

Session 11.

Introduction to the *Environmental Guidelines for Small-Scale Activities in Africa (EGSSAA)*

Brief presentation + demonstration

Summary

This session will familiarize participants with the ESDM and environmental compliance resources available through various USAID project Web sites. This includes the legacy ENCAP project Web site, as well as the GEMS project Web site. The vast majority of technical resources currently available at www.encapafrica.org will be carried over to the full GEMS Web site, which is currently at the final review stage within USAID and is anticipated to 'go live' in the coming weeks. Until the GEMS site is fully operational, the ENCAP site remains USAID's best resource for environmental compliance/ESDM support materials.

These resources include:

- The *Environmental Guidelines for Small-Scale Activities in Africa (EGSSAA)*, or "Small-scale guidelines"
- Visual Field Guides (VFGs)
- Training Materials
- MEO Resource Center
- Other sector-specific resources

The session also summarizes the environmental compliance and ESDM support services available to Missions and implementing partners via USAID's GEMS program.

Objective

Review the key ESDM/environmental compliance resources introduced during the workshop.

Key Resources

- As referenced above
- GEMS Factsheet (see following)