

ADB Safeguard Policy Review and Update: Phase 2 Regional Consultations on Community and Occupational Health and Safety



Description

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is conducting a comprehensive review and update of the 2009 Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS, or the policy). Stakeholder engagement is a critical element in the update process and will be guided by a [Stakeholder Engagement Plan](#) (SEP). The SPS review and update will be implemented over three phases. Phase 1 was recently concluded with initial stakeholder outreach. During the second phase, ADB will conduct a series of stakeholder consultations based on key analytical studies, and their implications on policy revision. The final stage of consultations will seek to solicit comments on the working paper for revision and finalization of the safeguard policy.

ADB is launching Phase 2 with a series of consultations on key thematic areas related to environmental and social safeguards. Based on feedback from these consultations, subsequent country-level dialogues and focus group discussions on key technical areas will be conducted.

Regional consultations on Community and Occupational Health and Safety

Among the current environmental safeguard requirements, the health and safety requirements are the most triggered in ADB-financed projects. The consultations will discuss the findings of a study comparing policy provisions and practice on community and occupational health and safety between ADB and other multilateral financial institutions (MFIs). Participants are encouraged to share their insights and experiences on implementation issues challenges (strengths and weaknesses in health and safety management at project level), and harmonization of ADB policy provisions/requirements with other MFI as well as those of the national regulatory requirements. Feedback received during the consultations will further inform recommendations of the analytical study on community and occupational health and safety.

Purpose

The objective of these consultations is to obtain a better understanding of the views of stakeholders on ADB's community and occupational health and safety safeguards implementation challenges, good practices and recommended future policy directions.

Target Participants

The regional consultations will involve developing member countries, civil society organizations, and other non-government stakeholders.

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