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Strategic Environmental Assessment in Policy and Sector Reform - The University of Gothenburg 2010

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development policy and sector reform and recommends the establishment of a global alliance on environmental and climate change mainstreaming to support developing countries' efforts for achieving sustainable development. The book concludes by arguing that SEA applied to sector reform and development policy is a critical step for these efforts to be successful. This title responds to demand for SEA approaches at the policy level from policymakers, development and environmental specialists of bilateral and multilateral institutions, and environmental assessment specialists. This publication is the result of joint work by the Environment Department of the World Bank, the Environmental Economics Unit at the Department of Economics of the University of Gothenburg (EEU), the Swedish EIA Centre at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, and the Netherlands Commission for

Environmental Assessment (NCEA.) In line with the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, the book also contributes to harmonization of SEA approaches by the donor community that is led by the SEA Task Team of the OECD Development Assistance Committee.

Strategic Environmental Assessment for Transport - European Conference of Ministers of Transport 2000-10-30

This report examines recent experience in developing environmental assessment internationally and makes recommendations on maximising the effectiveness of this new tool.

Improving Health in the United States - National Research Council 2011-11-14

Factoring health and related costs into decision making is essential to confronting the nation's health problems and enhancing public well-being. Some policies and programs historically not recognized as relating to health are believed or known to have important health consequences. For example, public health has been linked to an array of policies that determine the quality and location of housing, availability of public transportation, land use and street connectivity, agricultural practices and the availability of various types of food, and development and location of businesses and industry. Improving Health in the United States: The Role of Health Impact Assessment offers guidance to officials in the public and private sectors on conducting HIAs to evaluate public health consequences of proposed decisions—such as those to build a major roadway, plan a city's growth, or develop national agricultural policies—and suggests actions that could minimize adverse health impacts and optimize beneficial ones. Several approaches could be used to incorporate aspects of health into decision making, but HIA holds particular promise because of its applicability to a broad array of programs, consideration of both adverse and beneficial health effects, ability to consider and incorporate various types of evidence, and engagement of communities and stakeholders in a deliberative process. The report notes that HIA should not be assumed to be the best approach to every health policy question but rather should be seen as part of a spectrum of public health and policy-oriented approaches. The report

presents a six-step framework for conducting HIA of proposed policies, programs, plans, and projects at federal, state, tribal, and local levels, including within the private sector. In addition, the report identifies several challenges to the successful use of HIA, such as balancing the need to provide timely information with the realities of varying data quality, producing quantitative estimates of health effects, and engaging stakeholders.

Handbook of Strategic Environmental Assessment - Barry Sadler 2012-09-10

This authoritative handbook surveys the full breadth and depth of SEA, bringing together a range of international perspectives and insights on the theoretical, methodological and institutional dimensions and practical issues of the field. It then subjects this conventional wisdom to a critical reappraisal, looks at the vast lessons of experience and offers new ideas and interpretations as to where the field is going. The volume is organized into six major sections, beginning with an introduction and overview of the development of the field and a framework for evaluating SEA good practice. Part I comprises a review of SEA frameworks in leading countries (Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA), the European Union and developing regions (Africa, Asia, Latin America and Newly Independent States). Part II reviews SEA practice in several major sectors (energy, minerals, transport, water, development assistance and coastal zone management). Part III addresses the linkages between SEA and other comparable tools such as spatial planning and environmental management. Part IV probes key cross-cutting issues in SEA, including how to address cumulative and trans-boundary effects. Part V identifies ways and means of SEA process and capacity development, focusing on how to improve and upgrade the theory and practice of the field. Part VI examines the shift from conventional SEA towards more integrative approaches, drawing on experience and examples from a number of countries. Published with IAIA

Greening Development Enhancing Capacity for Environmental Management and Governance - OECD 2012-01-25

This policy guidance outlines a number of steps to be considered when

building capacity for greening national development planning, national budgetary processes and key economic sector strategies.

