

Key points presented by Annonciata Ndikumasabo introducing the PEA training course

1. Background:

- Confirmation in Pemba by ESAD governance team from all the SCOs of the region, DDLGN focal point and guest governance experts of the importance of insights from PEA in development work.
- Following Pemba conclusions, EASD (now SENAP) conducted a process of designing the governance profile in its programmes. Workshops were held in each COOF to self-assess the effectiveness of governance programmes and see the gaps with regards to governance issues.
- This confirmed that technical solutions are not enough to address governance issues which have strong political dimensions.
- Message and SENAP guidelines, conflict contexts in the region, ODD goal 16 provides real momentum within our institution for political economy analysis.
- The discussion at the Division level recognised the shift in paradigm that calls for a profound understanding of the context and appropriate measures to tackle challenges and contribute to positive change.
- Assumption: social, political and economic dynamics and contexts shape aid effectiveness and development outcomes. Politically smart interventions can produce tangible results. Disposing of appropriate tools to understand political contexts and reform processes is an important cornerstone for development thinking and practice.

2. Purpose of the workshop

- To deepen our understanding of the Political economy of change towards sustainable development.
- To learn on tools and approaches, their strengths and weaknesses depending on the contexts in order to be able to apply them. Furthermore, it is of importance to discuss the complementary potential between PEA and CSPM, and to learn how to best integrate approaches and instruments.
- To grasp important PEA steps, how to apply them in specific sectors and thereby build up further skills to undertake and conduct political economy analysis so that it informs and guides operational work.