



Concept Note on Environmental Impact Assessment

Statistical Economic and Social Research and Training Centre for Islamic Countries (SESRIC) planning to organize Training Workshop on “Environmental Impact Assessment” on 22-24 May 2017 regarding the responded questionnaire on 2012 and 2015 as well as the needs and capacities of the Member Countries of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC). The workshop will bring together experts and representatives from Ministry of Environment and Rural Development of 16 member countries namely Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Brunei, Egypt, Gambia, Jordan, Kuwait, Maldives, Mozambique, Niger, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Suriname, Turkey and Uganda to share knowledge and experiences of their countries about Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is a tool for assisting environmental management and for contributing to Sustainable Development. The purpose of EIA is to identify potential environmental impacts from proposals, such as projects and programs, and to propose means to avoid or reduce the significant impacts. EIA has become a widely accepted tool in environment management. It has been adopted in many countries with different degrees of enthusiasm where it has evolved to varying levels of sophistication.

Objectives of the Workshop:

- The concept of EIA within the framework of sustainability to the participants from OIC member countries
- Understanding Importance and procedural parameters to carry out an EIA on proposed projects.
- Identify, predict, and analyze impacts on the physical environment, as well as social, cultural, and health impacts.
- Capacity building to conduct EIAs as well as EIA reviews.
- Acquire techniques for monitoring environmental impacts.
- Avoid irreversible changes and serious damage to the environment;
- Safeguard valued resources, natural areas and ecosystem components; and
- Enhance the social aspects of the OIC member Countries;
- Identify and quantify any potential losses or damage to flora, fauna and natural habitats;
- Promote environmentally sound and sustainable development through the identification of appropriate enhancement and mitigation measures.
- Promoting the use of EIA as a planning tool for OIC countries.



Target participants for EIA Training:

- Post graduate students in Environmental Sciences
- Industrialists (especially related to constructional work)
- NGOs (working for better environment)
- General community
- Government sector officials engaged in planning for environmental and resources sustainability.