Environmental Policy in Mining - Alyson Warhurst 1999-09-17

Ecological Management of Mining: Achieving Environmental Compliance is a study and comparison - global in scope - of current practices used by mining firms striving for ecological management. The author takes an integrated and interdisciplinary approach in addressing, analyzing and working towards solutions regarding the complex challenges posed by managing the environmental impacts of mining. The issues addressed range from the ecotoxicological effects of metal residues to the land use effects of mining and from socioeconomic impacts to environmental regulation. The goal of this book is to assist mining companies throughout the world to achieve environmental compliance and improve competitiveness in the context of growing environmental regulation and technological innovation. It is an essential book for the wide variety of professionals working on issues in mining. Like the book and the research itself, the audience is integrated and interdisciplinary including engineers, planners, ecologists, policy makers and economists. Features *Assessment and Decision Making for Sustainable Transport* - European Conference of Ministers of Transport 2004-03-10

This report makes recommendations for good practice bringing the results of economic appraisals and environmental assessments before decision makers in the transport sector on the basis of reviews of recent experience in infrastructure planning and policy development in seven countries.

European and International Experiences of Strategic Environmental Assessment - Barry Sadler 2016-03-17

This book brings together the latest thinking in Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and considers the key question of whether the processes are having a positive impact on strategic decision making, both in Europe and worldwide. As governments move to develop green agendas, the book explores the challenges of working within national systems, as well as the strengths and weaknesses of sector-specific SEA. The importance of stakeholder engagement is considered, as is the

question of how to turn NIMBYs into WIMBYs - that is, creating positive reasons to encourage development and allow local stakeholders to profit. In assessing ways in which the practice of SEA can provide a new agenda for the 21st Century, the chapters explore current and emerging approaches, procedures and methods, along with ways in which SEA can be linked with other planning tools. The role of research and academia is considered, and the book looks beyond the current status of SEA to address the question of how practitioners can capitalise on the potential of SEA to become integrated into high-level policy as a key element of climate change mitigation strategies. Each chapter is written by internationally renowned authors and based on many years of experience in the field. The book will be essential reading for forward-thinking practitioners and students of SEA.

The Role of Strategic Environmental Assessment in Developing Sustainable Energy Policies, Plans and Programmes for Ghana - Joseph Somevi 2010-11

Ghana's Vision 2020 and the 1990 energy crises have influenced energy sector policy, plan and programme reforms which in turn have affected development actions. Since these strategic level development decisions have ecological, economic and social ramifications, Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) has been seen as an effective tool for aligning energy sector policies, plans and programmes with sustainable development principles. In formulating a theoretical perspective for the study, the two overarching theories, which framed the research, were ecological rationality and institutions. Flowing from these theories, the concepts of environmentalism, sustainable development, SEA and energy policies, plans and programmes have been discussed within the context of the West, Africa and Ghana. By the application of factor analysis, multiple regression, path analysis, partial regression, reliability models and tests of proportion (chi-square) in a quantitative analysis, the study tested key hypotheses and computed reliability and validity coefficients where appropriate.

Transport Policy and the Environment - David Banister 2002-09-11
There is currently considerable concern with limiting the growth of

transport demand, the use of resources and related pollution. This book makes a major contribution to the debate on transport and the environment and is likely to become a benchmark against which new research will be developed. *Transport Policy and the Environment* presents for the first time the results of extensive research: *quantifying the contribution of transport to environmental problems. *assessing the options for resolving those problems. *investigating the conflicts arising from policy implementation. *developing new and better methods of data collection and analysis. It brings together the results of a major research programme funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council on Transport and the Environment and provides a clear view on current policy. It is the major contribution that UK research has made to the debate and provides the first set of substantive results on the effectiveness of policy, and the means by which the impact can be measured and assessed.

Strategic Environmental Assessment in the Transport Sector - European Conference of Ministers of Transport 1998-01-22

This report contributes to the development of effective procedures for incorporating adequate environmental assessments in all strategic transport sector decisions.

