

Session 17.

Strengthening Compliance Systems and Processes: Charting a Way Forward

(2:00)

Objective

Identify key messages to communicate to project management (IPs) and mission management and sector team leaders (USAID staff) to prioritize and strengthen LOP environmental compliance; develop an individual plan for workshop follow-up to strengthen LOP environmental compliance in your project, team, or mission/operating unit.

Format

1:00 17a. Separate focus sessions: (1) Mission Staff; (2) IPs

1:00 17b. Plenary discussion

Summary

Informed by the previous session (Synthesis of BPR findings; examples of Mission good environmental compliance practices) this session will consist of discussions and individual planning on “ways forward”—i.e., how to strengthen mission/team and IP/project compliance processes and capacities to improve LOP environmental compliance and better achieve ESDM:

17a. Focus Groups.

For the first part of the session we will divide into two focus groups: (1) Mission Staff and (2) IPs. Each group will engage in a facilitated discussion

Focus Group Questions:

- What elements of LOP compliance are well-implemented in your mission/project? Why?
- Have you/your team/the mission/your project implemented compliance strengthening measures you would like to share? Are they working well?
- Key LOP environmental compliance gaps within your team/Mission/project? What are the causes of these gaps?
- Do you see feasible remedies? What are they?
- What do the USAID sector teams (and A/CORs specifically) need to do differently? Do they or the projects need additional resources, support or training to implement these changes?

17b. Plenary “Way Forward” Discussion and Individual Action Plans.

Following the focus groups, we will reconvene in plenary:

- We will begin the plenary session with a short report-out from each group.

- Then, we will have a facilitated discussion to try to reach agreement, as a group, on the following questions:

Assuming that each of us have the opportunity to deliver post-workshop briefings to Mission Management /Sector Team leaders or COPs, what are the key points to convey to prioritize and strengthen LOP environmental compliance? Key recommendations to make?

(Not all points will be applicable to all everyone, but we want to agree on a set of core messages.)

- The last 20 minutes will be reserved for development of individual workshop follow-up plans, using the template on the following page. We will for volunteers to share some of their follow-up items.

Key resources

AFR Environmental Compliance Best Practice Standard (previous session)

Synthesis of BPR Findings (previous session)

Environmental Compliance Action Plan template (following page).