

Social and Environmental Guidelines

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 - Governance (G)
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Social and Environmental Considerations

Definitions



- E-Axis
 - Economic Feasibility (historical)
 - Social and Environmental (emerging and growing)
- Environmental
 - The physical, chemical, and biological impact on, or changes to, the surrounding pre-existing environment, due to a project
- Social
 - Effects stemming from environmental changes
 - Changes in social systems and structures

Social and Environmental Considerations

Guidelines



- Report for the 2018 EGRM meeting
 - *Draft guidance for accommodating environmental and social considerations in the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources. ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2018/3*
- Report for the 2021 EGRM meeting (Current)
 - *Guidance for Social and Environmental Considerations for the Environmental Socio-Economic E-axis of the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources. ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2021.6*
 - Relevant to the UNFC Update 2019.
 - Considers all the recommendations of the 2018 reports

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Report Summary



- It applies only to environmental and social considerations and does not address economic or other issues
- Supplement to the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources (Update 2019) United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Energy Series 61 (ECE/ENERGY/125)
- It should be used with reference to the report Principles of Resource Classification (ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2020/3).
- Designed to address relevant to environmental and social issues



- Categories and Sub-Categories
- Definitions and Explanations
- Examples of E-axis resource specific classification
 - Renewable Working Group
 - Geothermal Sub-Working Group

Steps in Categorization

Process



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- Identifying the relevant environmental and social contingencies
- Estimating the probability (quantitative or qualitative) that environmental and social issues will be resolved and maintained over the forecast life cycle of the project; and
- Consideration of the level of activity needed and the status of efforts to resolve environmental and social issues at the time of an evaluation.
- Multiple E-Axis contingency issues
 - Annex II

Contingencies

Definition, E-Axis and Related Contingencies



- A Contingency is a specific criterion or condition that must be satisfied before a project can proceed
- Although contingencies may differ between projects, many would include environmental and social issues
- The E-axis Categories and Sub-categories as defined in the UNFC Update 2019 are related directly to the level of confidence that the relevant contingencies can be resolved
- Active vs. Lack of Engagement to resolve contingencies
- Related Contingencies: Legal and Fiscal Framework, Regulatory Approval, and Contractual Conditions

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Roadmap, Governance and Future Documents



- Working Group 3-year Roadmap
 - Specifications
 - Best Practices
 - Case Studies
- Governance (G)
- Harmonization
 - Short Term - Terminology, Scope, Contents, Structure, and Definitions
 - Mid Term (Limited harmonization) - incremental update of documents
 - Long Term (Full harmonization) - simplification, significant revision of documents

Thank you!

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Historical Reports

Concepts, Terminology and Principles



- Social and Environmental Consideration Task Force (now Working Group) established in 2015
- Report for the 2018 EGRM meeting:
 - *Accommodating Social and Environmental Considerations in the United Nations Framework Classification for Resources: Concepts and Terminology.* ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2018/4.
 - Addresses additional issues that arose during the work of the E-axis Working Group
- Report for the 2020 EGRM meeting
 - *Principles of Resource Classification.* ECE/ENERGY/GE.3/2020/3
 - Addresses basic topics on classification

Sustainable Development Goals

Definitions and Implementation



- The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a national legal/fiscal framework about factors such as climate change or social issues that promote, hinder, or prevent, the development of a resource
- Some of the SDGs imply or suggest a set of policies or practices that could affect the environmental, social, and economic implications of resource projects
- UNFC could be used in studies carried out to assess and provide information on specific SDGs that have a direct implication for resource development
- Implementation of the Paris Agreement on climate action will be carried out by participating countries through nation specific Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs).