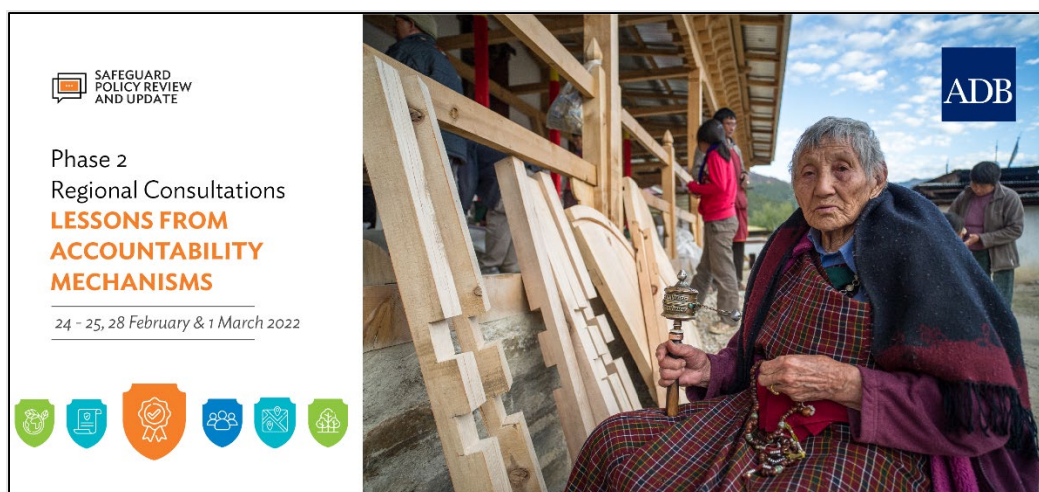


## ADB Safeguard Policy Review and Update: Phase 2 Regional Consultations on Lessons from Accountability Mechanisms



### 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 solicit comments on the working paper for revision and finalization of the new safeguards policy.

ADB is launching Phase 2 with a series of consultations on key thematic areas related to environmental and social safeguards. Subsequently, ADB will also conduct country-level dialogues and focus group discussions on key technical areas to further inform the policy review and update process.

#### *Regional consultations on Lessons from the Accountability Mechanism*

The consultations will take stock of past project complaints that affected people have raised through ADB's accountability bodies. Concerns may range from policy implementation challenges around involuntary resettlement, stakeholder engagement, environmental and social impact assessments, and mitigation measures, among others. The consultations will also build on the 2019 learning report prepared by ADB's Office of Special Project Facilitator, the Office of the Compliance Review Panel, the Independent Evaluation Department, and the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department.

### Target Participants

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

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