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Comments and Observation

The contents of the document is well written and comprehensively covered most of the anticipated fundamental principles of sustainable resource management. The details of each of the listed principles nicely explained. However, I would suggest the following addition:

1. Under III. Structure, A. Fundamental Principles of sustainable resource management (page 2)

Add the following principles

- a. Barrier Identification
- b. Enablers

2. Under C. Desired outcomes (page 8) - Add the following outcome

(f) Achieve compliance with the World Bank (WB), International Fund Corporation (IFC) and Equator Principles (EP) requirements.

3. Under III. Structure, A. Fundamental Principles of sustainable resource management (page 9)

Add the following principles.

- a. Barrier Identification
- b. Enablers

4. Page 12 – add and after 5. Principle 5: Service Orientation

“6. Principle 6: Barrier Identification”

Develop integrated resource management approach and achieve alignment with the concept of UNRMS: Concept and design; the UN Framework Classification for Resources applied to commercial assessment, etc.

Explanation: Barrier identification in developing an integrated resource management system includes a number of factors such as economic & finance; policies and regulations; society & culture; and technical feasibility.

The lack of support hinders effective management of the resources. The lack of supportive policies and regulations impact resources recovery; lack of community education and awareness of resource management benefits delay projects.

Enhancing capacity of government to enable issue policy and regulation, enhancing community awareness and education is crucial towards developing integrated resource management system.

5. Page 12 – Principle 7: value addition

Add the following statement under Explanation:

“Private sector participation is the key in the economic development of the resources management. The private sector play crucial role in designing and implementing management system by increasing value added and investment inflow.”

“Investment in enhancing the efficient and optimum use of resources improving the resource management system performance through the adaptation of technically feasible and financially acceptable approach.”

6. Page 14 – add “14 Principle 14: Enablers”

The process of achieving integrated resources management system is complex and certain enablers assist in achieving this effectively.

Explanation: effective enablers that maximize the value-added support resource management.

Investment and financial tools to lower barriers and attract investment opportunities

Accessibility to environmental sustainable tools

Top management commitment; Government policies and regulations; availability of funds; HSE standards, Corporate social Responsibility (CSR); supply chain and life cycle assessment and human expertise.

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