Translating Sustainability Standards and Guidelines into Business Practice

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GUIDING QUESTIONS: How to translate sustainability guidelines/standards into corporate policies and processes? What are the main drivers? What are the opportunities for improvement?

CASE 1 Infrastructure in the Brazilian Amazon

 Belo Monte Hydroelectric Power Plant: social control tool for observing compliance of environmental and social licensing



 Guidelines for Public Policies and Corporate Practices on Sustainable Infrastructure in the Brazilian Amazon: Self-regulatory and regulatory propositions; Multistakeholder voluntary initiative;

CASE 2 Sustainable Infrastructure in the Energy Sector: The Case of Biogas Plants (Mexico)

SUEMA COMPANY:

Waste Treatment Plant installed by SUEMA in Mexico:

Installed capacity 50 tons of waste daily
Investment \$2,222,222 USD

Regulatory challenges in Mexico – adequate infrastructure to transform waste into energy

- Creation of adequate Mexican Official Standards to adapt the regulation to the new technology
- Promotion of public-private partnerships

CASE 3 Sustainable Infrastructure in the Energy Sector: Wind and Solar Energy (China, EU, USA)

How has each region added substantial renewable resources to their generation portfolios?

Increasing Clean Energy and Improving Air Quality (China)

- 2015: over 29GW of new wind and 16 GW new solar capacity installed
- Transmission lines: priority to existing termal generation

Renewable Portfolio Standards (USA)

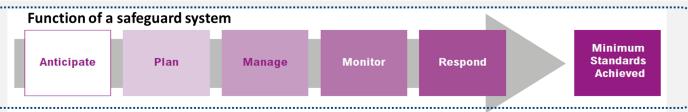
- RPS: 29 states + Columbia + Puerto Rico [California: legislation to increase RPS to 50% by 2030]
- RAP: 10 strategies → grid operators to integrate RE resources

Denmark Wind Integration Project (Agora Energiewende)

3 main challenges - Danish government:

- Ensuring that Wind production had value during windy periods
- Ensuring system reliability during periods of little or no wind
- System ability and capacity to balance wind production across transmission border areas

CASE 4 Sustainable Infrastructure and Policy Banks' Investments (China)



Factors affecting E&S framework evolution in Chinese NDBs

National banking policies and environmental laws

Bank policies on governance and risk management

Co-operation and engagement with international financial institutions

Global initiatives (banking community, environmental and social compacts, NGO lobby and campaigns)

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS BASED ON 4 CASES - GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS FOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE:

- $oxed{1}$ Fundamental for BAU **AND** Green Economy
- Comparative case studies: contributions for improving overseas investments practices
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Drivers: regulatory, market and voluntary initiatives



Top down + multistakeholder and bottom up approaches







