

## **Civil Society and ADB: BirdLife International – a Strategic Partnership on the Regional Flyway Initiative and beyond**

**NGOC & CCRE Event | 25<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Thursday 3:00- 4:15 pm Manila time  
K-Hub, ADB HQ / Hybrid**

### ***Background***

Since 2017 ADB has been working closely with BirdLife International both on the development of the Avian Sensitivity Tool for Energy Planning as well as more recently on the Regional Flyway Initiative (RFI) which has the strategic goal to develop investment projects for 50 priority wetland sites totaling US\$3 billion investment for implementation beyond 2030. This ongoing relationship between ADB and BirdLife International provides a good example of how ADB can interact with a Civil Society Organization in a more collaborative and dynamic way to deliver on shared outcomes between organizations.

BirdLife International CEO Martin Harper will join the session to unpick the relationship and explore the existing areas of collaboration and where he sees the continued relationship beyond the RFI in the coming years.

Chaired by Yoko Watanabe, this session will bring together staff from the Sector Groups in Energy, Agriculture, Nature and Food Security as well as the Office of Safeguards to draw experiences from within the bank to get their views on future collaboration with Civil Society and how they see it can be scaled up to deliver on addressing the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution.

### ***References***

<https://www.adb.org/publications/east-asian-australasian-flyway>

<https://www.adb.org/publications/avian-sensitivity-tool-energy-planning-avistep>

## PROGRAM

Time	Segment	Speakers
3:00 pm	Introduction	Ms. Yoko Watanabe, Director, Environment, CCSD, ADB
3:05 pm	Message of Support	Ms. Haidy Seang Ear-Dupuy, Unit Head, NGO and Civil Society Center, ADB
3:10 pm	Keynote Presentation	Mr. Martin Harper, CEO, BirdLife International
3:25 pm	Panel Discussion	<p>Moderator: Ms. Yoko Watanabe</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ms. Silvia Cardascia, Water Resources Specialist, SG-AFNR, ADB</li> <li>○ Ms. Elisea Gozun, Chair of the Compliance Review Panel, ADB</li> <li>○ Ms. Beatrice Gomez, Principal Environment Specialist, OSFG, ADB</li> </ul>
3:55 pm	Q&A	Audience members will be invited to ask questions to Martin Harper and the other panelists for quickfire response.
4:10 pm	Closing Remarks	Mr. Duncan A. Lang, Senior Environment Specialist, CCSD, ADB