Strategic Environmental Assessment - Barry Sadler 2012

This unique sourcebook provides a global, state-of-the-art review of the rapidly evolving field of strategic environmental assessment (SEA) that is intended to serve as a baseline for the work of an OECD Task Team on SEA and a UNEP initiative on integrated planning and assessment. It describes trends in application and experience in different contexts worldwide, providing in-depth coverage of the status of SEA systems, and practice in developed, transitional and developing countries by a range of development agencies. The book draws on a large body of published and unpublished material, and contributions from a wide range of individual experts, organizations and agencies. It provides an unparalleled and invaluable understanding of the emerging scope and potential of SEA and describes how, when and where it is being used. The sourcebook includes a probing review of concepts, terminology,

approaches and tools of SEA, and a comparative analysis of the different types of existing SEA systems. The volume also contains many case examples illustrating SEA practice in different countries and contexts, a full set of references and a number of appendices containing source materials.

Strategic Environmental Assessment for Policies - Kulsum Ahmed 2008-04-30

Environmentally and socially sustainable policies are essential for good governance. Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is the key tool for integrating environmental considerations into policies, programs and plans. This book focuses on SEA applied to policies. Through lessons learned from previous use of SEA on policies, it draws lessons on the strengths and weaknesses of current SEA methodology. It then goes on to analyze how policies are formulated and implemented and proposes a new conceptual framework for conducting SEA of policies that potentially could be more useful in influencing decision makers to integrate environmental sustainability considerations into policy formulation and implementation.

Environmental Assessment of Trade Agreements and Policy - Ole Kristian Fauchald 1998

This work provides strategies for integrating environmental concerns into the negotiating process when multilateral trade and investment agreements are being negotiated. It also addresses unresolved questions about establishing a procedure for introducing these concerns into negotiations.

Strategic Environmental Assessment - Rafik Hirji 2009

DAC Guidelines and Reference Series Applying Strategic Environmental Assessment - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development 2006-12

This Guidance volume explains the benefits of using SEA in development co-operation and sets out key steps for its application based on recent experiences.

Strategic Environmental Assessment in Policy and Sector Reform

Conceptual Model and Operational Guidance - 2010

Strategic Environment Assessment of the Transport Sector, Ghana - 2008

Strategic Environmental Assessment - Weltbank 2012

The Sustainable Development Network (SDN) calls for elevating the environment into upstream processes such as policy, programmatic, and investment dialogue. In its 2002 environment strategy, the Bank committed to use strategic environmental assessments (SEAs), an environmental planning tool for improving decision-making at the strategic level of decision-making, policies, legislation, strategies, plans, and programs (PLSPP), and as a process for improving public policy design and good governance of natural resources. SEAs share many concepts and characteristics as integrated water resources management (IWRM), the accepted paradigm for efficient, equitable, and sustainable management of water resources since the 1990s. IWRM recognizes the dual nature of the environment as both a water using sector and a provider of services that maintains water resources for all sectors. The overall goal of this report is to help water resources and environment professionals use SEAs to effectively implement the principles of IWRM. It recommends a framework for expanding use of SEAs to mainstream environmental considerations in water resources policy, legislative and institutional reforms, planning and development lending decision-making as well as for enabling adaptation in the water sector.

Strategic Environmental Assessment in the Transport Sector - European Conference of Ministers of Transport 1998-01-28

This report contributes to the development of effective procedures for incorporating adequate environmental assessments in all strategic transport sector decisions.

DAC Guidelines and Reference Series Applying Strategic Environmental Assessment Good Practice Guidance for Development Co-operation - OECD 2006-11-10

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experiences.

