

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

# NDC Advance: Accelerating Climate Actions in Asia and the Pacific

4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. | 7 December 2019 | Saturday  
NDC Partnership Pavilion, IFEMA - Feria de Madrid, Madrid, Spain

The 50.4 megawatts of turbines dominate the landscape around Khandke in Maharashtra, India. The Tata Power Wind Energy Financing Facility assisted the implementation of the Khandke Wind Power Project. (photo by Ian Taylor)

## SUMMARY

In 2018, ADB launched NDC Advance, ADB's principal mechanism dedicated to supporting its developing member countries (DMCs) in the implementation of the nationally determined contributions (NDC). This event will emphasize the importance of NDCs to communicate climate priorities, as well as present the different approaches NDC Advance pursues in assisting its developing member countries (DMCs) to achieve their ambitions. After a short presentation on NDC Advance, a moderated panel discussion and Q&A from audience will provide for an interactive exchange that highlights the different needs for support and diverse approaches to the enhancement and implementation of NDCs.

## BACKGROUND

As the climate crisis has become immense and its impacts more complex than ever, it has since become critically accounted for in development planning processes of many countries around the world. While many successes to address the climate crisis have been achieved, more still needs to be done - innovatively and uniquely to pinpoint critical threats. This implies that an elaborate and combined actions by development partners must unanimously gear towards strategies that commit resources and capacities to support countries to scale up their actions and complement national development priorities. With NDCs as the centerpiece of countries' response to climate challenge, these priorities should aim to leverage the unique capacity of MDBs to provide both financing and technical support for policy development, investment planning and monitoring. The clearer NDCs are able to define and communicate countries' climate priorities

to development partners, the better development partners are able to target and provide support. During the panel event, ADB will present NDC Advance's key roles, approaches and recent progress in Asia and the Pacific. It will impart insights and early lessons on country support activities which have been implemented as well as share future plans and activities. Besides showcasing how NDC Advance can play an important role by supporting the inclusion of DMCs climate priorities into investment planning, the event will also stimulate discussion on what type of support ensures sustainable economic development. More importantly, the event will provide a platform for institutional dialogue and partnerships to generate the kind of innovation and systemic solutions required to achieve the Paris Agreements on climate change.



Aside from fish sanctuaries, the City Government of Puerto Princesa maintains nurseries of mangrove seedlings to complement the fisheries management project. (photo by Ariel Javellana)

## AGENDA

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**4:30 p.m.–4:35 p.m. Welcome**

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**4:35 p.m.–4:40 p.m. Opening Remarks**  
Bambang Susantono, VP Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB

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**4:40 p.m.–4:50 p.m. Presentation on NDC Advance**  
Esmyra Javier, Senior Climate Change Officer, ADB

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**4:50 p.m.–5:15 p.m. Panel Discussion**  
**Moderator:** Preety Bhandari, Director, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Division, ADB

**Panelists**

- Abas Basir, Director General, South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme
  - Pablo Vieira, Global Director, NDC Partnership Support Unit
  - Anand Patwardhan, Professor, University of Maryland
  - Anand Tsog, Climate Change Officer, Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Mongolia
  - Syeda Hadika Jamshaid, Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan
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**5:15 p.m.–5:25 p.m. Discussion and Q & A**

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**5:25 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Closing Remarks**