

AGENDA

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Middle East-North Africa (MENA) Regional Environmental Compliance & Management Workshop

A Training Workshop for MENA Environment Officers & USAID/Jordan Staff and Implementing Partners

Crowne Plaza Amman—Amman, Jordan
3–5 April 2016

Training Objective:

The overall goal of the workshop is to strengthen environmentally sound design and management (ESDM) of USAID-funded activities in Jordan and across the MENA region by assuring that participants have the motivation, knowledge and skills necessary to: (1) achieve environmental compliance through project implementation; and (2) otherwise integrate environmental considerations in activity design and management to improve overall project acceptance and sustainability.

Key Activities:

- Day 1 Overview of ESDM and skill-building in Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) methodology; introduce USAID environmental procedures.
- Day 2 Discuss USAID environmental procedures and compliance documentation with emphasis on the Scoping Statement and Environmental Assessment; prep and complete field site visits.
- Day 3 Synthesize site visits with small groups and develop Scoping recommendations; small-group presentation of findings and recommendations. Additional discussion of EA requirements and process.

Day/Time	Module	Objective/Content Summary	Presenter/Facilitator
Day 1	Motivation, Core Skills and Overview of EIA and Environmental Compliance		
08:00-08:30	Participant Registration & Morning Coffee		
08:30-08:40	Welcome and Opening Statements	Highlight the value of workshop content and expected results.	USAID/Jordan Mission
08:40-09:10	Session 1: Workshop Objectives and Logistics; Participant Introductions	Establish workshop objectives; brief the agenda and learning approach. Review logistics. Introduce participants; articulate expectations.	GEMS Facilitator
09:10-10:15	Session 2: Environmentally Sound Design & Management (ESDM) as a Foundation for Environmental Compliance <i>Presentation and dialogue</i>	Understand linkage between ESDM and project success, consider examples from Jordan and the region. Motivate the need to systematically address environmental considerations in development activities. View this process in the context of environmental compliance.	GEMS Facilitator
10:15-10:30	Break		
10:30-11:30	Session 3: Fundamental Skills of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) <i>Technical presentation and dialogue</i>	Define key terms—baseline, impact, activity—and learn essential classroom theory for baseline characterization, impact identification & mitigation design and how they apply in the EIA framework; the EIA framework is the basis for USAID environmental procedures.	GEMS Facilitator

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11:30-12:00	Session 4a: EIA in Action: Understanding Your Project’s Environmental Dimensions—Project scenario briefing and virtual tour <i>Virtual Field Visits</i>	Practice information gathering and observation skills needed to understand baseline conditions and identify impacts/issues of concern.	GEMS Facilitator
12:00-13:00	Lunch		
13:00-14:30	Session 4b: EIA in Action: Understanding Your Project’s Environmental Dimensions—Synthesis of virtual field visit and making recommendations. <i>Group Work & Plenary Synthesis</i>	Synthesize observations and prioritize impacts/issues of concern; develop a mitigation strategy to address the activity’s potential environmental impacts.	GEMS Facilitator
14:30-15:30	Session 5: Environmental Impact Assessment and “USAID Environmental Procedures”: Reg. 216 and the pre-implementation review process <i>Technical presentation and dialogue</i>	Understand how USAID implements the EIA process and the preparation of project environmental compliance documents; summarize how these documents establish environmental management criteria for USAID-funded activities.	GEMS Facilitator
15:30-15:45	Break		
15:45-16:20	Session 6: Principles of Environmental Monitoring <i>Technical presentation and dialogue</i>	Review key aspects of monitoring to ensure that project environmental compliance requirements are met and potential adverse impacts effectively mitigated; highlight the selection of clear and cost-effective monitoring indicators.	GEMS Facilitator
16:20-16:30	Day 1 Q&A and Announcements		
Day 2	USAID Environmental Procedures and Compliance Documentation; Site Visits		
08:00-08:30	Networking and Morning Coffee		
08:30-09:30	Session 7: The Environmental Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (EMMP) <i>Technical presentation and dialogue</i>	Understand the EMMP concept and formats: who develops them; their role in “operationalizing” key elements of USAID environmental procedures and establishing and maintaining project environmental compliance. Introduce key guidance: <i>EMMP Factsheet</i> .	GEMS Facilitator
09:30-10:00	Session 8: Environmental Compliance Reporting <i>Technical presentation and dialogue</i>	Guidance on EMMP-related and other environmental compliance reporting, including integration with broader project M&E and PMP reporting requirements.	GEMS Facilitator
10:00-10:15	Break		
10:15-11:15	Session 9: The Scoping Process and Preparation of Environmental Assessments <i>Technical presentation and dialogue</i>	Understand role of the scoping process in context of USAID environmental procedures and requirements for the preparation of Scoping Statements and Environmental Assessments under Reg. 216.	GEMS Facilitator
11:15-11:30	Session 10a: Field-based Scoping Practicum <i>Part A: Briefing</i> Technical Areas: 1. Municipal water/sanitation provision—East Jerash Wastewater Treatment Plant 2. Large-scale construction—Princess Rahma Pediatric Hospital (Irbid)	Briefing on the practical Scoping exercise and the USAID project sites that will form the basis of the field work. Small groups convene according to technical area of interest or prior assignment.	GEMS Facilitator