The Practice of Policy Analysis - Peter William House 1991

The Contribution of Strategic Environmental Assessment to Transport Policy Governance - Rodrigo Jiliberto Herrera 2009

Environmental Performance Reviews - Economic Commission for Europe 2010-12-23

This is the second EPR of Georgia published by UNECE. The report takes stock of the progress made by Georgia in the management of its environment since the country was first reviewed in 2001. It assesses the implementation of the recommendations in the first review (Annex I). It also covers nine issues of importance to Georgia concerning policymaking, planning and implementation, the financing of environmental policies and projects, and the integration of environmental concerns into economic sectors, in particular water management, waste management, risk management and forestry. The main outcome of the EPR is the recommendations, which were elaborated by the Expert Group, peer reviewed, discussed with a high-level delegation from Georgia and adopted by the UNECE Committee on Environmental Policy on 15 March 2010.

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Policy Sea - Weltbank 2012

Around the world, it is increasingly being recognized that for sustainability goals to be reached, efforts need to go beyond compliance with standards and mitigation of adverse impacts, to identifying environmental sustainability as an objective of the development process. This requires a focus on policies that promote integration of environmental, sustainability, and climate change considerations into development strategies and sector reform. Because sector reform brings about significant policy change involving adjustments in laws, policies, regulations and institutions, it is a sensitive political process often driven by strong economic interests. Policy makers are subject to a number of political pressures that originate in vested interests. In situations such as these, the recommendations of environmental assessment are often of little relevance unless there are constituencies that support them, and with sufficient political power to make their voices heard in the policy process. While strong constituencies are important during the design of sector reform, they are even more important during implementation. It

follows that effective environmental assessment in sector reform requires strong constituencies backing up recommendations, a system to hold policy makers accountable for their decisions, and institutions that can balance competing and, sometimes, conflicting interests.

Resource and Environmental Management - Bruce Mitchell
2013-12-16

This book does an exceptional job in giving an understanding of change, complexity, uncertainty and conflict as well as their linkages, including awareness of strategies, methods and techniques to handle them relative to resource and environmental management. The text enhances the reader's capacity to conduct practice and conduct research in resource and environmental management.

Strategic Environmental Assessment in Action - Riki Therivel 2013

This practical guide on how to carry out strategic environmental assessment (SEA) presents a coherent 'how to do it' approach for the practitioner. It is the first publication to take account of the requirements of the European Union Directive 2001/42/EC - known as the 'SEA Directive' - and the UNECE Protocol on SEA. Part I provides an overview of the aims, principles, advantages and problems of SEA as well as looking at the SEA Directive and its requirements. Part II examines the SEA process in considerable detail including setting the context, describing the baseline, identifying alternatives, predicting and evaluating impacts and using the SEA information in monitoring and decision-making. Part III is devoted to assuring SEA quality with a discussion of resources and capacity building. Employing real-life case studies, each chapter presents a range of techniques and discusses what the final product should look like. Appendices provide a wealth of additional information including text of the SEA Directive and the UNECE Protocol on SEA, and a 'toolkit' of SEA techniques. The approach and techniques in Strategic Environmental Assessment in Action are useful for anyone carrying out SEA at any level from policy to programme, international to local, but particularly for practitioners responsible for implementing the SEA Directive.

Perspectives on Strategic Environmental Assessment - Maria

Rosario Partidario 1999-12-22

An environmental assessment must be performed whenever a property transaction takes place. Those who don't may find themselves responsible for the past misdeeds of others. This book contains contributions by professionals from various locations who use Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as a tool applied to water management issues. SEA helps make decisions that increase sustainability. Because of its procedural nature, it necessarily becomes tailor-made to different applications. Easily understood and geographic in scope, this book presents leading edge thinking and first hand knowledge on the applications of SEA in water management. Perspectives on Strategic Environmental Assessment is a comprehensive guidebook for performing environmental assessments all over the world. No other source provides you with as much information on the applications of SEA as a policy assessment and management tool. This book provides a blueprint for environmental assessments that safeguards you from the oversights of others.

Handbook on Strategic Environmental Assessment - Thomas B. Fischer 2021-03-26

This comprehensive Handbook shows how Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA), an important decision support tool for strategies, policies, plans and programmes, is applied globally. It reflects on SEA practices and the advancements made over the past three decades in the development of SEA.

