

CO-BENEFITS OF ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE AND AIR POLLUTION

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Many decision-makers in Asia are becoming interested in policies and technologies that control air pollution while mitigating climate change. The cleaner air, improved health, and stable climate resulting from these policies and technologies are known as co-benefits. Part of the reason co-benefits are drawing attention is they can offset the costs of mitigating climate change. Another reason for the sharp rise in interest is that some interventions with co-benefits can bring carbon finance to improve public health and address other development concerns. With climate change as a clear policy priority across Asia as well as a core feature of ADB's strategy 2030, guidance on how decision makers can factor co-benefits into investment projects and policy decisions is therefore a pressing need. This webinar will help meet this need by focusing on the following three themes.

1. Development of policies and investment projects that can address both climate change and air pollution qualify for climate financing;
2. Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for measuring GHG emission reductions and other SDGs (including improvement in air quality and health) from such policies and projects.
3. Institutional coordination mechanisms and multi-level governance arrangements that can help deliver air quality, climate change, health and other development benefits.

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All sessions will be recorded.

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PROGRAM

4–4:05 p.m.	<p>Welcome Remarks Karma Yangzom, Principal Environment Specialist, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC), ADB</p> <p>Introduction of Panelists</p>
4:05–4:30 p.m.	<p>Part I: Introduction of Co-benefits, Possible linkages between air pollution and climate change</p> <p>Presentation on linkages between air pollution and climate change by Eric Zusman, IGES. Denise San Valentin, CCAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest and on-going research on potential links between climate change, air pollution and short-lived climate pollutants. • Air pollution in Asia and improved air quality as an additional measure to help reduce the burden placed on healthcare system and bring other social and economic benefits • Relationship between an air pollution and climate change perspective on co-benefits <p>Presentation on linkages between climate change and sustainable development – Views of the Climate Community by Joni Jupesta, RITE and IPCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in driving the Climate Change agenda • Highlight which sectors and SDGs have the biggest opportunities to meet the 1.5°C target • Discuss barriers and ways that they can be overcome to make linkages between SDGs and climate change <p>Questions from the audience</p>
4:30–5:00 p.m.	<p>Part II: Projects Design for Climate Finance</p> <p>Presentation on Factoring co-benefits into climate investments: opportunities and challenges by Virender K. Duggal, Principal Climate Change Specialist, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities and challenges for ADB in factoring co-benefits into climate investment decisions • Actions taken by ADB to expand the opportunities and overcome the challenges • Case study projects to demonstrate expansion of opportunities and overcome challenges <p>Presentation on GCF requirements to qualify for climate financing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight GCF’s key criteria for screening and approving projects • Show the types, numbers and countries of approved GCF projects with a special focus on projects from Asia • Share examples of projects with air quality improvement components (or GHG emission reduction components) that were approved and not approved by GCF and explain the reasons why they were approved or not approved <p>Questions from the audience</p>
5:00–5:28 p.m.	<p>Panel discussion: Reconciling views and take forward co-benefits in Asia</p> <p>Questions from the audience</p>
5:28–5:30 p.m.	<p>Closing remarks by moderator</p>

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