



**Knowledge Sharing Workshop**  
**Strengthening the Environment Dimensions of the SDGs in Asia and the Pacific**

21-22 February 2018

Bangkok, Thailand

**ABOUT THE WORKSHOP**

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) intentionally place a greater emphasis on environmental issues than the Millennium Development Goals (MDG). However, whether that attention translates into meaningful action depends on how effectively policymakers integrate the environment dimensions of the SDGs into development policies, plans, and programs. In 2017, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) initiated a Technical Assistance (TA) project (TA 9245) to equip policymakers with the knowledge and tools to integrate select environment-related goals (SDGs 12, 14, and 15) and targets into their development plans, policies and programs. On February 21-22, 2018, the ADB in collaboration with the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and UN Environment, will hold a **Knowledge Sharing Workshop on Strengthening the Environment Dimensions of the SDGs in Asia and the Pacific**. The workshop is timely since two environment-related goals (SDGs 12 and 15) will come under review at the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) in 2018 and it is likely that many countries will increase attention on their implementation.

The workshop has two main objectives: (i) share the preliminary results and findings of the TA's regional stocktaking on the implementation of select environment-related goals (SDGs 12, 14, and 15) and targets in 15 countries from Asia and the Pacific, and (ii) reflect on next steps to strengthen the implementation of the environment dimensions of the SDGs through national development policies, plans and programs. To achieve these objectives, policy makers from target countries will present and discuss on the integration of select environment-related goals (SDGs 12, 14, and 15) and targets into their national policies, plans and programs; (ii) discuss the tools and methods they use to support that integration; and (iii) share experiences, issues and challenges encountered.

The workshop will be divided into four parts: (i) country perspectives on integration of select environment-related goals (SDGs 12, 14 and 15) and targets, (ii) addressing issues and challenges faced, (iii) regional initiatives, and (iv) innovative tools and approaches for integrating the environment dimensions of the SDGs.

**OBJECTIVES**

The workshop will provide a platform to:

- Exchange experiences and discuss issues and challenges encountered in implementing the environment dimensions of the SDGs.
- Present and validate the preliminary results and findings of the TA's regional stocktaking on select environment-related goals (SDGs 12, 14 and 15) and targets, whilst creating opportunities for cross-country learning and knowledge sharing.
- Identify tools and methods that can be used for integrating the environment dimensions of the SDGs into national and local contexts.

The focus on the environment dimensions of the SDGs will also help countries identify opportunities for investments in sustainable infrastructure and resource conservation (SDG12) and natural resource management (SDGs 14 and 15), whilst helping to deliver co-benefits for climate change mitigation and adaptation (SDG 13) and other goals with direct or indirect interlinkages to environment.

### **EXPECTED OUTPUTS**

By the end of the workshop, the participants will have:

1. Increased understanding of existing approaches, issues and challenges to implementing the environment dimensions of the SDGs.
2. Input to the final TA regional stocktaking by validating their current efforts on the integration of select environment-related goals (SDGs 12, 14 and 15) and targets, whilst helping to fill any remaining gaps.
3. Confirmed country interest related to further participation in the TA's next steps.

**DAY 1, Wednesday 21 February 2018**

08:30-09:00	<b>Registration</b>	
<b>Opening Plenary</b>		
This session is designed to mark the opening by introducing the need for effective integration of the environment dimensions of the SDGs in Asia and the Pacific and the objectives of the workshop.		
09:00-09:10 09:10-09:20 09:20-09:30	<b>Opening Remarks</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Nessim J. Ahmad</b>, Deputy Director General, concurrently Chief Compliance Officer, SDCC, ADB</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Isabelle Louis</b>, Deputy Regional Director, UN Environment Asia and the Pacific</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Stefanos Fotiou</b>, Director, Environment and Development Division, UN ESCAP</li> </ul>	
09:30-09:40	<b>Overview of the TA and Objectives of the Workshop</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Emma Marsden</b>, Senior Environment Specialist, Environment and Safeguards Division, ADB</li> </ul>	
09:40-09:55	<b>Introductions and Expectations from the Workshop</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Eric Zusman</b>, IGES, ADB Technical Assistance 9245 Consultants</li> </ul>	
09:55-10:05	<b>Q and A</b>	
10:05-10:10	<b>Group Photo</b>	
10:10-10:30	<b>SDG Exhibit with Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
<b>Context Setting</b>		
This session is designed to set the scene on progress with the environment dimensions of the SDGs in Asia and the Pacific. It will focus on sharing the results and findings of the TA regional stocktaking study and regional partners perspectives and efforts on implementation of the environment dimensions of the SDGs.		
10:30-10:50 10:50-11:00 11:00-11:10 11:10-11:20 11:20-11:40	<b>Results and Findings of the TA Regional Stocktaking Study</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Emma Marsden</b>, Senior Environment Specialist, Environment and Safeguards Division, ADB</li> </ul>	
	<b>Regional Perspectives and Efforts on Implementation of the Environment Dimensions of the SDGs</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms Katinka Weinberger</b>, Chief, Environment and Development Policy Section, EDD, UN ESCAP</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Jonathan Gilman</b>, Strategic Policy and Programmes, UN Environment</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Herath Gunatilake</b>, Director, Environment and Safeguards Division, ADB</li> </ul>	
	<b>Panel Discussion</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Panel Discussant: Ms. Grazyna Pulawska</b>, Project Manager, Asia-Europe Foundation</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Mr. Eric Zusman</b>, IGES, ADB Technical Assistance 9245 Consultants</li> </ul>	
11:40-12:00	<b>Q and A</b>	
12:00-01:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>Knowledge Cafe</b>		
This session aims to facilitate engaged and thoughtful conversation among workshop participants and solicit input related to issues and challenges, and capacity building needs for effective integration of selected environment-related goals (SDG 12, SDG 14 and SDG 15) into national policy, plans and programs.		
01:00-01:10	<b>Instructions for Knowledge Cafe</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Robert Steele</b>, ADB Technical Assistance 9245 Consultant</li> </ul>	
01:10-02:40	<b>Knowledge Café Session: SDG12</b> <b>Ms. Prae Piromya</b> , VP Sustainability, Pace Development	<b>Knowledge Café Session: SDGs 14 and 15</b> <b>Mr. Robert Steele</b> , ADB Technical Assistance 9245 Consultant
02:40-03:10	<b>SDG Exhibit with Tea/Coffee Break</b>	
03:10:03:50	<b>Reporting Back/Presentations from the Knowledge Café</b>	
	Presentation 1: Institutional Arrangements: SDG12/SDGs 14 and 15 Presentation 2: Enabling Policies for Implementation: SDG12/SDGs 14 and 15 Presentation 3: Budgeting and Allocation of Resources: SDG12/SDGs 14 and 15 Presentation 4: Monitoring and Reporting Progress: SDG12/SDGs 14 and 15	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Robert Steele</b>, ADB Technical Assistance 9245 Consultant</li> </ul>
03:50-04:10	<b>Q and A</b>
<b>Session I: Country Perspectives: Planning and Finance Ministries</b> This session focuses on how countries are integrating the environment dimensions of the SDGs into national policies, plans and programs. Country representatives will share how they understand “integration” in relation to select environment-related goals (SDGs 12, 14, and 15) and targets, and issues and challenges faced.	
04:10-04:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. MFA Mubarak</b>, Director, Department of National Planning, Ministry of National Policies and Economic Affairs, Sri Lanka</li> </ul>
04:20-04:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Mary Jane M. de la Rosa</b>, Supervising Economic Development Specialist, National Economic and Development Authority, Philippines</li> </ul>
04:30-05:00	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Panel Discussant: Paul Steele</b>, Economist, International Institute for Environment and Development</li> <li>• <b>Panel Discussant: Mr. Joko Tri Haryanto</b>, Senior Researcher on Fiscal Policy Agency, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Mr. Simon Olsen</b>, IGES, ADB Technical Assistance 9245 Consultant</li> </ul>
05:00-05:20	<b>Q and A</b>
05:20-05:30	<b>Summary and Closing: Mr. Eric Zusman</b> , IGES, ADB Technical Assistance 9245 Consultant
06:00-07:30	<b>Cocktail Reception and Dinner</b>
<b>DAY 2, Thursday 22 February 2018</b>	
08:30-09:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:00-09:10	<b>Recap of Day 1: Mr. Eric Zusman</b> , IGES, ADB Technical Assistance 9245 Consultant
<b>Session II: Country Perspectives: Environment Ministries</b> This session focuses on how countries are integrating the environment dimensions of the SDGs into national policies, plans and programs. Country representatives will share how they understand “integration” in relation to select environment-related goals (SDGs 12, 14, and 15) and targets, and issues and challenges faced.	
09:10-09:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Kim Thi Thuy Ngoc</b>, Head, Division of Science and International Cooperation, Institute of Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and Environment (ISPONRE), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (Viet Nam)</li> </ul>
09:20-09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Ariuntuya Dorjsuren</b>, Director General, Climate Change and International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia</li> </ul>
09:30-10:00	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Aida Karazhanova</b>, Economic Affairs Officer, EDD, UN ESCAP</li> <li>• <b>Panel Discussant: Ms. Kinga Wangmo</b>, Planning Officer, Gross National Happiness Commission Bhutan</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Mr. Simon Olsen</b>, IGES, ADB Technical Assistance 9245 Consultant</li> </ul>
10:00-10:20	<b>Q and A</b>
10:20-10:40	<b>SDG Exhibit with Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>Session III: Innovative Tools and Approaches</b> This session focuses on the inventory of tools and methods being developed for integrating select environment-related goals and targets into national development policies, plans and programs and introduces innovative tools and approaches for addressing the issues and challenges of integrating the environment dimensions of the SDGs.	
10:40-11:00	<b>Inventory of Tools for Integrating Environment Related SDGs into National Development Plans</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Robert Steele</b>, ADB Technical Assistance 9245 Consultant</li> </ul>
11:00-11:10	<b>Innovative Tools and Approaches</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Aneta Nikolova</b>, Environment Affairs Officer, EDD, UN ESCAP</li> </ul>
11:10-11:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Paolo Manunta</b>, Infrastructure Specialist, ESA on-site support to SDSC-Urban, ADB</li> </ul>
11:20-11:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. László Pintér</b>, Central European University &amp; Senior Fellow and Associate, International Institute for Sustainable Development, IISD Hungary</li> </ul>

11:30-11:40	<b>Q and A</b>
11:40-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5-minute elevator pitches (SEI, Millennium Institute, SEEA and BIOFIN)</li> </ul>
12:00-12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Knowledge Walkabout</b></li> </ul>
12:30-01:30	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>Session IV: Regional Initiatives, Tools and Approaches</b> This session focuses on lessons learnt from regional initiatives focused on integrating the environment dimensions of the SDGs into national plans, policies and programs. Participants will share examples of tools and approaches that can be used for integration, examples of good practice and lessons learnt from their experiences of addressing select environment-related goals (SDGs 12, 14, and 15) and targets.	
01:30-01:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Kartika Anggraeni</b>, SCP Expert, Collaborating Centre for Sustainable Consumption and Production (SWITCH-Asia Initiative)</li> </ul>
01:40-01:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Aimee T. Gonzales</b>, Executive Director, Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA)</li> </ul>
01:50-02:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Sumit Pokhrel</b>, Deputy Technical Program Head, GMS Core Environment Program</li> </ul>
02:00-02:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Jope Davetanivalu</b>, Environmental Planning Adviser, Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program, SPREP</li> </ul>
02:10-02:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Ryan Meintjes</b>, Programme Analyst, Poverty-Environment Initiative Asia-Pacific, Bangkok</li> </ul>
02:20-02:40	<b>Panel Discussion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Panel Discussant: Mr. Robert Steele</b>, ADB Technical Assistance 9245 Consultant</li> <li>• <b>Moderator: Mr. Eric Zusman</b>, IGES, ADB Technical Assistance 9245 Consultant</li> </ul>
02:40-03:00	<b>Q and A</b>
03:00-03:30	<b>SDG Exhibit with Tea/Coffee Break</b>
<b>Session V: Moving Forward with Implementing the Environment Dimensions of the SDGs</b> This session will showcase how government, private sector, civil society and intergovernmental organizations can help the region move forward with implementing the environment dimensions of the SDGs. It will cover the following themes: 1. Institutional Arrangements 2. Enabling Policies for Implementation, 3. Budgeting and Allocation of Resources, and 4. Monitoring and Reporting of Progress.	
03:30-05:00	<b>Facilitated Discussion including Q and A</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Yoichi Fukui</b>, Deputy Director, International Strategy Division, Global Environment Bureau, Ministry of Environment, Japan</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Poch Sovannady</b>, Deputy Director General of Planning, Ministry of Planning, Cambodia</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Owen Migraso</b>, Executive Director of CEC, Center for Environmental Concerns-Philippines</li> <li>• <b>Mr Anshuman Saikia</b>, Regional Programme Support Coordinator, IUCN Asia</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Yuan Yuan</b>, Manager, Global Reporting Initiative Regional Hub, People's Republic of China</li> </ul> <b>Facilitator: Ms. Smita Nakhoda</b> , Senior Results Management Specialist, SPRA, ADB
<b>Session VI: Closing Plenary</b>	
05:00-05:10	<b>Closing Summary</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Eric Zusman</b>, IGES, ADB Technical Assistance 9245 Consultant</li> </ul>
05:10-05:20	<b>Next Steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Emma Marsden</b>, Senior Environment Specialist, Environment and Safeguards Division, ADB</li> </ul>
05:20-05:30	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Herath Gunatilake</b>, Director, Environment and Safeguards Division, ADB</li> </ul>
<b>DAY 3 Friday 23 February 2018 (By Invitation Only)</b>	
09:00-12:00	Discussions/meetings with development partners and target phase 2 countries for the TA's next steps
Notes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.</li> <li>2. SDG 14: Life below Water, conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.</li> <li>3. SDG 15: Life on Land, protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation, and halt biodiversity loss.</li> </ol>	