

**Regional Capacity-building Workshop on Delivering Climate Change Solution
for Central and West Asian Regions
11-14 July 2023
9:00 am – 5:30 pm, Courtyard by Marriot, Tbilisi, Georgia**

Background

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is implementing knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) to support its developing member countries (DMCs) expand action on climate change, thereby supporting the implementation of ADB's Strategy 2030 operational priority 3 (OP3) on tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability. The TA 6627-REG: Building Institutional Capacity: Delivering Climate Solutions under Operational Priority 3 of Strategy 2030 is aimed at building institutional capacity through technical support and policy advice to DMCs to: (i) develop long-term low-greenhouse gas (GHG) emission and resilient development strategies; (ii) mobilize, track and report on climate finance; (iii) enhance management of climate and disaster risks; and (iv) ensure national strategies and policies are aligned with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

The TA likewise recognizes the need to factor climate risk into fiscal policy and management processes to allow for the identification, prioritization and implementation of climate adaptation strategies, including public investments in resilient infrastructure and livelihoods. Together with the government and financing partners, the private sector has a critical role in addressing climate change, whether in terms of financing investments or technological innovation, government could provide incentives to accelerate their participation.

Objectives

To build DMCs' capacity, a regional workshop will be held in each of the subregion. The workshop aims to enhance DMCs (a) understanding of the role of climate finance, how to estimate and determine climate finance, and sources of climate finance (mitigation and adaptation finance); (b) address climate change impacts and climate risk management; (c) align investment projects and programs to the Paris Agreement; (d) increase knowledge of concepts related to Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC), Just Transition and Long-term Strategy (LTS), including their integration into national development planning; (e) support the design of low-carbon and climate-resilient interventions during the COVID-19 recovery period, and (f) fiscal planning and private sector engagement.

Through the regional training, DMCs will learn about and discuss existing climate finance tracking frameworks and methodologies from various institutions; be exposed to the latest information on climate science, data projections and best practices, including a range of potential approaches for climate risk and vulnerability assessment, and methods for climate risk screening; and learn about and apply relevant tools to help align strategies and investments with commitments under the Paris Agreement, as well as key factors involving successful development and implementation of LTSs.

Target participants

Experts and/or technical staff from various government offices, especially from:

- Ministry/Department of Finance;
- Ministry/Department of Environment;
- Ministry/Department of Planning or Economic Development; and
- Ministry/Department of Climate Change

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Day 1 - 11 July 2023, Tuesday		
Time	Session title/description	Speakers and Facilitator
8.30 - 9.30 AM	Registration	
09.30 - 10.00 AM	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Welcome Remarks</i> • <i>Group photo</i> • <i>Overview of the training program and house rules</i> • <i>Meet and Greet</i> 	Country Director (TBC) Georgia Resident Mission, ADB Resource speakers and participants Esmyra Javier Climate Change Specialist (Climate Finance), Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC), ADB
10.00 -10.15 AM	Reporting on Pre-training assessment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feedback on General e-learning module (pre-training assessment)</i> 	
10.15 -11.00 AM	Module 1: Climate risk management, adaptation and resilience <i>Lesson 1 - Understanding Climate Risk Context of Asia and the Pacific</i>	Charles Rodgers , Consultant, Senior Advisor for Climate Change Adaptation, SDCC, ADB
11.00 - 11.15 AM	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11.15 - 1.00 PM	<i>Lesson 2 - Impact of Climate Risk on Development</i> <i>Lesson 3 - Managing Climate Risk and Building Resilience Across Systems</i>	Arghya Sinha Roy , Principal Climate Change Specialist (Climate Adaptation), SDCC, ADB
01.00 - 02.00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	
02.00 - 02.05 PM	Ice breaker	
02.05 - 03.00 PM	<i>Lesson 4 - ADB Support in Climate Adaptation and Building Resilience</i> Breakout group/Case Study session	Arghya Sinha Roy , Principal Climate Change Specialist (Climate Adaptation), SDCC, ADB
03.00 - 04.00 PM	Module 2: Integrated Climate Policy: <i>Lesson 1 - Low Carbon Transition</i> <i>Lesson 2 - Just Transition</i>	Jairus Carmela Josol , Climate Change Officer, SDCC, ADB
04.00 - 04.15 PM	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
04.15 - 04.45 PM	Breakout group session	
04.45 - 05.30 PM	<i>Lesson 3 - Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)</i> Breakout group session	Samet Sevket Bulut , Climate Change Specialist, SDCC, ADB
05.30 - 06.00 PM	Quick recap, closing and reminders	Facilitator

