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"Authors Momtaz and Kabir present an original, integrated framework for evaluating environmental and social impact assessments and demonstrate the framework's use with empirical evidence from a full-length case study of Bangladesh...The book will be of interest to academics, researchers, practitioners, and students in environmental and social impact assessments, as well as those in environmental science and management, development studies, and political economy." --**Reference & Research Book News, October 2013**

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Evaluating Environmental and Social Impact Assessment in Developing Countries uses a novel and integrated approach to evaluate the effectiveness of environmental and social impact assessment systems, especially in developing countries. Bangladesh is presented as a case study. Application of this framework and lessons learned from Bangladesh will help determine whether the environmental impact assessment (EIA) is achieving its intended goal of sustainable development in developing countries.

Key features:

- Presents valuable insights into how developing countries are coping with the new phenomenon of public participation and involvement in environmental decision making and which methods and techniques have been successful
- Critically analyzes all aspects of the EIA procedure, including legislative and administrative status, implementation of EIA, and post-EIA follow-up
- Explains the reasons behind the strengths and weaknesses of EIA and SIA from which development practitioners and international development partners can learn lessons

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