

Session 11.

Best Practices for Climate Risk Management (CRM) Screening

Technical presentation and dialogue

Summary

This session builds on Session 6: Integrating Climate Risk Management into Environmental Compliance. It provides a quick refresher on some key concepts from Session 6, including the iterative role of climate risk management (CRM) throughout the USAID program cycle as well as the concepts behind climate risk ratings.

Session 11 explores the process and documentation for CRM screening at both the USAID strategy level (e.g., for Country or Regional Development Cooperation Strategies, or C/RDCS) and the project/activity level. It describes differentiation between these two processes, including the level of screening, where results are documented, and how screening results are incorporated into design and implementation phases. The session also addresses the role of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the CRM screening process.

To better understand the mechanics and implications of the CRM screening process, this session provides illustrative screening at the CDCS level as well as project-level screening examples from countries in the region (Tunisia and Libya). By reviewing and discussing the illustrative and example screening outputs, participants will increase familiarity with the CRM process and outcomes. The session highlights a selection of “dos” and “don’ts” for strategy-level CRM screening and presents a selection of best practices focused at the project/activity-level CRM screening.

Finally, to help assess the impacts of climate risks on programming, USAID continues to develop country and region-specific climate risk profiles and sector-specific resources. In this session, we introduce these and other valuable USAID resources for CRM screening, including a climate risk screening tool.