

IFC Hydro Advisory

Advancing Sustainable Hydropower

IFC's renewable-energy investment and advisory service support spans the globe, from Africa, Asia, Eastern and Southern Europe, Latin America to the Middle East and North Africa. With experts on the ground, IFC offers advice to hydropower companies, lending banks, and energy and environment ministries around the world on raising their environmental and social standards.

Hydropower is the largest renewables technology in IFC's portfolio. IFC has invested in and provided advice to this sector since 1991 and has played a key role in bringing many hydro projects to fruition. IFC provides tailored advice to help clients address environmental, labor, occupational health, and safety issues effectively.

Investing in sound environmental and social standards helps IFC's clients manage project risks, improve performances, and grow their businesses sustainably.

Our Services

IFC offers a wide range of customized services to **hydropower companies**:

- Assess cumulative impacts and managing river basins where multiple projects are planned
- Support the development and implementation of practical environmental and social management systems
- Coach companies on all elements of IFC's Performance Standards
- Provide opportunities for engagement in the Hydropower Developers' Working Group, an innovative platform for companies to influence policy, network, and identify solutions to improve sustainability and business operations.

IFC tailors advice to **lending banks**:

- Provide diagnostic tools and environmental and social guidelines to help lower risk when lending to hydropower companies
- Support banks in making sustainable investments that yield benefits for the local people, the environment, and investors.

IFC works with **environment and energy ministries**:

- Develop policies and regulations for the hydropower sector.
- Strengthen technical guidelines and key water and hydropower-related laws, polices and regulations.



What is IFC's Sustainability Framework?

Our Sustainability Framework helps our clients do business in a sustainable way. It promotes sound environmental and social practices, encourages transparency and accountability, and contributes to positive development impacts.

IFC's Performance Standards, which are part of the Sustainability Framework, is globally recognized as a benchmark for environmental and social risk management in the private sector.

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