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EIA Webinar Series**

SDGs & EIA

***How can we link the Sustainable
Development Goals to EIA Practice?***

“Homework Slides”

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Quick homework exercise (1)

The SDGs aim to reach the “**furthest behind first**”.

What are the biggest challenges your area faces?

- List a few organisations or parties with an interest in your area and briefly note their objectives. Do any of these have ambitions linked to the SDGs? Are there any land use planning or other official plans with SDG ambitions?
- Think about the community. What are their particular challenges, or needs? Are there any opportunities?
- Think about the natural environment. Are there any particular challenges or opportunities?
- Where are needs greatest. Can your project help address these?

Quick homework exercise (2)

The Environment Agency has developed its own shortlist of SDG targets that are most relevant to flood risk management. We select targets from this shortlist for each projects. The selection reflects the scale and type of project, the stakeholder, environmental or community needs and our joint ambitions. We use the SDGs to help develop project objectives.

- The SDSN prioritised goals 1,3,4,12 and 13 for Hong Kong. Look at a couple of these against the information you gathered in the last activity, see what connections you can make between the two. Choose a number of targets that best match your project's ambitions.
- Try drafting some project objectives and think how the issues addressed by those targets could be built into the scope of your impact assessment.



Longer homework exercise (3)

- Can you complete a couple of rows on the value chain for your selected targets?
- What could you build into your project to deliver those benefits?
- Which stakeholders from (1) could help you with this?

For example, is there a stakeholder that could take on the long term maintenance of a new nature area?

| Input | Activity | Output | Outcome | Impact |
|-------|----------|--------|---------|-----------------------|
| | | | | <i>Eg target 13.1</i> |
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Longer homework exercise (4)

→ Can you fill out some rows on a benefits register?

| Adapted SDG target | Outcome | Baseline value | Target Value | Data sources | Monitoring Plan | Benefit Owner | Realisation Date | Benefits realised |
|--------------------|---|----------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 3.4 | Physical or mental health and wellbeing of communities enhanced | Narrative | New riverside walk created (1.25km) with two new access points from local community, creating enhanced access to nature | EIA and full business case | Gateway 4 | A.Name Project Manager | May 2024 Project Closure | A more resilient community. Reduced demand for essential community services including NHS. Community's increased sense of value and ownership of schemes. Increased connection with nature. Contribution towards delivery of local health strategies. |
| 9.1 | Creation of inclusive and equitable blue-green infrastructure | Narrative | Creation of new park alongside the watercourse, with planting and lighting to enhance safety and biodiversity. Boardwalks accessible by ramps across the wetland areas. Footpath to connect the park to the nearby community centre, with wildflower planting either side. | Landscape Plan | | | | Provision of sustainable and resilient community infrastructure which is inclusive and equitable. |
| 10.2 | Inclusion actively promoted through the scheme | Narrative | Design workshop held with a range of community members to understand differing needs | Engagement Plan | Gateway 4 | A.Name Role | May 2024 Project Closure | Improved community cohesiveness and citizenship. Add a Benefits description to relate to the project-specific outcome (e.g. in relation to gender equality, minority communities etc). |

Data adapted from an Environment Agency example

THANK YOU

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