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Overview of ESP and GP

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL POLICY (ESP) AND THE GENDER POLICY (GP)

- Operational Policy and Guidelines (OPG) determining the modalities for financing by the Fund
- AF Board adopted ESP in November 2013 and GP in March 2016, updated in 2016 and 2021
- ESP and GP: similarities but also different
 - Main difference:
 - ESP focuses on ***preventing unwanted negative*** environmental and social ***impacts*** from AF activities
 - GP focuses on ***promoting desired positive impacts*** from AF activities
 - Reflected in the approach to project/programme formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation

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Main characteristics of the ESP

- Goal: avoid unnecessary environmental and social harms as a result of AF-funded projects/programmes
- Compared to other, similar policies there are similarities and differences: innovative and more objective (less opinion) and more accountable

Underlying principles and concepts:

- Not prescriptive on how compliance is achieved or demonstrated. **As long as:**
- Evidence-based
- Risk-based
- Comprehensive
- Safeguarding efforts commensurate with the risks
- Categorisation (inconsequential)
- Risks to be identified against 15 principles



1. Compliance with the Law

2. Access & Equity

3. Marginalized & Vulnerable Groups

4. Human Rights

5. Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment

6. Core Labour Rights

7. Indigenous Peoples

8. Involuntary Resettlement

9. Protection of Natural Habitats

10. Conservation of Biological Diversity

11. Climate Change

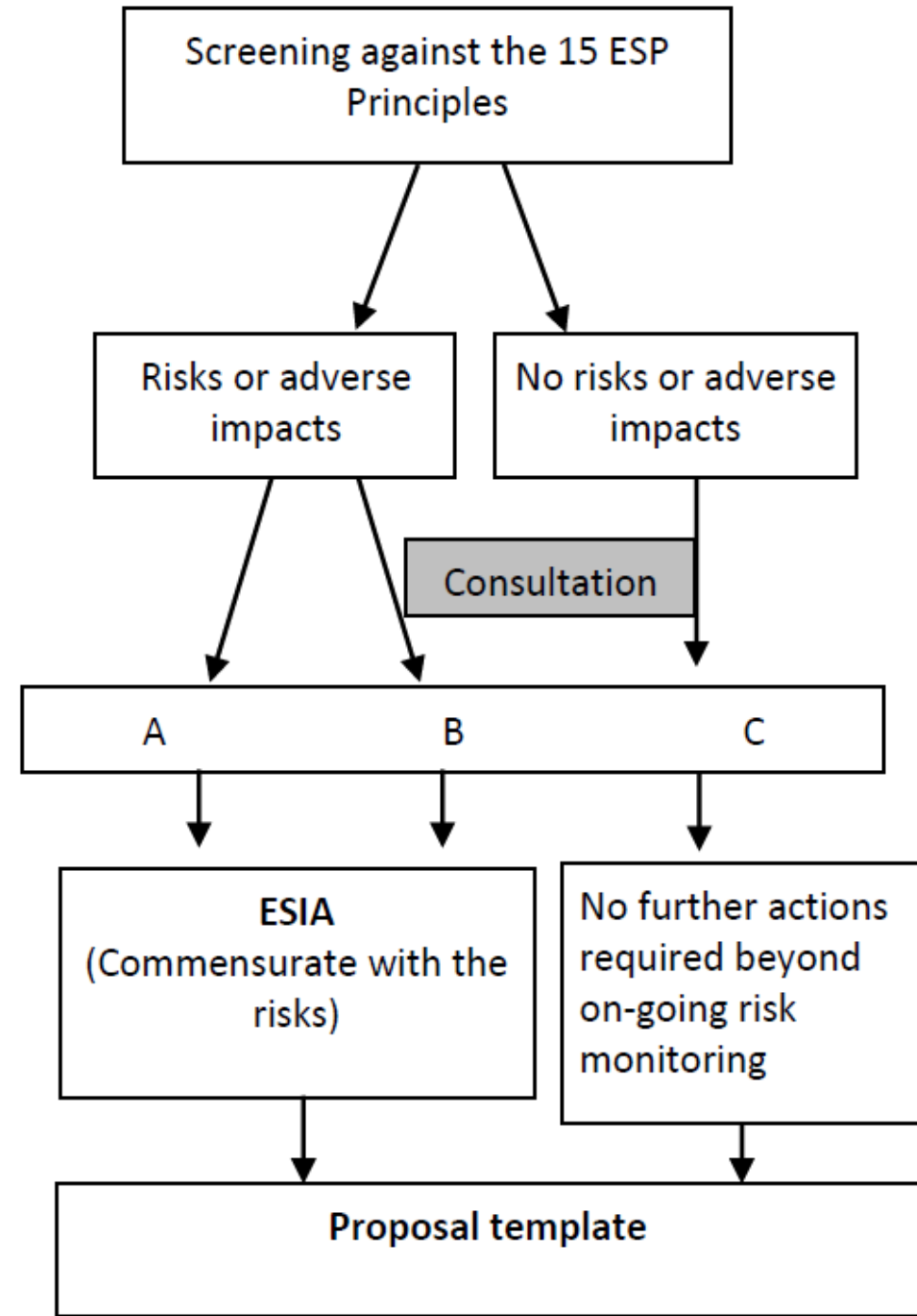
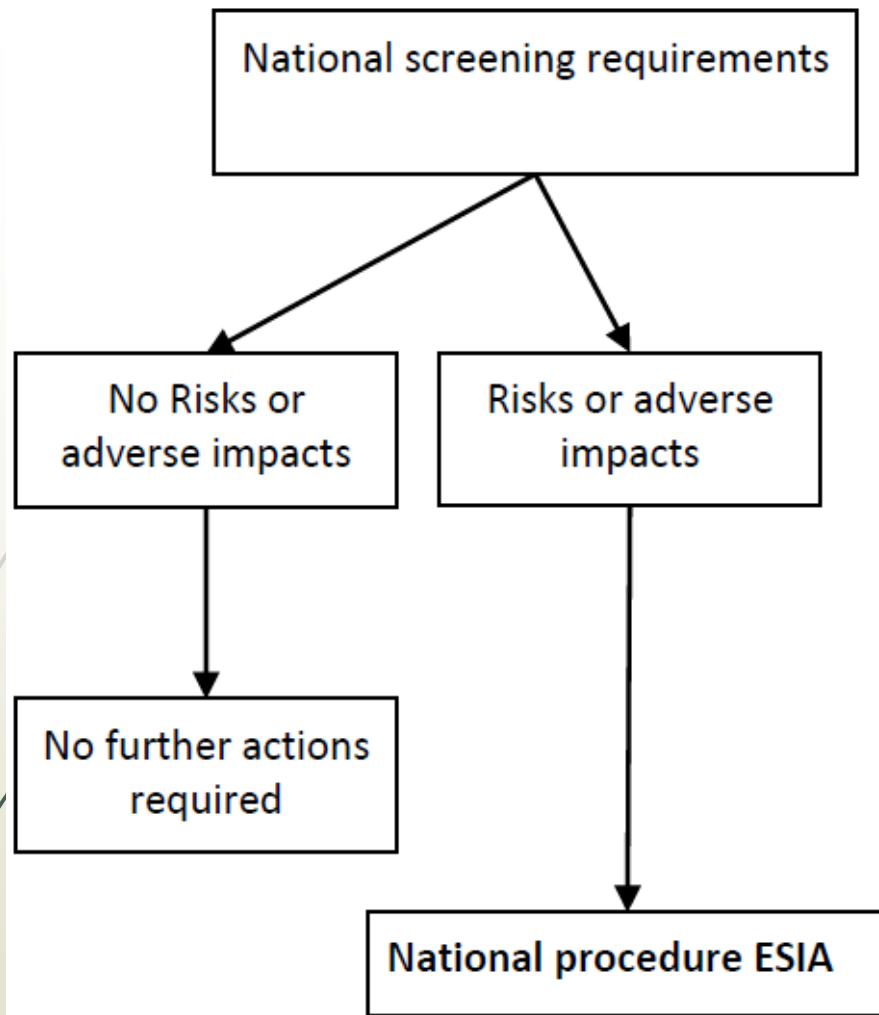
12. Pollution Prevention & Resource Efficiency

13. Public Health

14. Physical and Cultural Heritage

15. Lands and Soil Conservation

The 15 risks principles of the AF ESP



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- The Gender Policy (GP) builds on the ESP, in particular its **risk** principles on
 - Access and Equity
 - Marginalised and vulnerable groups
 - Human rights
- The GP expands the ESP principle of Gender equity and women's empowerment' to **promote** gender equality: equal rights, responsibilities and opportunities and access of women and men; equal consideration of their respective interests, needs and priorities

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Gender Policy in project/programme proposals (1/2)

- Comprehensive
- Specific gender elements in the design of its adaptation activities and expected outputs.
- Gender analysis and gender assessment
 - Selecting gender-responsive indicators
 - Designing gender-responsive implementation and monitoring arrangements

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Gender Policy in project/programme proposals (2/2)

- Screening of proposals for gender responsiveness by AFBS and partners
- Consultation of stakeholders in a gender-equal way
- Guidance document (March 2022)



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