

Table 2: Guide Questions in the Conduct of a Preliminary Scan

Guide Question	Elaboration
What is the content of the proposal (policy, plan or program)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is the proposal concerned primarily with broad general directions (s)? ▪ Or does it address or specifically include operational measures (e.g. projects)?
What area or sector is targeted in the proposal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is the sector known to have, or is it likely to cause, environmental effects (e.g. energy, transportation, housing, agriculture)? ▪ Are there components which are likely to have cumulative or long-term consequences for the environment (e.g. trade, industrial diversification, technology development)?
What environmental considerations are raised by the proposal?	<p>Does it appear likely to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initiate activities that will have direct or evident environmental impacts ▪ Raise broad environmental implications and/or issues that should be addressed ▪ Have little or no environmental consequences

Source: SEA of Policy, Plan and Program Proposals: CIDA Handbook, 2004, p.16.