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# ASSESSMENT OF SOCIAL IMPACTS OF ROAD PROJECTS

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## Ex-ante assessment of social impacts - issues

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1. Analysis of social impacts carried out in many countries show that impacts assessed are generally unsystematic. How can we improve practice?
2. Is it important that we distinguish between social, ecological/environmental and economic impacts? Why?
3. Can we arrive at what are the critical matters that should be included in social impact assessments?



## International financial institution practices – issues

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1. Are the methods used suitable for developing countries?
2. Is too much emphasis given to economic considerations and too little on access to social services?



## Contribution for ex-post evaluation - Issues

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1. Should ex-post assessments concentrate on two main objectives – providing public information and identifying differences bt initial assessment and observed reality? What should be covered?
2. Simplified procedures or more detailed assessments?
3. Training – how can this be improved?



## Conclusion – What next?

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1. What should the next committee focus on?
2. Are there some critical and urgent matters that need to be addressed by the next committee?