Day 2 - 12 July 2023, Wednesday		
Time	Session title/description	Speakers and Facilitator
09.00 - 09.15 AM	Recap of Day 1	Facilitator
09.15 - 11.00 AM	Module 3: Long-term strategy (LTS) for low GHG emissions and climate resilient development <i>Lesson 1 - LTS Preparation and Implementation</i> <i>Lesson 2 - Integrating adaptation and resilience into mitigation planning</i> Breakout group session	Samet Sevket Bulut , Climate Change Specialist, SDCC, ADB
11.00 - 11.15 AM	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11.15 - 01.00 PM	Continuation of Module 3 <i>Lesson 3 - LTS and NDC alignment, and the role of MRV</i> <i>Lesson 4 - Translating LTS into opportunities</i> Breakout group session	Samet Sevket Bulut , Climate Change Specialist, SDCC, ADB
01.00 - 02.00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	
02.00 - 02.05 PM	Ice breaker	Facilitator/Participants
02.05 - 04.00 PM	Module 4: Defining and tracking climate finance <i>Lesson 1 - Global climate finance architecture</i>	Esmyra Javier , Climate Change Specialist (Climate Finance), SDCC, ADB
04.00 - 04.15 PM	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
04.15 - 05.00 PM	<i>Lesson 2 - Climate policy, context, and definitions</i> Quick game in between	Esmyra Javier , Climate Change Specialist (Climate Finance), SDCC, ADB
05.00 - 05.30 PM	Recap, closing and reminders	Facilitator

Day 3 - 13 July 2023, Thursday		
Time	Session title/description	Speakers and Facilitator
09.00 - 09.15 AM	Recap of Day 2	Facilitator
09.15 - 11.00 AM	<i>Lessons 3 and 4 - Adaptation and mitigation finance</i> Quick game in between	Esmyra Javier , Climate Change Specialist (Climate Finance), SDCC, ADB
11.00 - 11.15 AM	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11.15 - 01.00PM	Introduction to climate finance case study Breakout group /Case study session	Esmyra Javier , Climate Change Specialist (Climate Finance), SDCC, ADB
01.00 - 02.00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	
02.00 - 02.05 PM	Ice breaker	Facilitator/Participants

02.05 - 04.00 PM	Module 5: Paris Alignment Agreement	Malte Maass , Climate Change Specialist, SDCC, ADB
04.00 - 04.15 PM	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
04.15 - 05.00 PM	<i>Continuation of Module 5</i>	Malte Maass , Climate Change Specialist, SDCC, ADB
05.00 - 05.30 PM	Recap, closing and reminders	Facilitator

Day 4 - 14 July 2023, Friday		
09.00 - 09.15 AM	Recap of Day 3	Facilitator
09.15 - 11.00 AM	Module 6: Accelerating private sector investments <i>Lesson 1 - Background, definition and main channels of private sector contribution</i> <i>Lesson 2 - Main obstacles and solutions to accelerate private sector contribution</i>	Agnes Surry , Senior Capacity Building and Training Economist, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) Dina Azhgaliyeva , Senior Research Fellow, ADBI
11.00 - 11.15 AM	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
11.15 - 01.00 PM	<i>Continuation of Module 6</i> Breakout group/Case Study session	Agnes Surry , Senior Capacity Building and Training Economist, ADBI Dina Azhgaliyeva , Senior Research Fellow, ADBI
1.00 - 02.00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	
02.00 - 02.05 PM	Ice breaker	Facilitator/Participants
02.05 - 04.00 PM	Presentations on ADB's Climate Change Program in Central and West Asia Q&A	Malte Maass , Climate Change Specialist, SDCC, ADB
04.00 - 04.15 PM	<i>Coffee/tea break</i>	
04.15 - 05.00 PM	Evaluation and closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Workshop evaluation</i> • <i>Closing remarks</i> 	Facilitator TBD