

EVENT SNAPSHOT

Transformational Solutions to Scale Up Adaptation and Resilience



Smallholder farmers from Cambodia showcasing their agricultural products | Source: ADB Flickr

EVENT DETAILS

Southeast Asia Regional Resilience Dialogue: Transformational Solutions to Scale Up Adaptation and Resilience

• 03 September 2020 | 3:00 - 5:00 PM PHT

REMARKS:

- **Bambang Susantono**, Vice President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB
- **Nigel Topping**, UK COP26 High Level Champion
- **John Murton**, UK COP26 Envoy

MODERATORS:

- **Arghya Sinha Roy**, ADB
- **Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio**, World Resources Institute

PANELISTS:

- **Roniatun**, Yakkum Emergency Unit, Indonesia
- **Somountha Mith**, Action Aid, Cambodia
- **Ita Natalia**, Samdhana Institute, Indonesia
- **Somsak Boonkam**, Local Alike, Thailand
- **Hon. Romeo Salda**, Mayor, Municipality of La Trinidad, Philippines
- **Corazon Juliano-Soliman**, former Secretary of the Department of Social Welfare and Development, Philippines
- **Albert Salamanca**, Stockholm Environment Institute
- **Suranjana Gupta**, Huairou Commission
- **Kham Ram-Indra**, The Rockefeller Foundation
- **Preety Bhandari**, ADB

*This dialogue is one of six regional dialogues organised by the Global Resilience Partnership and Climate Resilience Network of the Marrakech Partnership for Global Climate Action with the support of the Chile and UK High Level Champions (Gonzalo Muñoz and Nigel Topping), and UNFCCC. The outcomes of all these dialogues will be used by the Champions to help advance action on resilience.

TRANSFORMATIONAL SOLUTIONS ADDRESSING ROOT CAUSES OF VULNERABILITY

The Southeast Asia Regional Resilience Dialogue* is co-led by ADB and Huairou Commission. The September 3 dialogue, which was part of a series of regional dialogues, aims to share local experiences and insights on adaptation and building climate resilience, identify concrete strategies that could help bring in transformational changes in current systems, and recommend actions that can be undertaken by High-Level Champions (HLCs) for UN climate talks to support adaptation and climate resilience.

The dialogue highlighted that transformational changes that address the root causes of vulnerability, including poverty, inequity and other socio-political issues, are needed to scale up investments in adaptation and climate resilience. A whole-of-society approach is then needed to scale up these transformational changes for adaptation and climate resilience.

Part of the panel was Hon. Romeo K. Salda, Mayor of the Municipality of La Trinidad,

Philippines. He discussed how the local government and communities are working together to implement local initiatives to address siltation and clogging of creeks and rivers that contributes to severe flooding affecting farmers and their livelihoods.

The municipality is included in the UCCRTF's support to promote urban climate change resilience in cities through pilot and community-led projects under [TA 9329-REG: Promoting Urban Climate Change Resilience in Selected Cities – Development of Pilot Activities and Project Development Support \(Subproject 3\)](#).

UCCRTF also supports the capacity development of DMCs Bangladesh, Indonesia, and the Philippines in designing and implementing investment projects that strengthen resilience of the poor through financing Regional Technical Assistance on ['Advancing Inclusive and Resilient Urban Development Targeted at the Urban Poor'](#).

URBAN CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE LESSONS

- **Community-led projects, comprised of the poorest and marginalized groups, are bringing in effective local solutions** towards climate adaptation and resilience that are directly responsive to their basic needs such as securing food and protecting their livelihoods.
- **These local solutions are drawn from natural and available resources; traditional and indigenous knowledge systems**, which are both sustainable and context-specific, and embodies respect for life and just relationship.
- **In order to scale up local solutions better and faster, there's a need to understand and address barriers within the socio-political dimension** – particularly towards efficient and transparent mobilization of resources, and democratizing decision-making processes from local to national level.

"A lot of marginal groups are doing meaningful actions to adapt to climate change. There's a need to genuinely recognize these contributions – not mere tokenism – and bring to scale to influence policy- and decision-makers."

– Albert Salamanca,
Stockholm Environment Institute

FURTHER INFORMATION

- **Arghya Sinha Roy**, Senior Climate Change Specialist (Climate Change Adaptation), ADB | Email: asinharoy@adb.org
- [Live recording of the dialogue](#)

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