

Session 9.

The Scoping Process and Preparation of Environmental Assessments

Technical presentation and dialogue

Summary

This session will explain the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA), including one of the first steps: Scoping. In order to establish the relationship and importance of a thorough scoping process to an EA, we will:

- Review on when an EA is required and review the types of EAs used by USAID.
- Establish the role and timing of scoping within the EA process.
- Identify the content of a Scoping Statement and how it differs from, and yet supports the development of, the Environmental Assessment.

This session will also highlight key aspects of Scoping, including defining issues and eliminating issues from further review, stakeholder engagement, and coordination with the host country government.

Objectives

- Understand the fundamental role of scoping in the EA process, including:
 - What is Scoping?
 - When do we undertake scoping?
 - Who should be involved?
 - Who pays?
- Understand expected results from the Scoping process
- Understand how Scoping results are used
- Establish why Scoping is vital to the EA process