

Implementing the Bank's Environmental & Social Safeguards Policies

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Why Environmental and Social Safeguards at the Bank?

- Need to ensure that all Bank-financed projects and programs are environmentally and socially sustainable as well as in line with Bank's policies and guidelines, involving stakeholder participation and timely public disclosure.



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Evolution of Bank's Environmental Policies and Strategies

- ❑ Environmental Policy (1990); Environmental Assessment Guideline (1992)
- ❑ Revised Environmental Policy in 2004
 - ❑ ensure that all possible negative impacts are considered and mitigation measures are spelled out prior to implementation of any proposed project
- ❑ Environmental and Social Assessment Procedures (ESAP) in 2004
 - ❑ guide Bank staff and Regional Member Countries (RMCs) in the choice of appropriate environmental management tools to address adverse impacts of both lending and non-lending operations.



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Complementary Policies, Strategies and Guidelines

CROSS-CUTTING POLICIES

- Involuntary Resettlement
- Poverty
- Population
- NGO/Civil society
- Environment
- Gender
- Climate Change
- Good Governance

POLICIES with cross-cutting issues

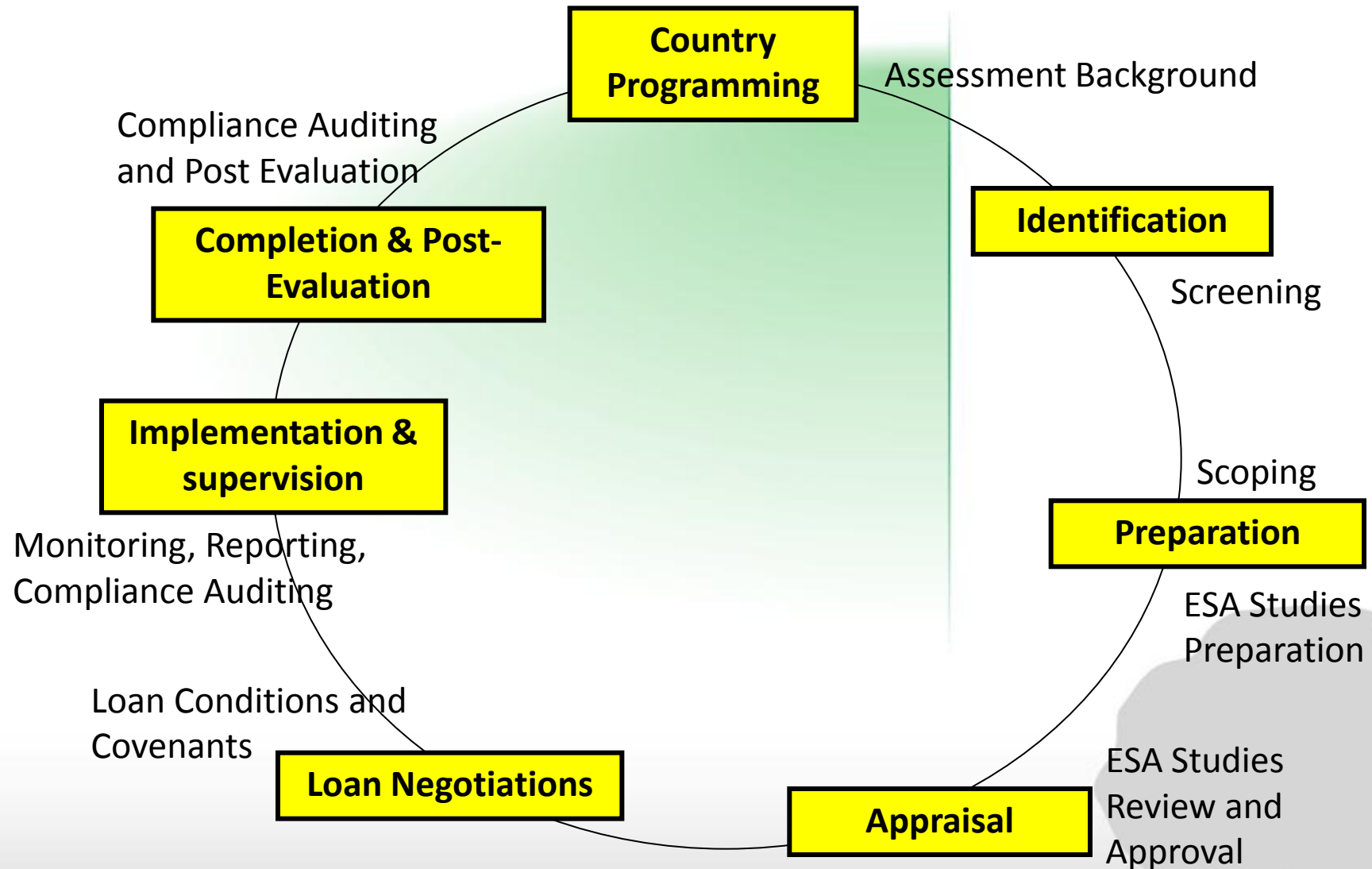
- Transport
- Forestry
- Energy
- Water
- IRWM
- Health (incl.HIV); and Education.



