

Community Resilience Partnership Program PARTNERSHIP FORUM 2026

24-25 FEBRUARY 2026 | BANGKOK, THAILAND



THEME: LOCAL ACTIONS FOR CLIMATE-RESILIENT LIVELIHOODS

Venue: Chatrium Grand Bangkok, 728 Phetchaburi Road, Ratchathewi, Bangkok, Thailand

DETAILED AGENDA

I. Background

1. Across Asia and the Pacific, climate change is severely impacting the lives and livelihoods of millions, particularly the poor and most vulnerable population. Women and marginalized groups experience these impacts more acutely due to existing vulnerabilities, differential access to resources, and socioeconomic and cultural norms. The impacts of climate change are experienced locally, influenced by various socioeconomic, geographical, ecological, institutional, and governance factors. Climate adaptation interventions aimed at building resilience should be based on priorities identified by local stakeholders, specifically target the poor and vulnerable, promote the empowerment of women and focus on locally driven solutions, where appropriate. Poverty reduction strategies and programs—such as those in social protection, financial inclusion, public health, agriculture, livelihoods, and market development—can promote adaptation interventions to build resilience if such programs are designed and implemented in close consultation with local stakeholders and based on a strong understanding of climate risk and the factors driving vulnerability. Moreover, such adaptation interventions to build resilience should be undertaken within the context of wider local development and with a focus on learning from the outcomes.

2. The [Community Resilience Partnership Program \(CRPP\)](#) has been developed in this context and supports scaling up investments in climate adaptation that directly benefit poor and vulnerable people while strengthening the enabling environment to align finance in support of community-led adaptation interventions and increasing the participation of poor and vulnerable communities in decision-making related to building resilience. The CRPP organizes the annual Partnership Forum, which brings together community leaders, government officials, development partners, think tanks, the private sector, financial institutions, and global climate funds to discuss what roles poverty reduction policies and programs can play in building climate resilience, particularly at the local level.

3. The fourth [CRPP Partnership Forum 2026](#) will focus on the role of livelihoods-related programs, to deliver measurable climate adaptation outcomes at the local level. Often, these are addressed through sectoral interventions in social protection, agriculture and natural resources, and skills development, leveraging both public and private interventions. Building climate resilience requires both government systems to reach the most vulnerable population and coordinate across sectors, and private sector ability to mobilize capital, create sustainable markets, and drive innovation. The discussions at the fourth CRPP Partnership Forum 2026 will link to and build on the outcomes of the CRPP's previous

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partnership forums in [2023](#) (exploring themes of adaptive social protection and climate-resilient agriculture), [2024](#) (resilience through decentralization systems and climate-resilient skills development), and [2025](#) (resilience through urban poverty reduction and financial inclusion).

4. In the context of the CRPP, climate-resilient livelihoods are those that can anticipate, absorb, adapt, and transform in response to climate shocks and long-term stresses — while maintaining or improving wellbeing outcomes of the poor and vulnerable populations. At an individual and household level resilience of livelihoods can be strengthened through different pathways – public works and employment generation programs, microenterprise development, or poverty graduation programs that promote integrated approaches combining livelihoods generation with skills development, financial services, linkages with market and technical support. At the community level, resilient livelihoods, on the other hand, are often targeted through ‘clustered’ pathways – for example, through cooperatives, networks, livelihood associations - which also emphasize the important role that social capital plays in climate resilience. In the context of building resilience to climate shocks and stresses, it is important that the actions are taken at both the individual/household and community level, to maximize outcomes and ensure cross-sectoral synergies. Implementing such actions at scale does require a strong enabling environment through appropriate policy, regulation, incentive mechanisms and capacity building, and where feasible, partnerships with the private sector and financial institutions.

II. Objectives

5. **Day 1** of the 2026 CRPP Partnership Forum will provide a deep dive into how livelihood programs targeted at the poorest and most vulnerable **individuals or households** can be designed differently to respond to their specific climate needs and build long term resilience. Discussions would focus on integrated adaptation approaches and solutions, and those that prioritise women’s differentiated vulnerabilities, needs, and capacities.

6. **Day 2** will explore how climate-resilient livelihoods are **collectively** strengthened through both community-level organisations (e.g., cooperatives, producer associations, natural resource management committees) and national-level organizations or systems (e.g., chambers of commerce, national or sectoral development banks, private-public partnerships), emphasizing their role in scaling local actions for climate resilient livelihoods.

7. The forum aims to achieve the following objectives:

- a. Share examples to demonstrate the **benefits** of locally-driven adaptation solutions, including solutions led by grassroots women’s groups, to strengthen the long-term resilience of the livelihoods of the poor and vulnerable populations. Benefits include unlocking new economic opportunities, contributing to long-term sustainability, cost efficiency and strengthening social cohesion.
- b. Provide a venue to discuss and identify **lessons** from locally-driven adaptation solutions to strengthen livelihood resilience, implemented both at the household and community level and undertaken in the context of wider poverty reduction programs. Lessons include reaching scale, mobilizing financing, and institutionalizing bottom-up decision-making.
- c. Identify the **enabling factors** that the national governments and development partners can provide in scaling up the implementation of locally-driven adaptation solutions for strengthening livelihood resilience.

Enabling factors include access to climate risk information, strengthening institutional capacity, improving access to predictable finance and strengthening partnerships between local communities, local governments and the private sector.

III. Agenda at a Glance

Day 1	24 February 2026	Day 2	25 February 2026
09:00 – 10:15	Opening Session Rethinking Livelihoods of the Poor and Vulnerable in a Changing Climate	9:00 – 10:15	Plenary 2 Community and National Systems for Enabling Climate-Resilient Livelihoods
10:15 – 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	10:15 – 10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:45 – 12:00	Plenary 1 Building Individual and Household Climate Resilience through Integrated Livelihoods Approaches	10:30 – 12:00	Spotlight 3 Promoting community Collective Action for Climate-Resilient Livelihoods & Market Systems Spotlight 4 Developing Climate Resilience of Micro and Small Enterprises through Enabling Systems and Partnerships
12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	12:00 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	Spotlight 1 Promoting Climate-Resilient Livelihood Outcomes of Vulnerable Households through Adaptive Social Safety Net Programs Spotlight 2 Strengthening Access to Human and Financial Capital for Vulnerable Women to Pursue Climate-Resilient Livelihoods	13:30 – 15:00	Roundtable Dialogue
15:15 – 16:15	Adaptation Solutions Hub	15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:15 – 16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	15:30 – 16:15	Closing Session
16:30 – 17:00	Fireside Chat	16:45 – 18:00	CRPP Partnership Group Meeting (Closed Door)
17:00 – 17:45	Sessions Organized by Partners		
17:45 – 19:30	Welcome Dinner		

IV. Detailed Agenda

Day 1 – 24 February 2026	
09:00 – 10:15	Opening Session: Rethinking Livelihoods of the Poor and Vulnerable in a Changing Climate <i>(Chatrium Grand Ballroom)</i>
	<p>Opening Remarks (20 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ika Rachmani, Community Leader, YAKKUM Emergency Unit, Indonesia and Members of Huairou Commission ● John Warburton, Lead, Asia Pacific-Climate Resilience Department, Energy and Climate Directorate, British High Commission-New Delhi, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), United Kingdom ● Thomas Gonnet, Task Team Leader – South and South-East Asia, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) ● Ayako Inagaki, Senior Director, Human and Social Development, Asian Development Bank (ADB) <p>CRPP Scene Setting Presentation (10 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nisha Krishnan, Senior Climate Change Specialist, ADB <p>Scene Setting Dialogue (30 min + 15 min)</p> <p>Topic: How can we pursue investments that build resilience of livelihoods, while addressing multidimensional poverty and empowering communities?</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Sobina Lama, Program Manager – Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Resilience, Lumanti Support Group for Shelter, Nepal and Member of Huairou Commission ● Lalita Waldia, Communications Lead, AJSA, India ● Reehana Rifat Raza, Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) ● Margaret Arnold, Global Lead on the Social Dimensions of Climate Change and Senior Social Development Specialist, World Bank <p>Moderator: Nisha Krishnan, Climate Change Specialist, ADB Rapporteurs: Mousumi Pervin, Senior Climate Change Officer, ADB and Elsty Davidz-Morato, Principal Social Development Officer (Gender), ADB Session Emcee: Heejin Lee, Climate Change Specialist, ADB</p>
10:15 – 10:45	Forum Photo & Coffee Break
10:45 – 12:00	Plenary 1: Building Individual and Household Climate Resilience through Integrated Livelihoods Approaches <i>(Chatrium Grand Ballroom)</i>
	<p>Topic: Pursuing multisector adaptation approaches for climate resilient livelihood of vulnerable households and individuals</p> <p>Scene Setting Presentations: (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bob Babajanian, Senior Social Development Specialist, ADB <p>Panel (30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Monina Josefina Romualdez, Undersecretary for Operations, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Philippines ● Umme Kulsum Ferdousi, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bangladesh ● Thomas Gonnet, Task Team Leader – South and South-East Asia, AFD ● Samik Adhikari, Senior Economist, Social Protection and Jobs Global Practice, World Bank

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Yusuke Taishi, <i>Head of Climate Change Programming, United Nations Development Programme</i> <p>Discussion (30 min)</p> <p>Moderator: Palak Rawal, <i>Social Development Specialist, ADB</i> Rapporteur: Andrys Erawan, <i>CRPP Coordinator–Indonesia, ADB</i></p>
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Spotlight 1: Promoting Climate Resilience Livelihood Outcomes of Vulnerable Households through Adaptive Social Safety Net Programs <i>(Ko-Mes 2) (Runs in parallel to Spotlight 2)</i></p> <p>Spotlight Presentations (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Elvin Jerome Laceda, Founding President, RiceUp Farmers Inc, Philippines ● Ashraful Amin, Regional Climate and Resilience Advisor, World Food Programme ● Silke Pietzsch, Regional Vulnerability and Risk Assessment Adviser, Food and Agriculture Organization <p>Discussants (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christy Lowe, Adaptive Social Protection Consultant, ADB ● Sejal Patel, Senior Researcher (Shaping Sustainable Markets and Climate Change), IIED ● Gemito do C. Amaral De Jesus, Ministry of Social Solidarity and Inclusion, Timor-Leste <p>Discussion (30 min)</p> <p>Moderator: Digvijay Singh, <i>Senior Social Protection and Climate Change Specialist, ADB</i> Rapporteur: Taposh Barua, <i>CRPP Coordinator-Bangladesh, ADB</i></p> <p>Spotlight 2: Strengthening Access to Human and Financial Capital for Vulnerable Women to Pursue Climate Resilient Livelihoods <i>(Ko-Mes 1) (Runs in parallel to Spotlight 1)</i></p> <p>Spotlight Presentations (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Melisa Apriyani, Indonesia Program Manager, Women's Earth Alliance, Indonesia ● Sarala KC, Community Women Forum, Nepal <p>Discussants (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tahrira Ahmed, Social Development Officer (Gender), ADB ● Shalaine Marie Lucero, Regional Director, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Philippines ● Devkanya Jagdale, Swayam Shikshan Prayog, India and Huairou Commission Member <p>Discussion (30 min)</p> <p>Moderator: Malika Shagazatova, <i>Senior Social Development Specialist, ADB</i> Rapporteur: Leizl Agad, <i>Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Specialist, ADB</i></p>

15:00 – 16:15	Adaptation Solutions Hub (Chatrium Grand Ballroom)	
	<p>The Adaptation Solutions Hub aims to provide a structured and inclusive platform to showcase climate-resilient livelihood initiatives and catalyze collaboration, financing, and the scaling of locally led solutions. The expected outcome is increased visibility of innovative, locally driven climate-resilient livelihood approaches, leveraging both public and private sector interventions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Building Resilience and Reducing Rural Poverty Project, Government of the Lao PDR and ADB (Presenter: Vongsavanh Vongkaysone / Palak Rawal) Coffee and Agroforestry Livelihood Improvement Project, Government of Timor Leste and ADB (Presenter: Raimundo Mau / Elsty Davidz-Morato) Strengthening Partnerships for Community Resilience in Indonesia and Timor Leste, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) (Presenter: Shivani Gupta) Building Climate-resilient Agriculture and Water Security in Cambodia, Agence Française de Développement (AFD) (Presenter: Sothira Seng / Nou Alyny Nara) Women-Led Climate-Resilient Livelihoods in Kalahandi, AJSA India (Presenter: Lalita Waldia) Generating Ambition for Locally Led Adaptation: Examples from Cambodia and the Philippines, Huairou Commission (Presenter: Sri Sofjan) Hindu Kush Himalaya Innovation Challenge for Entrepreneurs, International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) Generating Ambition for Locally Led Adaptation, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) (Presenters: Paul Mitchell / Larissa Setaro) Scaling Climate-Resilient Livelihoods Through Inclusive Closed Loop Model, Partnership for Indonesia’s Sustainable Agriculture (PISAgro) (Presenter: Insan Syafaat) <p>Facilitators: Sejal Patel and Rojy Joshi, IIED</p> <p><i>{The activity will be conducted for 1 hour, 10 minutes. Four rounds of 15 minutes per project. Presentations will be limited to 3-5 minutes, followed by Q&A for 10-12 minutes.}</i></p>	
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee Break	
16:30 – 17:00	Fireside Chat: Maximizing Opportunities for Women-Focused Investments in Climate Resilience (Chatrium Grand Ballroom)	
	<p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Milan Bhattarai, <i>Undersecretary, Ministry of Women, Children and Senior Citizens, Nepal</i> ● Ayako Inagaki, <i>Senior Director, Human and Social Development, ADB</i> ● Christine Arab, <i>Regional Director of UN Women, Asia and the Pacific</i> ● Suranjana Gupta, <i>Advisor on Community Resilience, Huairou Commission</i> <p>Moderator: Noelle O’Brien, Director Climate Change, ADB</p>	
17:00	SESSIONS ORGANIZED BY PARTNERS	
17:45	<p>Local Leadership, Lasting Change: Livelihoods-Focused LLA for Resilient Systems</p> <p>Hosted by Climate Investment Funds Venue: Grand Ballroom</p>	<p>Meetings with the Governments of Indonesia and Nepal [By Invitation Only]</p> <p>Hosted by Huairou Commission Venue: Ko-Mes 1 & 2</p>
17:45 – 19:30	Welcome Dinner (Foyer)	

