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**A UNESCO-SEEAC TRAINING SEMINAR - WORKSHOP
On the theme**

**"Monitoring and Follow up of Environmental Assessment:
Approach for better management of natural resources in Central
Africa"**

Nkolandom-Ebolowa, Cameroon, November 09th to 10th, 2015

AND THE

**7th edition of the International Seminar of the Secretariat for Environmental
Assessment in Central Africa**

Theme

**"Environmental Assessment and Governance of Natural
Resources in Central Africa"**

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CONCEPT NOTE

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1. Background of the UNESCO- SEEAC Regional Training

Since 2013, UNESCO Regional Office for Central Africa has agreed to join the SEEAC within the framework of its promotion of sustainable development missions. This has taken the following forms:

- In 2013, organization of a special session on the consideration of climate change in the environmental assessment;
- In 2014 organization of a two-day training, 11 and 12 November 2014 in Buea in Cameroon, under the theme " Integration Issues related to the green economy in the Environmental Assessment: methodology, tools, indicators and practical guide" prelude international seminar SEEAC.

Given the success of these events, resolutions derived from it show the desire for capacity building session on a relevant topic of the environmental assessment in SEEAC international seminars. Thus as part of their collaboration, UNESCO and the SEEAC volunteered to organize the regional training session in 2015

2. Problem statement and justification for the 2015 training

"The problem with environmental assessments is not its realization, but the actual implementation of prescribed measures ". Part of the solution to this problem depends on the practice of monitoring and follows up.

Indeed, monitoring and follow up activities that help to give concreteness to environmental assessments in general and the impact assessments and environmental and social audits in particular. In case of issuance of an environmental permit and the implementation of a project, they aim to:

- (i) Monitoring: verify the effective implementation of the measures recommended in the Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) and;
- (ii) Follow up: monitor the environmental and social parameters related to the implementation of the project and, therefore, the effectiveness of the measures recommended by the Environmental and Social Management Plan and (ESMP);

Thus, in addition to the prediction and estimation of the magnitude of environmental impacts before they occur and proposing ways for managing , monitoring and follow up as mechanisms for verification and good promotion effective management of the environment and natural resources throughout the implementation of projects. Failures in these steps can make much less effective environmental management and jeopardize the significant investment while relegating to a mere administrative formality.

The regulations on the environmental assessment of the countries of Central Africa explicitly refer to monitoring and follow up. However, there is absence of clear guidance on the procedures and methods to be followed, and lack of means for the administration to conduct the field work. Also, disagreements arise between the actors involved on the context and interpretation of information from these exercises.

In this context, the UNESCO - SEEAC 2015 Regional Training intends to contribute to both the development and implementation of monitoring plans and monitoring relating to environmental assessments to support good management of natural resources.

3. Objectives of the training session

3.1 General Purpose

The objective of this training session is to improve participants' knowledge related the conceptual bases, legal, institutional and methodological monitoring and follow-up related to environmental and social assessments to better management of natural resources in Africa Central.

3.2 Specific objectives

The following specific objectives will contribute to achieving the general objective:

- Analyze the legal framework and role of different actors in monitoring and follow up;
- Explain the methodology for the development of monitoring and follow up plans;
- Clarify the aspects relating to the determination of monitoring indicators and monitoring relevant for the sustainable management of natural resources;
- Address aspects related to the organization and conduct of monitoring and follow up campaigns, including the drafting of the minutes and reports.

4. Expected Results

At the end of this module, candidates should be able to:

- Ameliorate the legal framework and role of different actors in the monitoring and follow-up process;
- Follow a logical approach for the development of monitoring and follow up plans;
- Identify monitoring relevant indicators and monitoring for sustainable management of natural resources;
- Organize monitoring and follow up campaigns and write reports Promoters.

5. Target group

This training targets stakeholders and experts in the environmental assessment , including ; project , consulting firms , government agencies and authorities , the bodies responsible for the management of environmental assessments, civil society members, opinion leaders, local population , etc.

6. Methodological framework for the training session

The training session is designed to be as practical as possible. So apart from modules zero reserved for the opening and closing, the other modules will be covered in the form of specific mini-workshops in the sequence (i) Short presentation on the theoretical fundamentals; (ii) discussions (iii) group work case studies (refunds) .

With regard to adult education, the teaching approach will take into account the fact that the content of modules offered are as accessible and comprehensible to learners to enable them identify their role in the environmental assessment process and to have an overview on

available tools necessary for monitoring and follow up in relation to the management of natural resources.

In this context, the didactic approach is meant to be an "adult education» approach and will be based on the capitalization of the experience gained by the participants. Participatory tools will mainly be used to apply the saying of Benjamin Franklin following: **"Tell me and I forget Teach me and I remember Involve me and I learn . . ."**

7. Conditions of participation

Registration for the workshop seminar is \$ 100,000 (one hundred thousand) CFA approximately 250 (two hundred fifty) US dollars per participant. This fee covers the participant kit, lunch and coffee breaks for the duration of the seminar. Those wishing to register will use the form dedicated to this purpose.

8. Attestation of training and course notes

All regular participants will receive a participation certificate and a burned CD containing course notes and relevant documentation.

9. Program

Training will include different modules:

- Module 0 : Opening and Introduction of the seminar ;
- Module 1: Legal and institutional framework for the monitoring and follow-up in environmental assessment;
- Module 2: Methodological approach for the development of surveillance and monitoring plans;
- Module 3: Monitoring indicators and monitoring relevant for the sustainable management of natural resources;
- Module 4 : Organization, conduct and reporting of surveillance and monitoring tasks
- Module 0: seminar Evaluation and closing .

The indicative program is listed in the following table:

Table: Outline of the seminar program

Day/hours	activities
Day 1	
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Module 0 : Opening Introduction (theme, program participants) Module 1: Legal and institutional framework for monitoring and follow-up in Environmental Assessment
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Module 2: Methodological approach for the development of monitoring and follow up plans

	Evaluation / summary of the day
Day 2	
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Summary and introduction of the day's program
	Module 3: Monitoring and tracking relevant indicators for sustainable management of natural resources
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Module 4 : Organization, conduct and reporting of monitoring and follow up tasks

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The expressions of interest must be received no later than **15 October 2015** by email.