

Archive of Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) Guidance Notes Comment Period Web Page 2017

The ten [Environmental and Social Standards \(ESS\)](#) included in the World Bank's new [Environmental and Social Framework](#) set out the requirements that apply to borrowing countries related to the identification, assessment, and management of environmental and social risks and impacts associated with projects financed by the World Bank through [Investment Project Financing \(IPF\)](#).

The World Bank has developed **Guidance Notes for Borrowers** to help explain the requirements of the ESSs; they are not World Bank policy, nor are they mandatory.

The Guidance Notes for Borrowers were open for comment from November 2 to December 22, 2017. We received 79 submissions from 113 stakeholders. All of the comments were considered as the Guidance Notes were revised.

The Guidance Notes for Borrowers are living documents and will be reviewed and updated periodically as the World Bank learns from the implementation of the ESF.

You will find below: a high-level summary of comments received during the comment period, along with World Bank responses; the revised Guidance Notes; and the comments submitted during the comment period.

High-Level Summary Response Matrix of Comments Received on the Draft Guidance Notes for Borrowers ([PDF](#))

Guidance Notes for Borrowers:

ESS1: Assessment and Management of Environmental and Social Risks and Impacts ([June 2018; with tracked changes](#))

ESS2: Labor and Working Conditions ([June 2018; with tracked changes](#))

ESS3: Resource Efficiency and Pollution Prevention and Management ([June 2018; with tracked changes](#))

ESS4: Community Health and Safety ([June 2018; with tracked changes](#))

ESS5: Land Acquisition, Restrictions on Land Use and Involuntary Resettlement ([June 2018; with tracked changes](#))

ESS6: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Management of Living Natural Resources ([June 2018; with tracked changes](#))

ESS7: Indigenous Peoples/Sub-Saharan African Historically Underserved Traditional Local Communities ([June 2018; with tracked changes](#))

ESS8: Cultural Heritage ([June 2018; with tracked changes](#))

ESS9: Financial Intermediaries ([June 2018; with tracked changes](#))

ESS10: Stakeholder Engagement and Information Disclosure ([June 2018; with tracked changes](#))

Acronyms, abbreviations and glossary ([PDF](#))

Guidance Note Comments submitted:

[Comments from Water Governance Institute Uganda](#) (Nov 28, 2017)

[Comments from Janet Hohnen on draft Guidance Note](#) on ESS4 (Nov 28, 2017)

[Comments from Prof. Cristiano Pires on draft Guidance Notes](#) on ESS5 and ESS6 (Nov 29, 2017)

[Comments from CERFE on draft Guidance Notes](#) on ESS1, ESS2, ESS10 (Dec 1, 2017)

[Comments from 38 CSOs on draft Guidance Notes](#) (Dec 4, 2017)

[Comments from Sightsavers on draft Guidance Notes, ESS1 and ESS10](#) (Dec 14, 2017)

[Comments from Asian Development Bank](#) on draft Guidance Notes (Dec 22, 2017)

[Comments from Bank Information Center](#) on draft Guidance Notes (Dec 22, 2017)

[Comments from Center for International Environmental Law \(CIEL\)](#) on draft Guidance Notes (Dec 22, 2017)

[Comments from Dr. Ravi Kumar Gupta](#) on draft Guidance notes (Dec 16, 2017)

[Comments from Energy Development Corporation](#) on draft Guidance Notes (Dec 18, 2017)

[Comments from Government of Uttar Pradesh](#) on draft Guidance Notes (Dec 20, 2017)

[Comments from Gujarat State Disaster Management Authority](#) on draft Guidance Notes (Dec 8, 2017)

[Comments from Humane Society International](#) on draft Guidance Notes (Dec 14, 2017)

[Comments from John Welch](#) on draft Guidance Notes (Dec 8, 2017)

[Comments from Oréade Brèche](#) on draft Guidance Notes (Dec 22, 2017)

[Comments from Oxfam](#) on draft Guidance Notes (Dec 21, 2017)

[Comments from Government of Sweden](#) on draft Guidance Notes (Dec 27, 2017)

[Comments from Government of Italy](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS1 (Dec 15, 2017)

[Comments from Free the Slaves](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS2 (Dec 22, 2017)

[Comments from ITUC and Global Unions partner organizations](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS1, ESS2, ESS10 (Dec 15, 2017)

[Comments from IUCN Biodiversity Group](#) on draft Guidance Notes on [ESS1](#), [ESS6](#) (Dec 22, 2017)

[Comments from Government of Norway](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS1, ESS6 (Dec 21, 2017)

[Comments from International Center for Research on Women](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS2 (Dec 13, 2017)

[Comments from International Code of Conduct Association](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS4 (Dec 22, 2017)

[Comments from Employers and Manufactures Association New Zealand](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS2, ESS4 (Dec 17, 2017)

[Comments from Ayako INOUE](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS3 (Dec 22, 2017)

[Comments from American Anthropological Association](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS5 (Dec 13, 2017)

[Comments from Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS5 (Dec 14, 2017)

[Comments from IDI and OXFAM](#) draft Guidance Notes on ESS5 (Dec 22, 2017)

[Comments from Michael Windfuhr](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS5 (Dec 27, 2017)

[Comments from FAIRR Initiative](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS6 (Dec 15, 2017)

[Comments from World Animal Net](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS6 (Dec 22, 2017)

[Comments from Indian Law Resource Center](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS7 (Dec 21, 2017)

[Comments from Society for American Archaeology](#) on Guidance Notes on ESS7, ESS8 (Dec 13, 2017)

[Comments from IDI and 13 signatories](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS9 (Dec 22, 2017)

[Comments from 31 co-signatories](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS1, ESS10 (Dec 22, 2017)

[Comments from Geetha Rubasundram](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS10 (Dec 23, 2017)

[Comments from Prabhu Guptara](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS10 (Dec 22, 2017)

[Comments from Government of India](#) on draft Guidance Notes (Jan 3, 2018)

[Comments from National Economic Development Authority of the Philippines](#) on draft Guidance Notes (Jan 8, 2018)

[Comments from Lex Justi and Minority Rights Group International](#) on draft Guidance Notes (Dec 15, 2017)

[Comments from Dr. Filipe Silva](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS4 (Dec 26, 2017)

[Comments from Nigerian Institution of Estate Surveyors and Valuers](#) on draft Guidance Notes (Dec 15, 2017)

[Comments from International Network on Displacement and Resettlement](#) on draft Guidance Notes on ESS5 (Dec 21, 2017)

Comments from The World Archaeological Congress on draft Guidance Notes on [ESS7](#), [ESS8](#) (Dec 13, 2017)

[Comments from Compassion in World Farming on draft Guidance Notes on ESS6](#) (Nov, 28, 2017)

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- [Online discussion on draft ESF Guidance Notes for Borrowers: November 28, 2017](#)