

## THE WORLD BANK'S ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL RISK CLASSIFICATION AND SCREENING FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Source: World Bank, "World Bank Environmental and Social Policy for Investment Project Financing," in *Environmental and Social Framework*, p. 6, 10, 2017, <http://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/837721522762050108/Environmental-and-Social-Framework.pdf>.

The Bank will classify all projects (including projects involving Financial Intermediaries (FIs)) into one of four classifications: High Risk, Substantial Risk, Moderate Risk or Low Risk. In determining the appropriate risk classification, the Bank will take into account relevant issues, such as the type, location, sensitivity, and scale of the project; the nature and magnitude of the potential environmental and social risks and impacts; and the capacity and commitment of the Borrower (including any other entity responsible for the implementation of the project) to manage the environmental and social risks and impacts in a manner consistent with the [Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESSs)]. Other areas of risk may also be relevant to the delivery of environmental and social mitigation measures and outcomes, depending on the specific project and the context in which it is being developed. These could include legal and institutional considerations; the nature of the mitigation and technology being proposed; governance structures and legislation; and considerations relating to stability, conflict or security. The Bank will disclose the project's classification and the basis for that classification on the Bank's website and in project documents.

The Bank will review the risk classification assigned to the project on a regular basis, including during implementation, and will change the classification where necessary, to ensure that it continues to be appropriate. Any change to the classification will be disclosed on the Bank's website...

The Bank will undertake a screening in accordance with the criteria [on Indigenous Peoples], to determine whether Indigenous Peoples (or as they may be referred to in the national context) are present in, or have collective attachment to, the proposed project area. In conducting this screening, the Bank may seek the technical advice of specialists with expertise on the social and cultural groups in the project area. The Bank will also consult the Indigenous Peoples concerned and the Borrower. The Bank may follow the Borrower's national processes during project screening for identification of Indigenous Peoples, where these processes meet the requirements of ESS7.