

The Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Community Resilience Partnership Program

Supporting Investments in Resilience that Reaches Scale While Ensuring No One is Left Behind

11 December 2019 | Wednesday | 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.
UNFCCC Room 1, IFEMA - Feria de Madrid, Madrid, Spain

An elementary student crossing a foot bridge in Barangay Katipunan, Pilar, Surigao del Norte, Philippines. (photo by Ariel Javellana)

WHAT IS THE CRPP

The side event will discuss the newly established Community Resilience Partnership Program (CRPP) – an action-oriented partnership to support countries and communities in Asia and the Pacific scale up investments in local resilience that aim at transformational changes.

What is the focus of the CRPP: To explicitly tackle the nexus between poverty, gender and climate change through:

- Increased multisectoral investments that explicitly strengthen the resilience of the poor.
- The design and implementation of investments that provide financial resources in the hands of the poor communities.
- Creation of space to meaningfully engage the poor and vulnerable population in resilience-building related decision-making.

Promoting women-focused investments will be a key priority of the CRPP.

WHAT WILL THE CRPP SUPPORT

Actions in three interrelated tracks

Track 1: Generate knowledge through action oriented research to support countries identify investment opportunities that explicitly strengthen the resilience of the poor in the context of multidimensional poverty.

Track 2: Support countries in the design of investment projects that can be implemented at scale while strengthening local resilience.

Track 3: Strengthen capacity of communities and local stakeholders to influence decision-making for resilient investments.

The actions will be supported through technical assistance and grant resources and will allow trialing pro-poor resilience approaches, mechanisms, and products, and to act as pump-priming funds. It is expected that the actions will generate ideas for scalable investment projects that build the resilience of the poor and vulnerable population. Such investment projects can be implemented through government resources, or with support from financial institutions including climate funds and bilateral donors.

HOW WILL THE CRPP SUPPORT THE GLOBAL CALL FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE

By supporting the implementation of the priorities identified by the Global Commission on Adaptation in its Locally-Led Action Track

- Advancing urgent actions in resilience through mobilizing commitment of government and financial institutions to support locally-led investments at scale.
- Being bold by proposing new and innovative ways of pursuing resilience programming, while securing commitment for longer-term programming (10 years) to ensure sustained engagement.
- Promoting equitable resilience by simultaneously tackling issues related to institutions, financing, and governance, which is critical for empowering communities and strengthening resilience.

HOW WILL THE CRPP BE IMPLEMENTED

By bringing like-minded partners together, including global policy and research organizations, financial institutions, civil society organizations, bilateral donors, and philanthropic organizations to collectively support governments and communities in scaling up local resilience.



Fishing community in Dala Township, southern bank of the Yangon River, Myanmar. (photo by ADB)

AGENDA

11:30 a.m.–12 n.n. **Opening: Scaling up pro-poor investments in resilience**

- **Welcome Remarks**
Woochong Um, Director General, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB
- **Opening Remarks**
Dr. Hoesung Lee, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- **Introducing the Community Resilience Partnership Program (CRPP)**
Presentation by Arghya Sinha Roy, Senior Climate Change Specialist, ADB
- **Remarks by**
– Patrick Verkooijen: CEO, Global Center on Adaptation

12n.n.–12:40 p.m. **Round Table – Unpacking opportunities for scaling up pro-poor investments in resilience**

Moderator: Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio, Global Commission on Adaptation /World Resources Institute

Panelists

- Tin Ponlok, Government of Cambodia
- Paula MA’U, Government of Tonga
- Sheela Patel, Chair, Slum Dwellers International
- Clare Shakya, Director, International Institute for Environment and Development
- Preety Bhandari, Director, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Division, ADB

12:40 a.m.–1 p.m. **Discussion**

