

REGIONAL AND NATIONAL POLICIES AND PLANS – Regional and national policies and plans are understood and align with hydropower operations.

TRANSBOUNDARY ISSUES – Transboundary issues associated with the facility are effectively managed.

GOVERNANCE – Measures are in place for comprehensive governance of project development, including risk assessment and management and anti-corruption measures.

POLITICAL RISK – The ongoing political risks of hydropower operation are understood and being managed.

ECONOMIC VIABILITY – Operational decision-making is subject to cost-benefit analyses and factor in social and environmental considerations.

FINANCIAL VIABILITY – The facility is financially viable and all financial commitment can be met.

MARKETS, INNOVATION AND RESEARCH – Short-and long-term conditions are monitored and linked to forward planning.

SOCIAL MANAGEMENT PLAN – A social management plan should be developed and implemented to ensure targets and commitments to address social issues are clearly stated, publicly available, delivered, regularly reviewed and publicly reported.

CULTURAL HERITAGE – Level of impact and planning for protection and conservation of histories and indigenous heritage.

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES – Indigenous and ethnic communities affected either directly or indirectly by the project should be specifically identified, adequately represented in any consultation process, and not adversely affected by the project.

PUBLIC HEALTH – Public health risks and opportunities should be carefully assessed, with the objectives of avoiding and managing risks and improving public health conditions for impacted communities.

AFFECTED COMMUNITIES – Communities who may be affected by the project are provided with the opportunity to be represented in a fair, open and inclusive process; participate in the development of mitigation and management measures. Affected communities are compensated for impacts, are the first to benefit from the project; and participate in the identification, planning and distribution of benefits.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - ?

LABOUR AND WORKING CONDITIONS - ?

SUPPLIERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS – Procurement should be based on consideration of sustainability criteria for selection of suppliers and service providers, and be undertaken with full transparency.

GRIEVANCES, COMPLAINTS, DISPUTE RESOLUTION MECHANISMS - ?

COMMUNICATIONS – Communications in the identification, preparation, implementation and operation stages of hydropower projects meet objective standards of transparency, integrity and accountability.

BENEFIT SHARING – Project affected people will access and share in revenues generated by the project. Project affected peoples will have a role in decision making on the sharing of benefits from a project throughout the life of the project.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS – The full potential for additional benefits of the project development have been pursued.

ASSET RELIABILITY AND EFFICIENCY – Reliability and efficiency of assets ensured.

ASSET AND COMMUNITY SAFETY – The first priority for dam designers, builders, owners and operators is dam safety and the protection of life, property and the environment from the consequences of dam failure. Communities should not be exposed to unacceptable safety risks.

MANAGEMENT OF THE HYDROLOGICAL RESOURCE – The hydrological resource is well understood and managed.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT – An environmental management plan is being implemented within an independently certified environmental management system.

CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT – A catchment management plan is being implemented and measures are in place for continuous improvement.

RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT – A reservoir management plan is being implemented and measures are in place for continuous improvement.

ENVIRONMENTAL FLOWS – Delivery and monitoring of agreed environmental flows is in place.

BIODIVERSITY, HABITATS AND PROTECTED AREAS – Potential biodiversity, habitats and protected areas issues are well managed and monitored.

PEST AND INVASIVE SPECIES – Potential pest and invasive species issues are well managed and monitored.

SEDIMENTATION AND EROSION – Potential sedimentation and erosion issues are well managed and monitored.

WATER QUALITY – Potential water quality issues are well managed and monitored.