PEAA will establish a partnership between the Board of Trustees of CLEAA, development partners supporting EA in Africa, and the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA). Development partners likely to participate include USAID, which has developed a Professional Development (PD) Fellowships training program through CLEAA and supports the CLEAA Secretariat, and SIDA, which also supports the PD Fellowships and intends to expand its EA capacity development portfolio. Other potential partners include CIDA, which supported a project on governance and participation in EA in southern Africa, the Netherlands Government, which provided initial core funding for CLEAA, as well as the African Development Bank, DFID and UNEP.

Governance and Management

PEAA will consist of an Executive Committee and a Secretariat. The Executive Committee will include representatives of contributing development partners, a representative of IAIA, and the Board of Trustees of CLEAA. The Secretariat will also be the Secretariat of CLEAA. The Executive Committee will hold an annual meeting to agree on the PEAA work program, based on work plans submitted by CLEAA nodes. The Bank's role will be that of a member of the governing body, eligible to be appointed as head. Because it is the CLEAA member with the strongest fiduciary record, SAIEA will manage the DGF resources.

Exit Strategy

FY10 will be the last year of DGF Window Two funding.

DGF resources will support the transition of CLEAA to a second phase of engagement based on strategic work planning and a partnership designed to harmonize, raise the visibility of, and scale-up support. In providing resources for this transition, the Bank will make it clear that this does not represent a commitment beyond the three years of the DGF period. Through PEAA, the Bank is establishing a more robust vehicle for EA capacity building in Africa, which will allow the Bank to disengage from leadership and financing roles for EA capacity building programs. The long-term vision of PEAA is that CLEAA will become self-sustaining by providing services, including training, contacts, and professional recognition, that will allow the network to charge for membership. The strategy to realize this long-term vision is twofold, relying on both the development of capacity within the network, and the stimulation of demand for the network's services.