

CASELAP announces Seminar by World Bank Senior Environmental Specialist Noreen Beg on "Sound Environmental Safeguards of World Bank's Funded Projects: Extractive Industries and Energy" on 4 November 2015 at 5:30pm

Date and time:

Wed, 11/04/2015 - 14:30

Location / Venue:

Prof H.W.O Okoth-Ogendo Boardroom, Block A, Parklands Campus

Miss Noreen Beg is a senior environmental specialist who has worked on environmental management on Bank financed energy projects in Africa, Latin America, and South Asia. She will speak on "Sound Environmental Safeguards of World Bank's Funded Projects: Extractive Industries and Energy," and in doing so, provide an overview of Bank environmental management tools, with specific examples. The World Bank's engagement in the energy sector is aimed at supporting developing countries to secure the affordable, reliable and sustainable energy supply needed to end poverty and promote shared prosperity. Its goal is to assist countries to pursue environmentally, financially, fiscally and socially sustainable energy sector development. This covers engagement in power systems: generation, transmission and distribution; renewable and clean energy technologies and energy efficiency and conservation. Most World Bank Group interventions in extractive industries are in the governance area, to encourage transparent management of extractive industry revenues so that they provide benefits for local people, and so that the industries themselves respect local community needs and the environment. The World Bank employs a set of environmental safeguards, to ensure that Bank-financed projects are environmentally sound, socially responsible and sustainable; and that improve decision-making process by both Bank and Borrower. These safeguards range from protection of natural habitats and forests, implementation of dam safety measures, to ensuring safety of workers and the community. The World Bank Group, since 2007, has adopted a set of Environmental Health and Safety Guidelines, including sector-specific guidelines with specific emissions standards and proposed impact mitigation measures for the power and oil and gas sectors.