Day 2 – 25 February 2026

<p>9:00 – 10:15</p>	<p align="center">Plenary 2: Community and National Systems for Enabling Climate-Resilient Livelihoods <i>(Chatrium Grand Ballroom)</i></p>
	<p>Highlights from Day 1, Pear Wongtitirote, Graphics Recorder (5 min)</p> <p>Topic: Collective decision-making for climate-resilient livelihoods of vulnerable communities</p> <p>Scene Setting presentations: (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arjan De Haan, Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre • Bimbika Sijapati Basnett, Gender Specialist, ADB <p>Panel Discussion: (30 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Kunai, Assistant Director, Ministry for Community Development, Religion, Youth and Censorship, Papua New Guinea • Ramona Calin, Locally-led Adaptation Specialist, Green Climate Fund • Nidhi Srinivas, Senior Program Officer for Agriculture, Gates Foundation • Kunzang, Global Investment Lead, ICIMOD <p>Discussion (25 min)</p> <p>Moderator: Kathryn Milliken, Senior Climate Change Specialist, ADB Rapporteurs: Putra Dwitama, Senior Climate Change Officer, ADB and Jaiganesh Murugesan, Climate Resilience Portfolio Specialist, ADB</p>
<p>10:15 – 10:30</p>	<p align="center">Coffee Break</p>
<p>10:30 – 12:00</p>	<p align="center">Spotlight 3: Promoting Community Collective Action for Climate-Resilient Livelihoods and Market Systems <i>(Ko-Mes 2) (Runs in parallel to Spotlight 4)</i></p>
	<p>Spotlight Presentations (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sekar Insani Sumunaringtyas, Head of International Marketing Team/Project Manager HDDAP, Directorate General of Horticulture, Ministry of Agriculture, Indonesia • Zeeshan Memon, Executive Director, Sindh Agricultural and Forestry Workers Coordinating Organization, Pakistan • Rabin Raj Niraula, Heifer International <p>Discussants (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athena Galao, Program Analyst, Gender and Climate Change, UN Women • Alex Lebel, Senior Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist, ADB <p>Discussion (30 min)</p> <p>Moderator: Royj Joshi, Researcher (Locally led Adaptation & Climate Finance), IIED Rapporteur: Dinesh Acharya, CRPP Coordinator-Nepal, ADB</p>
	<p align="center">Spotlight 4: Developing Climate Resilience of Micro and Small Enterprises through Enabling Systems and Partnerships <i>(Ko-Mes 1) (Runs in parallel to Spotlight 3)</i></p>
	<p>Spotlight Presentations (15 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sengkeo Phoutthavong, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, the Lao PDR • Nanise Sowani, Consultant, Fiji Development Bank, Fiji • Insan Syafaat, PISAgro, Indonesia <p>Discussants (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ronilda Co, Program Lead, Localization, ADPC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heejin Lee, Climate Change Specialist, ADB <p>Discussion (30 min)</p> <p>Moderator: Sugar Gonzales, Senior Climate Change Officer, ADB Rapporteur: Sean Mulkerne, Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Specialist, ADB</p>
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	<p style="text-align: center;">ROUNDTABLE DIALOGUE (Chatrium Grand Ballroom)</p> <p>The roundtable dialogue will bring together the discussions of the two days and identify the actions for the way forward. The actions will be discussed in the context of the lessons shared during the forum and the enabling factors highlighted during different panels to scale up the implementation of locally-driven climate-resilient livelihood solutions. Governments will articulate actions to be undertaken at their end to strengthen the enabling environment and the type of support they might need from the CRPP and development partners. Development partners will also share ideas on their potential support.</p> <p>Countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mian Usman Ali Shah, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Pakistan • Carlos Conceicao, Director, National Directorate of Climate Change, Timor-Leste <p>Development Partners and Experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neeti Malhotra, Senior Programme Officer, FCDO, United Kingdom • Ramona Calin Locally-led Adaptation Specialist, Green Climate Fund • Sinead Walsh, Consultant, CRPP Technical Advisor • Margaret Arnold, Global Lead on the Social Dimensions of Climate Change and Senior Social Development Specialist, World Bank • Paul Mitchell, Principal Researcher, IIED • Veronica Joffre, Senior Gender and Social Development Specialist, ADB <p>Moderator: Arghya Sinha Roy, Director, Climate Change, ADB Rapporteurs: Mousumi Pervin, Senior Climate Change Officer, ADB and Tahrima Ahmed, Social Development Officer, ADB</p>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:15	<p style="text-align: center;">Closing Session (Chatrium Grand Ballroom)</p> <p>Forum Highlights Video (3 mins) Forum Evaluation (3 mins)</p> <p>Closing Panel: (25 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Warburton, Lead, Asia Pacific-Climate Resilience Department, Energy and Climate Directorate, British High Commission-New Delhi, FCDO, United Kingdom • Agnes Soucat, Head of Health and Social Protection, AFD • Suranjana Gupta, Advisor on Community Resilience, Huairou Commission <p>Moderator: Arghya Sinha Roy, Director, Climate Change, ADB Rapporteur: Sejal Patel, Senior Researcher (Shaping Sustainable Markets and Climate Change), IIED</p>
16:45 – 18:00	CRPP Partnership Group Meeting (Closed Door) (Venue: Ko-Mes 2)