Environmental Performance Review - Economic Commission for Europe 2019-03-20

This programme assesses progress made by individual countries, in this case Albania, in reconciling their economic and social development with environmental protection, as well as in meeting international commitments on environment and sustainable development. It assists countries to improve their environmental policies by making concrete recommendations for better policy design and implementation. The reviews help to integrate environmental policies into sector-specific policies such as those in agriculture, energy, transport and health.

Environment & Development - World Bank 1979

Policy Sea - 2010

Strategic Environmental Assessment in the World Bank - Fernando Loayza 2012

This report presents the results of a review of the World Bank's Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) experience undertaken by the World Bank learning community-the SEA Community of Practice (CoP). This report is no more than a first step. Its findings and results cannot be treated as conclusive. The World Bank follows the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in describing SEA as 'analytical and participatory approaches to strategic decision-making that aim to integrate environmental considerations into policies, plans and programs, and evaluate the inter linkages with economic and social considerations'. Over time SEA has become more strategic by bringing different groups of stakeholders into an environmental and social dialogue in an iterative and adaptive way. Impact-centered approaches to SEA best fit to integrate environmental considerations in plans and programs where environmental impacts and risks can be identified and predicted. Country environmental analysis is a type of policy SEA developed to inform the dialogue between the Bank and client countries on national environmental priorities. The main objective is to strengthen Bank staff's capacity on SEA by fostering learning in applying SEA in World Bank-supported projects and thus contribute to sustainable development outcomes in programs, plans, and policies of client countries. To achieve this objective, among other activities of the SEA CoP, there is a component to take stock of the Bank's recent regional experience with the following scope of work. The structure of this report organized as: chapter two presents the synthesis and conclusions from the cross-analysis of the regional reviews. Chapters three through eight present the findings and conclusions of the regional reviews. Chapter three on the SEA experience in East Asia and the Pacific focuses on the use of SEA mainly as a tool for environmental safeguarding. Chapter four

analyzes the use of SEA as a planning and policy tool drawing on the Middle East and North Africa experience. A mixed experience with impact-centered and policy SEA approaches is described by chapter five on South Asia. Chapter six on Sub-Saharan Africa shows a trend of using SEA initially for environmental safeguarding but later for informing policy making. Chapter seven shows that sector reforms and infrastructure developments have influenced the use of SEA in Latin America. And the mixed results of promoting SEA practice by making it regionally mandatory through the European Union's SEA directive are described in chapter eight on Europe and Central Asia.

Handbook of Regulatory Impact Assessment - Claire A. Dunlop

2016-04-29

Regulatory impact assessment (RIA) is the main instrument used by governments and regulators to appraise the likely effects of their policy proposals. This pioneering Handbook provides a comparative and comprehensive account of this tool, situating it in the relevant theoretical traditions and scrutinizing its use across countries, policy sectors and policy instruments. Comprising six parts, university researchers, international consultants and practitioners working in international organizations examine regulatory impact assessment from many perspectives, which include: • research traditions in the social sciences • implementation, regulatory indicators and effects • tools and dimensions such as courts and gender • sectoral case studies including environment, enterprise and international development • international diffusion in the European Union (EU), Americas, Asia and developing countries • appraisal, training and education. With its wealth of detail and lessons to be learned, the Handbook of Regulatory Impact Assessment will undoubtedly be of great value to practitioners and scholars working in governance, political science and socio-legal studies.

