

## ADB Safeguard Policy Review and Update: Phase 2 Regional Consultations on Country Safeguard Systems



### 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 [Country Safeguard Systems](#)*

This consultation on Country Safeguard Systems will present and discuss the issues relevant to applying and use of DMC's own environmental and social safeguard policies in ADB-financed projects. It will look at various stakeholder recommendations on striking a balance between practical approaches to conducting equivalency assessments and designing strategies to allow DMCs to raise their own environmental and social frameworks and capacities which would subsequently allow them to apply for the full use of country systems in projects.

### Purpose

The objective of these consultations is to obtain a better understanding of the views of stakeholders on implementation challenges, good practices and recommended future policy directions in the use and adoption of country safeguard systems in ADB-financed projects.

### Target Participants

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

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