

DDP Practical Tools

The Dams and Development Project (DDP) was launched in November 2001 to promote improved decision-making, planning and management of dams and their alternatives. The goal of the Project is to ensure that environmental and social issues, as well as participatory approaches are taken into account in order to attain sustainable outcomes.



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The focus of Phase 2 of the Dams and Development Project (2005-2006) is to raise awareness on the need on dams and development to strengthen policy, legal and regulatory frameworks at national and international level. Further, Phase 2 produces non-prescriptive information tools to be used by decision-makers as reference materials in the process of planning, development and management of dams and their alternatives. These practical tools enhance the capacity of decision makers to deal with dams and development issues.

Developing Non-Prescriptive Tools

It is widely recognised that many developed and developing countries, as well as international organizations of diverse nature working with dams and their alternatives, have established or recommended policy frameworks and guidelines for the planning and management of dams, which have been implemented with varying levels of success. In view of this, DDP develops non-prescriptive tools based on existing criteria and guidelines, as well as examples dealing with the planning and management of dams and their alternatives. The work also draws on the knowledge base generated through the World Commission on Dams (WCD) and DPP processes.

In developing non-prescriptive tools, the Project strives to:

- Take into account all perspectives and produce widely accepted outputs,
- Be interactive and apply a multi-stakeholder dialogue format to the consultation process,
- Be factual and avoid being judgemental.

Non-Prescriptive Tools on Dams and Development

Inventory of policy/normative frameworks concerning dams planning and management

The Inventory is a web-based interactive database which contains summaries of policies, laws, criteria, and guidelines concerning the planning and management of dams that have been adopted or issued by governments and international organizations. It is intended as an information tool for decision-makers and managers at national and regional levels to improve normative frameworks.

The database is organized according to the 13 stakeholder group structure adopted by DDP. Visitors can review the summaries in the database and access more detailed information through direct links to the sources of the information. Further, users can input information that will be incorporated into the database once cleared by the site moderator.

Compendium on relevant practices on improved decision-making, planning and management of dams and their alternatives

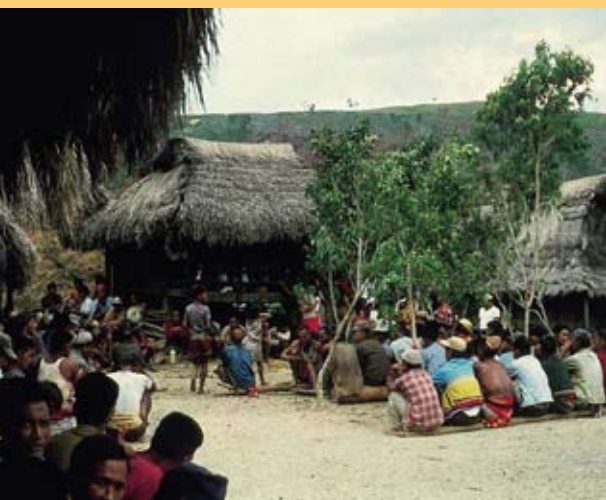
The Compendium is a tool that provides practical examples from all over the world of the integration and implementation of key issues concerning the planning and management of dams and their alternatives into national policy/legal/regulatory frameworks and international guidelines.

The substantive part of the Compendium will be developed in phases. The first edition, which is currently being developed as part of Phase 2 of the Dams and Development Project, will provide detailed information on the following key issues prioritised by the 4th Dams and Development Forum in October 2005:

- Benefit sharing
- Compensation policy
- Compliance enforcement/mechanisms
- Environmental management plan
- Identification of options
- International policy concerning shared river basins
- Outstanding social issues
- Social impact assessment
- Stakeholder participation: scope, mechanisms



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The process of developing the substantive parts of the first edition of the Compendium will include an extensive exercise of collecting and compiling information, and broad consultations through the multi-stakeholder dialogue format. From this process, a methodology will be determined to develop further editions of the Compendium, covering other aspects around dams and development.

Database of relevant experiences and lessons learnt

The Database of experiences and lessons learnt is a tool that enhances the access to and flow of information on good and relevant practices. It is a resource of practical examples from all over the world illustrating how dams and their alternatives are being tackled with a view to achieving sustainable solutions. The tool is intended to promote better practices regarding dams and development.

This is an interactive online database where submitted examples can be reviewed, as well as new ones added. The database will benefit significantly from the research effort conducted during the elaboration of the Compendium (see above).

Contributing to the development of practical tools on dams and development

Developing these non-prescriptive information tools is an interactive bottom-up process. The Dams and Development Project welcomes receiving information on normative frameworks and relevant practical examples on dams and development from all stakeholders. Information can be submitted to: www.unep.org/dams/inventory and www.unep.org/dams/documents/ell.asp



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