7TH PRACTITIONERS’ WORKSHOP

13:00 – 15:30 (CET), Tuesday 16 – Thursday 18 February 2021
Virtual Meeting

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.

For more information, please send an email to export-credits@oecd.org.

Tuesday 16 February

13:00-13:10 Welcome and introduction
Korea Eximbank Dongjoon LIM, Chairman of the ECA Practitioners
OECD Secretariat Marion JANSEN, Director, Trade and Agriculture Directorate (TAD)

13:10-13:45 I. General updates on recent developments and on-going issues
Representatives of some of the associations and institutions represented at the Workshop will provide updates to Practitioners on recent developments and on-going issues with regard to environmental and social due diligence, including:

EP Association Amit PURI
IFC Mikko VENERMO
World Bank Charles di LEVA
EKN/SEK Karin WESSMAN
GIEK Sigrid BRYNESTAD
Rabobank Elies FONGERS

13:45-15:10 II.(a) Impacts of COVID-19
Krista HENDRY from MFC will moderate a round table discussion concerning the impacts of COVID-19 on Practitioners’ work, with regard to applying standards, undertaking due diligence, and monitoring project construction and operation.

EKF Louise THEM KJØLHOLM
EP Association Heath GIBSON
IFC Raymi BELTRAN
World Bank Charles di LEVA

II.(b) Use of IT solutions
Given the impacts of COVID-19, Practitioners are increasingly relying on IT solutions to facilitate their work. In this session, three speakers will provide presentations about different uses of IT in undertaking project due diligence and monitoring, as well as in ensuring that workers can still be heard.

ERM Trista CHEN
IFC Atiyah CURMALLY
CDC Group Leila MEROUCHI
**III. ESG and procurement**

The World Bank will provide a presentation on work it has been undertaking with clients concerning their ESG procurement reviews.

*World Bank*  
*Una MEADES*

**Wednesday 17 February**

**13:00-13:50  IV. Sustainable finance**

This session will include:

- A presentation from the Sustainability Working Group of the ICC Global Export Finance Committee (ICC-SWG) concerning its work on sustainable export finance¹, including a survey on institutions’ practices and approaches toward sustainability².
- A presentation from the IFC concerning its work on promoting sustainability, including an update on its Sustainable Banking Network activities.

*ICC-SWG*  
*Ralph LERCH and Chris MITMAN*

*Acre/IFCL*  
*Hussein SEFIAN*

*IFC*  
*Rong ZHANG*

**13:50-14.40  V. Sustainable hydropower**

Today hydropower is the most significant source of renewable electricity globally, providing around 16% of the world’s electricity as well as a range of other services such as flood protection. This session will include:

- An overview of hydropower’s evolving role in the world electricity system and the energy transition;
- A deep-dive into the topic of hydropower and greenhouse gas emissions, including the G-res tool for evaluation; and
- An introduction to the Hydropower Sustainability Tools, governed by the Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Council.

*Euler Hermes*  
*Philip KOELLE*

*International Hydropower Association*  
*Alex CAMPBELL and João COSTA*

*University of Quebec*  
*Sara MERCIER-BLAIS*

**14:40-15:30  VI. Case study – Ankara-Niğde Motorway in Turkey**

The financial institutions involved in this project, as well as the project company (ERG Otoyol), will provide an overview of this project, including the EHS challenges and how they were overcome, with a particular focus on health & safety issues³.

*EKF and SERV*  
*Louise THEM KJØLHOLM and Judith CAPELLO*

*Credit Suisse*  
*Simon STUECHELI*

*ERG Otoyol*  
*Tijen SIPAHI, Uygar SAYLAM and Selen AYKOL*

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² The Survey may be found here: [https://s.surveyanyplace.com/iccsustainability](https://s.surveyanyplace.com/iccsustainability). Practitioners are welcome to participate in the Survey.

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<td>Euler Hermes Omoniyi OSOBA</td>
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<td>Euler Hermes and PwC will present the current state of discussions within the German ECA concerning a climate strategy. After presenting their current exclusion policies for coal-fired power plants and incentives for renewable energy projects, Practitioners will be invited to join a discussion concerning their experiences in assessing and evaluating investment and export projects for their climate impact and their approaches for setting incentives and penalties for sustainable projects in general.</td>
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<td>PwC Johanna WOHLGEMUTH</td>
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<td><strong>VIII. Climate-related due diligence and disclosure</strong></td>
<td>EDC Sarah FULTON</td>
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<td>EDC will present its approach to climate-related due diligence and, in certain sectors, to requiring customers to commit to TCFD disclosures.</td>
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<td><strong>IX. Case study – Nearshore Wind Power Project in Viet Nam</strong></td>
<td>EKF Jakob MAICHER</td>
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<td>EKF and LBBW will provide a presentation to demonstrate how, by collaborating together, they were able to increase their leverage to address the challenges of this project. The presentation will include an overview of the project, the key milestones and the lessons learned.</td>
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<td>LBBW Valeria KREPIS and Ute SCHULTENS</td>
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<td><strong>X. Social impacts of climate-related projects</strong></td>
<td>MFC Krista HENDRY and Trevor KALINOWSKY</td>
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<td>MFC will present on some of the challenges encountered in climate-related projects in addressing social impacts, including in relation to land, law enforcement, labour, and livelihoods.</td>
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<td><strong>XI. Human rights impacts: Implementation of the UNGPs</strong></td>
<td>ING Lauren MUUSSE</td>
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<td>Ten years after adoption of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs), ING will provide a presentation on its approach to human rights disclosures and on work that it has undertaken with other Dutch banks concerning performance indicators for human rights.</td>
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