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11:30-12:30	Lunch		
12:30-16:30 (includes return)	Session 10b: Field-based Scoping Practicum <i>Part B: Site Visits and Assessment</i> 1. Municipal water/sanitation provision—East Jarash Wastewater Treatment Plant 2. Large-scale construction—Princess Rahma Pediatric Hospital (Irbid)	Use site visits and small-group collaboration to apply the core EIA skills and compliance topics introduced and practiced in Day 1. Complete a Scoping-level assessment of a project activity by: 1) synthesizing field observations; and 2) determining the environmental issues that require further assessment.	Facilitation Team
Day 3 Scoping Group Work and Selected Special Topics			
08:00-08:30	Networking and Morning Coffee		
08:30-11:00 Coffee break service at 10:15 a.m.	Session 10c: Field-based Scoping Practicum <i>Part C: Group work to develop recommendations for Scoping process.</i>	Advance discussions and compilation of field visit results and Scoping recommendations. Develop report-out. Prepare brief group presentation.	Facilitation Team
11:00-12:30	Session 10d: Field-based Scoping Practicum <i>Part D: Group presentations in plenary</i>	Articulate field visit findings, analysis, and results of Scoping exercise.	GEMS Facilitator
12:30-13:30	Lunch		
13:30-14:00	Session 11: Preparation of an Alternatives Analysis <i>Technical presentation and dialogue</i>	Review a key aspect of the Environmental Assessment process required by Reg. 216—the formulation and analysis of “alternatives” to the proposed action that must be considered in light of EA findings.	GEMS Facilitator
14:00-14:30	Session 12: Special EA Considerations in the MENA Region <i>Technical presentation and dialogue</i>	Discuss EA-related issues and considerations specific to USAID programming in the MENA Region (e.g., medium- and large-scale construction, municipal watsan provision, etc.).	GEMS Facilitator
14:30-14:45	Break		
14:45-15:30	Session 13: Roles, Responsibilities & Resources <i>Technical presentation and dialogue</i>	Summarize the various responsibilities of USAID staff and Implementing Partners (IPs) in meeting environmental compliance criteria and helping to achieve ESDM; introduce additional key resources available to support these efforts.	GEMS Facilitator
15:30-16:00	Session 14: “Parking Lot” Session	Opportunity for dialogue with trainers/facilitators and mission and Regional environment officers to address and resolve outstanding technical questions raised during workshop.	GEMS Facilitator
16:00-16:15	Session 15: Workshop Final Evaluations	Participants complete evaluation form.	GEMS Facilitator
16:15-16:30	Closing Ceremony	Conclude workshop and distribute certificates.	USAID/Jordan Mission