

Session 14.

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
Workplan & PMP Development	Develops EMMP Integrates EMMP into budget and workplan Determines environmental compliance reporting	Review and approval of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the EMMP (for responsiveness to IEE/EA conditions and sufficiency of monitoring); 2. the budget/workplan (to verify that EMMP implementation is planned and funded); and 3. the reporting framework to assure that environmental reporting requirements are met.
Implementation	Implementation of EMMP Reporting on EMMP implementation	Ongoing review of partner progress reports to monitor EMMP implementation Field visits —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.