



GOJ/Adaptation Fund Programme

Building the Resilience of the Agriculture
Sector and Coastal Areas

BREAKING THE TIDE, RENEWING THE LAND

Adaptation Fund Readiness Webinar

Mainstreaming Environmental, Social and Gender Issues in Adaptation Projects

PIOJ's Experience

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OUTLINE

- Gender, Environmental & Social Policy Frameworks at PIOJ
- Change in Project Activities: Implications and Approach
- Risk Identification, Assessment and Management
- Mainstreaming ESP and Gender
- A Word of Advice to other NIEs

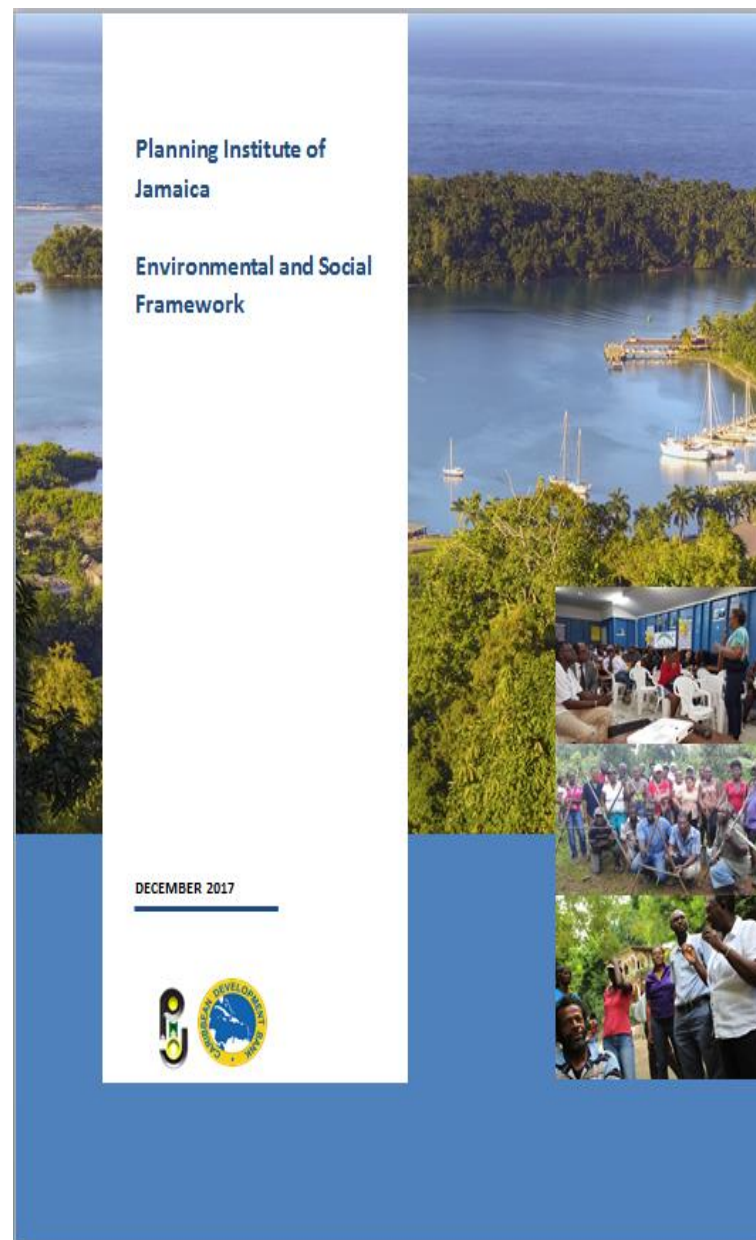


Environmental & Social Safeguards at PIOJ

- National requirements always observed, even prior to accreditation as NIE
- These were observed/addressed in the original concept and proposal.
- Gender Specialist on staff/ Internal cross-divisional Gender Committee influence treatment of gender
- Since accreditation by the AF in 2010, the PIOJ has developed a formal ESF
 - incorporated the AF ESPs, World Bank and other international standards (includes 8 composite standards)
- ESS Policy developed and disclosed on website in 2015/16
 - Prior to re-accreditation



- This capacity-building initiative was specifically triggered by the AF requirements
- ESF now mainstreamed in NIE business processes
 - PIOJ ESF serves as a complement to the Business Process Manual
 - This encourages more deliberate assessment of environmental and social impact implications of and for projects



New Project Activities

Implications and Approaches for ESP Compliance

- Country systems were previously in play;
- High level of alignment with the 15 AF ESP now mandatory
- Reviewed the policy, guidance documents, etc. to gain better understanding of AF requirements
- Conducted (informal) assessment (interviews/site visits)
- Public consultation with affected communities
- Determined the alignment approaches needed for gaps identified
 - Very iterative process



Methodology for Risk Identification, Mitigation and Management

- Scope of each new activity (preliminarily) evaluated against ESPs to determine: presence and scale/severity of risk factors
- Identify the risks and issues, and what are the potential effects on the project?
- Develop a template/checklist for categorizing risks and identifying their potential impact as well as weighting the likelihood of occurrence – (Use PIOJ risk categorization (high, substantial, moderate, low –page 33))
- The level of risk is the key basis for determining the:
 - types of impact mitigation measures proposed;
 - frequency of interventions, and
 - level of stakeholder engagement required



Risk Identification, Mitigation and Management (cont'd)

- Use independent technical panels, where appropriate, for sub-projects/activities that involve serious and multi-dimensional social and/or environmental concerns.
- Develop an ESMP to specify the actions required to effectively manage risks and impacts
 - Update ESMP with results of monitoring
 - Conditions imposed with the granting of permits/ licenses will trigger automatic updates of the ESMP





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PUBLIC CONSULTATION

When? Wednesday
September 20, 2017
at
St Theresa's Catholic Church
Annotto Bay
Starting @ 4:00 p.m.

What? Discussions on:

- ❖ Building Coastal Resilience
- ❖ Reforestation
- ❖ River Training

Who? **EVERYBODY IN THE COMMUNITY IS INVITED**

- Provide your ideas, thoughts and feedback
- Collaborate on the resilience building
- Inform project planners

**It's Your Community,
Let's Work Together!**

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Mainstreaming ESP and Gender

- Include ESMP in Memorandum of Understanding with partner agencies to ensure integration of the measures into the overall project/programme implementation arrangements;
- Conduct gender training: both with internal and external stakeholders
- Gender sensitive planning and decision-making; gender disaggregated data collection/targets/reporting
- Perform risk screening of new (sub)project activities as soon as the precise design elements (eg. engineering drawings) and specific locations are defined
- Ensure stakeholders are aware of mechanisms to communicate concerns relating to perceived or observed risks



A Word of Advice to NIEs

- Read the AF Guidance documents very carefully
 - For example, how to **demonstrate** whether risk is triggered or not
 - Start risk assessments early: time-consuming/iterative process
- Document the activities; this will assist in providing necessary justification (not sufficient to say “*no further assessment required*”, must be evidence-based)
- Ensure rigorous monitoring by the NIE and regular updates of ESMP; quarterly review/oversight by project governance committees
- Peer-to-peer exchanges among NIEs and ongoing stakeholder engagement are strongly encouraged



Questions?

Thank You!

