

## ADB Safeguard Policy Review and Update: Phase 2 Regional Consultations on Indigenous Peoples



### 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.

A series of consultations on key thematic areas related to environmental and social safeguards will be conducted. Based on feedback from these consultations, subsequent country-level dialogues and focus group discussions on key technical areas will be conducted.

#### *Regional consultations on Indigenous Peoples safeguard*

The consultations on Indigenous Peoples safeguard will focus on implementation challenges faced by stakeholders in the application of the SPS. Following an evaluation of the SPS by ADB's Independent Evaluation Department, key areas that are being considered in the review of Indigenous Peoples safeguard include: (i) ADB's approach to targeting and engaging with Indigenous Peoples in project identification and design; (ii) identification of Indigenous Peoples in project areas that will trigger ADB's safeguard requirements; (iii) improving social impact assessments, (iv) adopting an integrated approach on safeguard risk assessment and finding interlinkages between safeguard for Indigenous Peoples with other safeguard areas/standards; and (v) adoption of free, prior and informed consent.

## **Purpose**

The objective of the consultations is to obtain a better understanding of the views of stakeholders on ADB's indigenous peoples 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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