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ESA Process in AfDB Project Cycle



Roles in Compliance

❑ RMCs/Borrower

- ❑ Responsible for ESIA, and for taking the views of affected groups and local NGOs fully into account
- ❑ Compliance with measures agreed in environmental and social assessments
- ❑ Prepare and Implement the Environment and Social Management Plans (ESMPs)
- ❑ Reports the status of mitigation measures
- ❑ Reports the findings of monitoring program

❑ Bank

- ❑ Carries out due diligence and supervision
- ❑ Ensures due diligence on implementation of Bank environmental policies
- ❑ Provides advice to Borrower on enhancement of ESMP implementation
- ❑ Conduct debriefing with borrower, review any noncompliance issues, agree on corrective actions



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Ensuring Successful Compliance

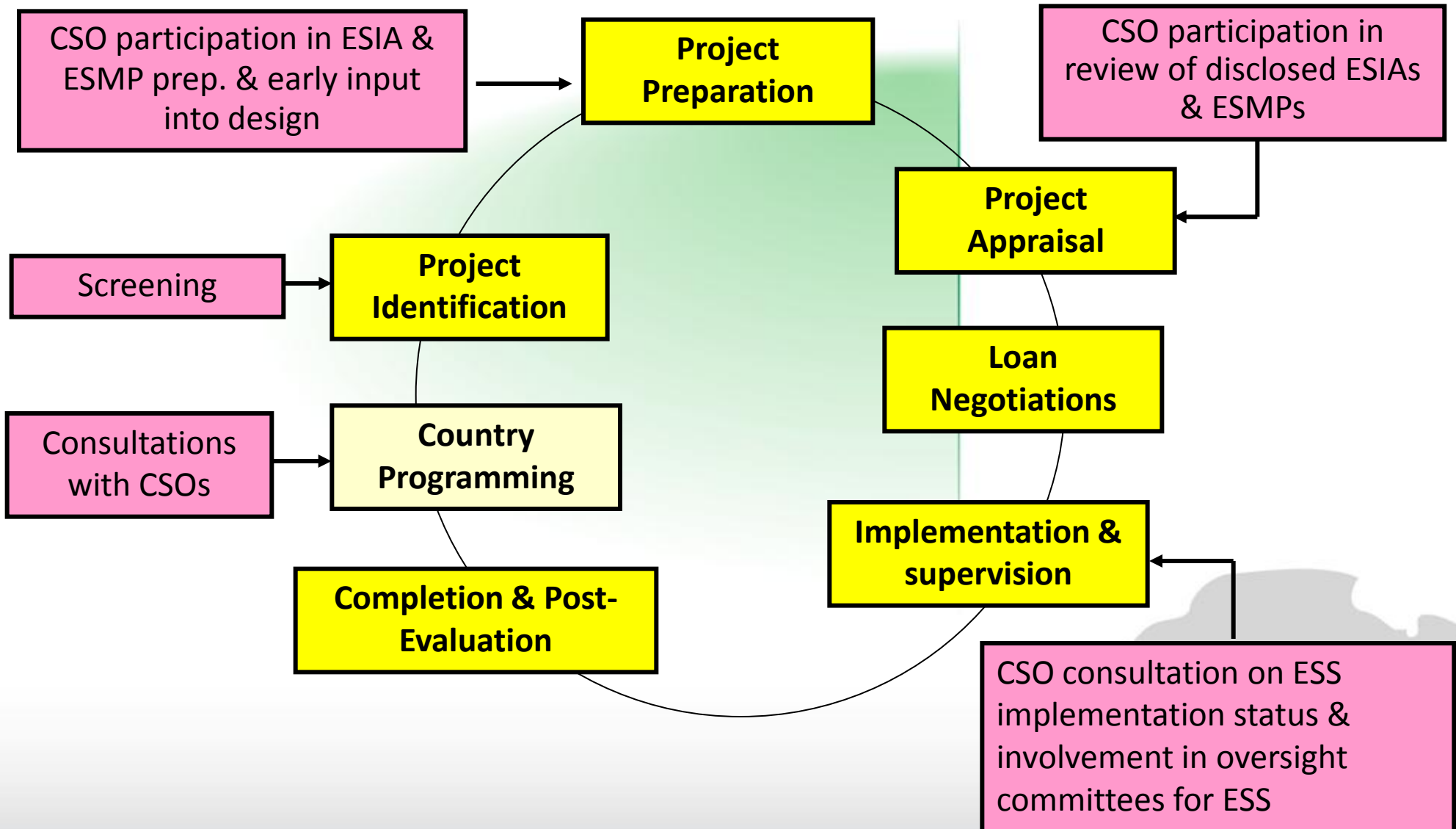
- ❑ Capacity Building
- ❑ Public Consultations
- ❑ Disclosure of Information
- ❑ Compliance Review and Mediation



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CSO Participation in AfDB Projects



Opportunities for CSO Engagement

- ❑ Current Decentralization Policy will enhance engagement with NGOs/CSOs in Field Offices
- ❑ Existing Bank's Operations rules require consultation with stakeholders, including CSOs
- ❑ CSOs sometimes on advisory committees with responsibilities for project management and /or implementation of Environmental and Social Safeguards
- ❑ Bank Policies on disclosure and participation
- ❑ Independent Review Mechanism (IRM)



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Other Ways CSOs can Contribute to the Bank's Safeguards Agenda

- ❑ Participation in Policy formulation
- ❑ Grassroots representation/ voice to enhance transparency in the application of safeguards
- ❑ Raising of awareness on safeguards at community level



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Recommendations for Further Action

- Update the Bank's Environmental policy to include emerging issues.
- Further enhance capacities of Bank staff, RMCs and CSOs.
- Disseminate lessons learned from the benefits of effective public consultations and civil society engagement.
- Establish mechanisms for enforcing implementation of ESMPs and ensuring compliance with E & S safeguards.
- Promote AfDB's Corporate Environmental and Social Responsibility



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