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# EIA PROCESS STEP 2 : SCOPING



What is scoping?

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# What is scoping ?

- Scoping is the stage in which steps are taken to determine the work that will be required to be done for the EIA. i.e. defining the Terms of Reference.
- Scoping takes place after the developer applies to continue with the EIA process.
- By law scoping and the TOR must be completed within 30 days from the receipt of application.





# What happens during scoping?

- Scoping is lead by the processing authority.
- Site inspection.
- Taking of samples.
- Request further information from developer.
- Consult other persons or bodies with relevant expertise.



# Public Participation during Scoping

- Yes if considered appropriate by authority to :
  - (i) Clarify.
  - (ii) Understand community aspirations and needs.
  - (iii) Allay fears in the community.
  - (iv) Provide additional environmental information.
- Notice 7 days in radio, television and newspaper circulating that area.



# What is TOR ?

- TOR stands for Terms of Reference.
- A TOR for an EIA contains all aspects of how the EIA Consultant will evaluate or conduct the EIA study.
- A TOR sets out the responsibilities of the Consultant and covers the range of activities required for evaluation.



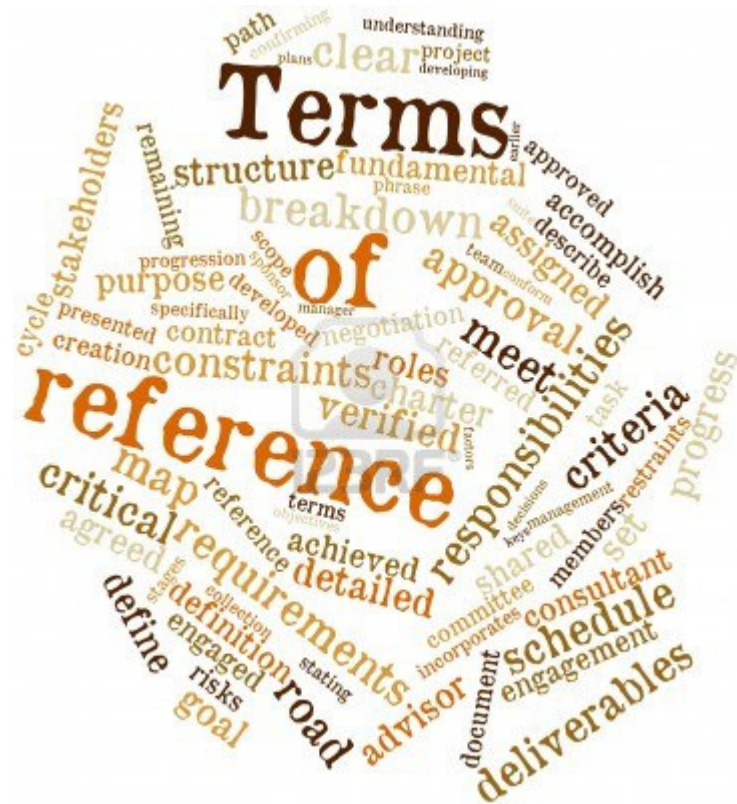
# Who prepares the TOR?

- The processing authority or
- An Independent EIA Consultant invited by the processing authority or
- Upon approval by the processing authority, the proponent may employ an EIA consultant



# What is in a TOR?

- No prescribed form but it must :
- Set the parameters for the EIA study
- Identify the environmental and resource issues that need to be examined.
- Consider if an environmental management plan should be a condition
- Consider if an environmental bon should be taken and if so the nature and amount.





# Public Participation in TOR?

- If the proposal is a major one and the TOR is prepared by the developers own EIA consultant the developer MUST convene at least one meeting to present the draft TOR for discussion.
- A processing authority may always seek that the developer convene a meeting regardless of the magnitude of the project or who is conducting the TOR.
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