

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
on
MANAGEMENT OF RESETTLEMENT,
REHABILITATION AND BENEFIT SHARING IN
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS
(Sponsored by the World Bank)



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I Conference Background

Economic growth is vital for reducing poverty and promoting overall prosperity. Among the multitude of factors required to propel and sustain the growth rates, the most critical component is the improvement of infrastructure. Presently, progress on the infrastructural front, especially in the South Asian region has been greatly hampered by severe delays in acquiring land. The land acquisition process is marked by conflicts and protests by the affected people over issues ranging from environment to equity. This is hampering the economic growth in the region with significant adverse impact on the global economy as a whole.

Proper planning and implementation of resettlement programs including development of institutional framework / sustainable livelihood measures for the affected people can go a long way in preventing the impoverishing impact of poor resettlement process, public resentment and resistance to infrastructure projects. The case of displaced populations still remains a major issue that decision-makers and planners are required to address holistically. The past decade has witnessed initiatives at policy and operational front in various countries to better address this challenge. From a sustainable development perspective, the benefit-sharing mechanisms piloted in some countries offers a significant learning for adaptation/replication.

Sharing experience and good practices in resettlement / benefit sharing can greatly help in creating public awareness, improving planning, reducing the potential conflicts and protests against land acquisition.



II Conference Objective

Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI), Hyderabad in partnership with the **World Bank** is organizing a two day **International Conference on Management of Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Benefit Sharing** on 20th and 21st May 2013.

The Conference aims at facilitating cross country experience sharing on Land Acquisition, Resettlement, Rehabilitation and benefit-sharing in infrastructure investments. The Conference will be an excellent learning platform for practitioners/policy makers to gain timely insights on the diversity of policy/institutional reforms, experiences and approaches in dealing with land issues in infrastructure projects worldwide. The Conference has the following broad objectives:

- To promote awareness and disseminate information regarding policy developments in Management of Land Acquisition, Resettlement and Rehabilitation (MLARR)
- To promote knowledge about good practices in planning and implementation of resettlement programs.
- To share knowledge and experiences in benefit sharing across projects/sectors
- To foster mutual cooperation, collaboration, research and networking amongst regional organizations and governments in the field of MLARR.



III Conference Themes

The deliberations over the two day conference will cover four thematic sessions, the details of which are outlined below.

Technical Session I MLARR- Challenges, Progress and Moving forward: The Inaugural technical session will give a broad perspective on LARR/Benefit Sharing - the present challenges and emerging concerns; theoretical perspectives and the future imperatives.

Technical Session II MLARR-Project Implementation Issues and Promising Practices: The Session will draw selected presenters from across the world sharing experiences on LARR related challenges faced in projects and the innovative measures/ pragmatic measures to address these challenges.

Technical Session III MLARR - Policies and Institutions: Development of an appropriate regulatory framework, enacting specific legislations and establishment of an institutional framework is essential to promoting a conducive internal business environment in general and successful LARR/Benefit sharing programmes in particular. The technical session would showcase promising institutional innovations and policy developments in MLARR across selected countries.

Technical Session IV MLARR-Research and Capacity Building: The concluding technical session would present the research and capacity building initiatives by institutions worldwide in LARR and would sum up the key messages of the Conference.

After the conference, ASCI and World Bank will organize a field visit in Andhra Pradesh India during May 22-24, 2013 for interested international participants, with a purpose to facilitate further South-South dialogue and mutual learning.

IV Conference Speakers/Participants

The Conference will bring together representatives from governments, public sector, private sector, civil society, academia and research institutions worldwide.

The mega event will showcase presentations from invited national/international experts (policymakers / practitioners / researchers) with substantial operational/research experience on LARR. The participants in the deliberations will include senior/technical officers in the government, public and private sectors besides researchers and academicians.



V About ASCI, HYDERABAD

Established in 1956 as a result of collaborative initiative of the corporate world and the Government of India (GoI), Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) has been at the forefront of management development in India. ASCI, modelled after the Administrative Staff College, UK (now Henley Management College), prides itself as the first and foremost institution for practicing managers and policy makers in India.



Acknowledged as an institution of national importance, ASCI's unique blend of management development, consultancy and research and information technology pursuits are structured to prepare practicing managers to cope with the issues and challenges of managing enterprises in ever changing business environment. ASCI conducts nearly 200 management development programmes (MDPs) annually benefiting over 4000 national and international participants.

ASCI engages with international partners including Public Administration Leadership Management Academy (PALAMA) of South Africa, National Administrative Institute of Egypt, Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA), IDRC Canada, Common Wealth Secretariat, the World Bank Institute, India-Brazil South Africa (IBSA) partnership, UNICEF, DFID, USAID, and other international agencies. The citizens of several nations, both developing and the new economies from continents of Africa, Latin America, and nations like Papua New Guinea, Afghanistan, Mongolia, Columbia are regular participants in ASCI programmes/conferences.

VI About ASCI-World Bank Partnership in LARR

The World Bank- ASCI partnership in capacity building on Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R & R) in the mid 1990s was a pioneering MLARR initiative in the region. The fortnightly programmes went a long way in developing operational expertise in managing resettlement programmes in the client organizations and received high appreciation from the participants.

Building on this successful initiative, ASCI has been conducting comprehensive LARR courses to various client organizations. About 350 dedicated R & R officials (IAS Officers, dedicated personnel from several public/private sector organizations viz. NTPC, NHPC, NHDC, NPCIL, DFCCIL, Coal India Ltd, Border Roads Organisation etc) were trained at ASCI during the last two years (2010-12). Among its noteworthy initiatives also includes the widely appreciated National Conference on Best Practices in R & R. The National



Conference sponsored by Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India deliberated on the methodology to constitute National Awards for Excellence in R & R.

The ASCI Centre for Excellence in LARR is now gearing towards emerging as the focal point for all capacity building interventions, policy advocacy and operational expertise in MLARR and serve as the store house of documents/ data base in the country/ across the South Asian Region. The World Bank is supporting ASCI in this novel initiative.

VII Conference Logistics

The ASCI Bella Vista campus is a beautiful 10 acre campus located in the centre of the Hyderabad city. Bellavista is the architecturally aesthetic palace of the erstwhile Prince of Berar. The participants will be accommodated in single air-conditioned rooms in the Bellavista/College Park Campus of ASCI at Hyderabad. The transport between Airport and Campus will be arranged by the College.



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