Belt and Road from young professionals' perspective: The work of SABRI and environmental considerations in Latin America



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Student Association of Belt & Road Initiative

- Founded in 2018 in Tsinghua University
- To date with more than 1000 members from more than 80 countries.
- SABRI close partners are the Institute of Belt & Road Strategy, Youth League Committee and the Global Competence Center based in THU.
- SABRI vision is to develop an international educational platform in order to promote academic and cultural exchange among global youth on China's BRI as well as to Tsinghua University's international image.

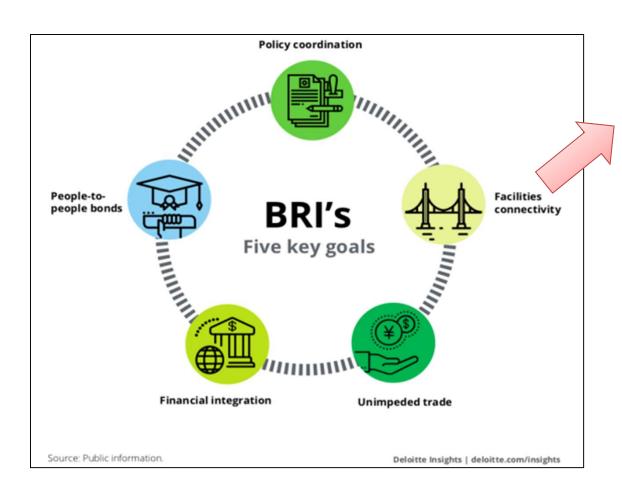




Our work during COVID-19

- International Humanitarian Assistance
 - Academic research groups
 - Online conferences on relevant topics like Public Health Management.
 - Medical supply and humanitarian aid to countries like Italy, Iran, United Kingdom and Russia.

Environmental observations on the BRI



- Planning of large infrastructure projects
- Inherent environmental impacts due to construction complexities on each project type
- 3) Regional demand on energy, transportation and communication sectors.
- 4) Host countries political and legal conditions.

Chinas ODI in the construction sector of BRI countries accounts for USD 480.3B, from 2005 till 2018. Representing 59% of the global total USD 814.3B investment (OECD, 2017).

Peru and Impact Assessment

National Service for Environmental Certification of Investment / EIA Procedure

Law / Regulation	Peru
Main Environmental Law	General Environmental Law No. 28611 (2005)
Specific EIA Law	National System for Environmental Impact Assessment Law No. 27446 (2001)
Main EIA Regulations	Regulation No. 019-2009-MINAM (2009)
Public Participation Laws	Law of citizen participation and control rights (1994)
Main Public Participation Regulations	Regulation for Transparency, Access to Public Information and Participation and Consultancy for Environmental Matters No. 002 (2009).

Environment al Certification

Preliminary review

Initial
Evaluation
and
Technical
Revision of
the EIS

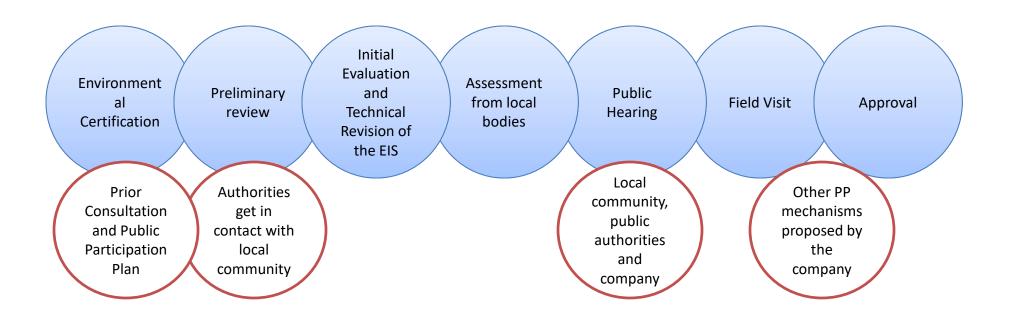
Assessment from local bodies

Public Hearing

Field Visit

Approval

Peru and Impact Assessment





- 1. Stakeholder engagement
- 2. Relocation and land acquisition
- 3. Environmental and cultural conservation
- 4. Health risks and waste pollution
- 5. Human rights protection
- 6. Transparency and accountability
- 7. Projects risks and investment lose.



General considerations



- Host country legal and political conditions
- Environmental protection policies, regulations and standards
 - Impact Assessment Procedures
 - Public consultation and participation
 - Access to information
- Chinese extraterritorial limits and recent experience in international terrains
 - BRI is a policy
 - Chinese companies are adapting to new environments
 - Current BRI instruments cant be enforced overseas, example the Guidance on Environmental Protection in Foreign Investment and Cooperation and the Regulations on the Administration of Foreign Contracted Projects
- BRI International Green Development Coalition
- Environmental Protection Bilateral agreements or MOUs

Thank you very much for your attention