From SEA to SA

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Three premises

• EIA as first generation process – well established, widely adopted
• SEA as second generation process – more diversified, limited take up, new international legal instruments
• SA as emerging third generation process – increasing attention and experimentation
Seven conditions precedent

• Keeping the fundamentals -- maintain robust and systematic approach to environmental assessment
• Complementary approach to economic and social assessment
• Establish triple bottom lines by reference to explicit sustainability criteria
Conditions precedent (cont)

• Clarify the trade-offs at stake (rather than searching for methodological fixes)
• On the environment side, this means – maintaining resource systems rather than just minimizing impacts
• Start and learn by doing
• Be pragmatic – approach should be proportional, reasonable and defensible