

## 2<sup>ND</sup> PRACTITIONERS' WORKSHOP

**Wednesday 10 to Thursday 11 February 2016**  
**OECD Conference Centre, Paris, France**  
**Chaired by Ms. Leah GILBERT MORRIS (Canada)**

This Workshop is an opportunity for EHS Practitioners from financial institutions to meet, share experiences and explore EHS issues with a view to improving due diligence and monitoring techniques, promoting globally-consistent approaches to address EHS impacts, and developing opportunities for enhancing co-operation.

EHS Practitioners from all types of financial institutions (export credit agencies, Equator Principles Financial Institutions, commercial banks, development institutions, etc.) are invited to attend.

To register, please send an email to [export-credits@oecd.org](mailto:export-credits@oecd.org).

### **Wednesday 10 February**

#### **9:00-9:15**      **Welcome and introduction**

Two days have been scheduled for this 2<sup>nd</sup> Workshop for Practitioners from Export Credit Agencies (ECAs) and other Financial Institutions (FIs). The aim of this event is to provide an opportunity for Practitioners, i.e. the technical experts from ECAs and FIs, to update each other on recent developments with regard to environmental and social due diligence, to have presentations and workshops with invited experts on relevant topics of interest, and to exchange views on enhancing cooperation between the various institutions present: in this context, the Draft Agenda has been put together based on input from ECA and FI Practitioners.

Practitioners should be prepared to operate with some flexibility with regard to the exact timings of the agenda items: in this context, all timings in this agenda are indicative.

The Chairman will seek adoption of the Draft Agenda.

### Recent developments

**9:15-11:30**

Representatives of the various groups of financial institutions attending the Workshop will be invited to provide updates on recent developments with regard to environmental and social due diligence.

- Export Credit Agencies (ECAs)
- Equator Principles Financial Institutions (EPFIs)
- European Development Financial Institutions (EDFIs)
- European Banking Federation (EBF)

In addition, representatives of the following institutions will be invited to provide updates on recent developments.

- The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
- The International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- Deutsche Pfandbriefbank

Last, the OECD Secretariat will present the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises (MNE Guidelines) to attendees and its work to promote responsible business conduct in the financial sector. Practitioners from institutions with experience of applying the MNE Guidelines will be invited to share their experiences..

**11:30**

***Coffee break***

**12:00**

### Case Studies: application of the IFC Performance Standards

Practitioners will be invited to discuss the following presentations relating to application of the IFC Performance Standards:

1. Application of the IFC Performance Standards to non-project finance transactions [SACE]
2. Application of the IFC Performance Standards to project-related corporate loans [CA-CIB]

**13:00**

***Lunch break***

**14:30**

### **Parallel workshops (Part 1)**

Practitioners will be invited to join one of three parallel sessions, which will be run twice during the afternoon (14.30-16.00 and 16.30-18.00) to enable them to attend two of the three workshops.

These sessions are geared to all Practitioners seeking an opportunity to discuss the various issues, albeit that some working knowledge of each of the topics might be helpful.

#### **1 Climate Change issues [CC2]**

EKF and US Exim will facilitate a workshop on climate change issues, including:

- Mainstreaming Climate Action within Financial Institutions [EBRD and BNP Paribas]
- Good experiences and challenges of transitioning away from supporting coal-fired power plants [various ECAs and FIs].

#### **2 Biodiversity issues [CC24]**

EBRD and EDC will facilitate a workshop on biodiversity and implementation of PS6, including:

- Critical Habitat Assessment Good Practices [EDC]
- Offset Planning, including sustainable financing mechanisms [TOTAL]
- Incorporating biodiversity into ESIA (BMP vs BAP vs BMEP; offset strategies vs offset plants) [EBRD]

#### **3 Human rights issues [CC18]**

GIEK will facilitate a workshop on human rights and implementation of the UN Guiding Principles, including:

- National Action Plans to implement the UNGPs [Euler Hermes and GIEK]
- Respecting human rights [ABN AMRO]

Grievance mechanisms and expectations about remedy in the context of implementing the UNGPs [SHIFT].

**16:00**

***Coffee break***

**16:15**

### **Parallel workshops (Part 2)**

- 1 Climate Change issues [CC2]**
- 2 Biodiversity issues [CC24]**
- 3 Human rights issues [CC18]**

**18:00**

**End of First Day**

**Thursday 11 February****9:00**      **Monitoring issues [Auditorium]**

UK Export Finance (UKEF) will facilitate a workshop on monitoring issues, which will include presentations on:

1. The EBRD Monitoring Protocol [EBRD]
2. The theory and practice of monitoring [UKEF]
3. Procedures and a pragmatic view on implementation [ING]
4. Examples of monitoring in practice [EDC and EFIC]
5. Examples of monitoring in practice [D'Appolonia (an IEC)]

The workshop will conclude with a panel discussion and Q&A session on the challenges of monitoring.

**13:00**      **Lunch break****14:30**      **Security issues**

Monkey Forest will facilitate a workshop on security issues to consider the relevant standards and guidelines available (including those of the IFC), practical advice on security issues, and case studies.

**16:30**      **Conclusions and any other business****17:00**      **End of Workshop**