

**JOINT INTEGRATED ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT AT COUNTRY LEVEL
PILOT ACTION**

**CONCEPT NOTE - DRAFT FOR
CONSULTATION**

Rationale for pilot action

- Differences in depth, style and interpretation of Country Assessments result in a diverse view of the priorities
- CAs often only to inform donor programming
- Synergies with Strategic Environmental Assessments
- Paris agenda: harmonise approaches
- Climate change to be integrated
- Make use of local coordination groups

Lessons learned

- World Bank: lessons from number of Country Environmental Assessments
- European Commission: lessons from number of Country Environmental Profiles
 - Mixed experience: some good examples, some not so good

Objective:

- Develop and test joint integrated environmental assessment process and method for country environmental profiles, or
- Toolkit of approaches (World Bank).
 - Leading to a commonly agreed process and approach for making environmental information available at country/regional level through a country led consensus on the priority environmental issues

Select pilot countries: criteria

- i) interested in participating in the pilot and committing institutional staff resources;
- ii) one pilot country in each of 3 major geographic regions;
- iii) different levels of environment institutional development and capacity: variety
- iv) majority of participating donors and active local environment coordination group
- v) no recent environmental profiles/assessments;
- vi) joint assistance strategies (JAS) or "One UN"

Approach - steps

- a) Preparation of joint inter-agency guidance note on the toolkit of approaches
- b) Map and compare existing approaches.
- c) Define expected joint output and identify/analyse operational modalities.
- d) peer review
- e) Develop work plan with monitoring indicators for testing the methodology

Test the approach

- i) joint country environmental assessment in selected countries,
- (ii) National workshops to present the National Environmental assessment reports,
- (iii) Lessons learned reports.

Final phase

- Revise methodology ready for consultation with recommendations
- Peer review
- Plan and proposals on the way forward