Impact Evaluation in Practice, Second Edition - Paul J. Gertler

2016-09-12

The second edition of the Impact Evaluation in Practice handbook is a comprehensive and accessible introduction to impact evaluation for policy makers and development practitioners. First published in 2011, it

has been used widely across the development and academic communities. The book incorporates real-world examples to present practical guidelines for designing and implementing impact evaluations. Readers will gain an understanding of impact evaluations and the best ways to use them to design evidence-based policies and programs. The updated version covers the newest techniques for evaluating programs and includes state-of-the-art implementation advice, as well as an expanded set of examples and case studies that draw on recent development challenges. It also includes new material on research ethics and partnerships to conduct impact evaluation. The handbook is divided into four sections: Part One discusses what to evaluate and why; Part Two presents the main impact evaluation methods; Part Three addresses how to manage impact evaluations; Part Four reviews impact evaluation sampling and data collection. Case studies illustrate different applications of impact evaluations. The book links to complementary instructional material available online, including an applied case as well as questions and answers. The updated second edition will be a valuable resource for the international development community, universities, and policy makers looking to build better evidence around what works in development.

Environmental Impact Assessment and Strategic Environmental Assessment - Hussein Abaza 2004

Strategic Environmental Assessment - Riki Therivel 2013-07-04

Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a new approach to environmental assessment, global in scope, which considers the environmental impacts of policies, plans and programmes. It is already in use in a number of countries and is rapidly being adopted by those involved with environmental management and regulation, including governments, official and voluntary sector agencies, academic courses and consultancies. This text defines and analyzes SEA within the overall context of environmental assessment. It introduces and reviews the current state of SEA, evaluates its application in a number of countries with a range of detailed case studies, provides a critique of its techniques

and an analysis of its importance for the future.

Progress in Environmental Assessment Policy, and Management Theory and Practice - Thomas B Fischer 2015-12-15

Since becoming editor-in-chief in 2009 Thomas Fischer has overseen the publication of 22 issues of the Journal of Environmental and Policy Management. This wide-ranging and thought-provoking volume presents a selection of papers from this period. A number of these papers discuss the topics of the journal's special issues. The others offer various international and comparative perspectives on the development and implementation of environmental assessment (EA) and strategic environmental assessment (SEA). By drawing on the expertise of a number of global experts, this comprehensive volume considers the challenges, successes and progress of EA/SEA policy and management since 2009. This volume is perfect for students and researchers interested in environmental policy and its implementation and management.

The Theory and Practice of Strategic Environmental Assessment - Thomas B Fischer 2010-09-23

Anyone serious about integrating environmental factors into planning and policy making will gain new insights and ideas from Fischers book on SEA; and students, teachers and practitioners of the subject will find the book essential. Leonard Ortolano, Professor at Stanford University, USA Fischers book demystifies the process and substantive analytical dimensions of SEA. Offering solidly documented empirical evidence of the value of SEA to development, the knowledge captured in this book is a great contribution to the practice. Linda Ghanime, Environmental

Operations and Policy Adviser, United Nations Development Program
This book is an invaluable reference text for SEA practitioners. I recommend it to everyone! Xu He, Professor and Director of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Center at Nankai University, China
Fischer gives a concise and wellstructured account of SEA as it is used today. Readers thus will gain important insights into SEA: why it is important, how it works, and what it can and should achieve. Professor Thomas Bunge, Federal Environment Agency, Germany
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) is a fast-growing and rapidly evolving professional field driven by both advances in theory and practice and by regulatory requirements in Europe, North America, Australasia, South Africa and increasingly across Asia. However, to date, analysis of existing practice and associated reporting has remained far from systematic and there has been a clear need for a comprehensive textbook to facilitate teaching, learning and practice in this burgeoning field. This textbook, the first of its kind, provides for a state-ofthe-art review of SEA theory and practice and promotes a more systematic approach to SEA. It is written for a wide student, professional and academic audience and aims particularly at supporting the development of SEA modules in undergraduate and postgraduate planning, environmental assessment, engineering and law courses. It provides an overview of the fundamental principles and rules of SEA, reports systematically on international SEA practice and theory and pushes the envelope by developing the theory. Supporting material includes boxed examples and case studies from around the world, extra reading suggestions and a glossary of terms. This is the essential book for all students, professionals and academics in SEA and EIA and follow-up worldwide.