

# Session 20.

## Roles, Responsibilities & Resources

### *Technical presentation and dialogue*

#### Summary

This session brings together information that has been introduced throughout the workshop, in addition to addressing some new topics. *All concern the processes, roles and responsibilities for environmental compliance in missions and operating units.*

#### Key topics are:

- How environmental compliance is mainstreamed (integrated throughout) Agency operations by the Automated Directives System (ADS).
- The roles and responsibilities of USAID staff and IPs with respect to the environmental compliance of USAID projects.
- The importance of incorporating best-practice Environmental Compliance Language (ECL) in solicitations and awards and the benefits of using the ECL tool for this purpose.
- Resources available to support environmental compliance and environmentally sound design and management.

**IP and USAID environmental compliance roles and responsibilities post-award** are summarized in the following table:

Project stage	Implementing Partner	USAID
<b>Workplan &amp; PMP Development</b>	Develops EMMP  Integrates EMMP into budget and workplan  Determines environmental compliance reporting	<b>Review and approval of:</b>  1. the <b>EMMP</b> (for responsiveness to IEE/EA conditions and sufficiency of monitoring);  2. the <b>budget/workplan</b> (to verify that EMMP implementation is planned and funded); and  3. the <b>reporting framework</b> to assure that environmental reporting requirements are met.
<b>Implementation</b>	Implementation of EMMP  Reporting on EMMP implementation	<b>Ongoing review of partner progress reports</b> to monitor EMMP implementation  <b>Field visits</b> —at a minimum, all visits should integrate a quick check for significant environmental design/management problems. For environmentally sensitive activities, specific visits should be made to verify EMMP implementation.

#### Objective

Understand environmental compliance roles and responsibilities of USAID staff and IPs and the tools and resources available to facilitate environmental compliance.