

PHILIPPINES

Safeguard Policy Architecture and Policy Directions:
In-Country Consultation with
Government Departments, Executing and Implementing Agencies



PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

15-16 November 2022 | 09:00 am - 04:00 pm
ADB Headquarters, Mandaluyong City, Metro Manila

TIME	SESSIONS	RESOURCE PERSON
DAY 1 (15 November 2022)		
09:00 - 09:10 am (10 mins)	Technical Announcements and Acknowledgment of Participants	Jennifer de Belen, Consultation Expert (Consultant)
09:10 - 09:20 am (10 mins)	Welcome Remarks	Kelly Bird, Country Director, Philippine Country Office, ADB
09:20 - 09:30 am (10 mins)	Opening Statement from Government (Online)	Neil Adrian S. Cabiles, Assistant Secretary, International Finance Group, Department of Finance
9:30 - 9:40 am (10 mins)	Group photo	
09:40 - 10:00 am	Session 1. Objectives of the Safeguard Policy Review and Update This session will provide an overview of the approach and methodology for the policy update, broad feedback of stakeholders from regional consultations, and an overview of the proposed environmental and social policy standards.	
	ADB Presentation (20 mins)	Bruce Dunn, Director, Safeguards Division, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC), ADB
10:00 - 10:10 am (10 mins)	Short video and presentation on the Philippine Government's experiences with ADB and implementation of its Safeguards Policy	Timothy John Batan, Undersecretary for Planning and Project Development, Department of Transportation
10:10 - 11:20 am	Session 2(a). Safeguard Policy Directions and Recommendations for Environmental Safeguards: Findings from Analytical Studies and Feedback from Phase 2 Regional Stakeholder Consultations This session will provide an overview of environmental safeguards, specifically on the following areas: (i) Assessment and management of environmental and social risks; (ii) Pollution prevention and resource efficiency; (iii) Health, safety, and security; (iv) Biodiversity and sustainable natural resource management; and (v) Cultural heritage.	

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	ADB Presentation (20 mins)	Zehra Abbas, Principal Environment Specialist, SDCC, ADB
	Questions, Answers, and Discussion (50 mins)	Facilitator: Francesco Ricciardi, Senior Environment Specialist, SDCC, ADB
11:20 - 11:30 am (10 mins)	Break	
11:30 am - 12:40 pm	Session 2(b). Safeguard Policy Directions and Recommendations for Social Safeguards: Findings from Analytical Studies and Feedback from Phase 2 Regional Stakeholder Consultations This session will provide an overview of social safeguards, specifically on the following areas: (i) Labor and working conditions; (ii) Land acquisition and land use restriction; (iii) Indigenous Peoples; and (iv) Stakeholder engagement and information disclosure.	
	ADB Presentation (20 mins)	Madhumita Gupta, Principal Social Development Specialist (Safeguards), SDCC, ADB
	Questions, Answers, and Discussion (50 mins)	Facilitator: Ricardo Carlos Barba Principal Safeguards Specialist, South Asia Department (SARD), ADB
12:40 - 01:40 pm (60 mins)	Lunch	
01:40 - 03:40 pm	Session 3. Presentation of Environmental Standards This session will provide a deeper discussion on the following environmental standards: (i) Assessment and management of environmental and social risks; (ii) Pollution prevention and resource efficiency; (iii) Health, safety, and security; (iv) Biodiversity and sustainable natural resource management; and (v) Cultural heritage.	
	ADB Presentation (30 mins)	Zehra Abbas, ADB
	Questions, Answers, and Discussion (90 mins)	Facilitator: Ricardo Carlos Barba, ADB
03:40 - 04:00 pm (20 mins)	Wrap Up and Next Steps	
	Announcement and Brief Event Evaluation	
		Bruce Dunn, ADB
		Jennifer de Belen (Consultant)

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DAY 2 (16 November 2022)		
09:00 – 09:10 am (10 mins)	Technical Announcements and Acknowledgment of Participants	Jennifer de Belen (Consultant)
09:10 – 10:50 am	Session 4. Land Acquisition, Resettlement, and Involuntary Restriction of Access to Land This session will provide details on the findings and recommendations of the Independent Evaluation Department (IED) on involuntary resettlement, key findings of the benchmarking study, and key issues for consideration in the policy update.	
	ADB Presentation (30 mins)	Madhumita Gupta, ADB
	Questions, Answers, and Discussion (60 mins)	Facilitator: Melody Ovenden, Senior Social Development Specialist (Resettlement), Southeast Asia Department (SERD), ADB
10:50 – 11:00 am (10 mins)	Break	
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	Session 5. Labor and Working Conditions (LWC) This session will delve deeper into the findings of the analytical study and the proposed stand-alone LWC performance standard and its alignment with core labor standards.	
	ADB Presentation (30 mins)	Jay Wagner, International Labour Advisor (Consultant) (Online)
	Questions, Answers, and Discussion (60 mins)	Facilitator: Melody Ovenden, ADB
12:30 – 01:30 pm (60 mins)	Lunch	
01:30 – 03:30 pm	Session 6: Safeguards for Indigenous Peoples This session will focus on the safeguards requirement for IPs and the salient changes for the policy update, including the introduction of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC).	
	ADB Presentation (30 mins)	Tulsi Bisht, Senior Social Development Specialist (Safeguards), SDCC, ADB
	Questions, Answers, and Discussion (60 mins)	Facilitator: Ricardo Carlos Barba, ADB
3:30 – 4:00 pm (30 mins)	Wrap Up and Next Steps	Bruce Dunn, ADB
	Announcement and Brief Event Evaluation	Jennifer de Belen (Consultant)



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