

Knowledge Sharing on Biodiversity and Nature Credits

17 September 2026 | 3:30–5:00 p.m. (with a Reception at 5:00 p.m.) | ADB Headquarters

The Knowledge Sharing Session aims to showcase the respective work and initiatives of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the International Advisory Panel on Biodiversity Credits (IAPB) on biodiversity and nature credits, and to provide a platform for sharing knowledge, experiences, and perspectives on emerging opportunities in this area. The session will also explore the potential for further collaboration on biodiversity- and nature-related projects across the Asia-Pacific region, with a view to supporting nature-positive development, biodiversity conservation, sustainable investment, and innovative financing approaches. Dame Amelia Fawcett, Co-Chair of IAPB, will be the keynote speaker.

The session is co-organized with the British Embassy Manila and will bring together representatives from government agencies, development institutions, businesses, conservation organizations, and other relevant stakeholders to enable knowledge exchange and identify areas of mutual interest in nature finance.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

Knowledge Sharing Session (3:30-5:00 pm at kHub, Level 1)

3:00-3:30 pm	Registration		
	Introduction		
3:30-3:35 pm	<i>Karen Ochavo</i> <i>Environment Officer, ADB (emcee)</i>		
3:35-3:45 pm	Opening Remarks		
	Yoko Watanabe <i>Director, Nature and Environment</i> <i>ADB</i>	Mariglo Laririt <i>Assistant Director</i> <i>DENR Biodiversity Management Bureau</i>	Mike Welch <i>Deputy Head of Mission</i> <i>British Embassy Manila</i>
	Keynote		
3:45-4:00 pm	Dame Amelia Fawcett <i>Co-Chair, International Advisory Panel on Biodiversity Credits</i>		
	Nature as an Economic Asset		
4:00-4:10 pm	Andry Napitupulu <i>SEA Nature Lead, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)</i>		
4:10-4:15 pm	Q&A Intermission		
	Chishui River Project as ADB's first pilot nature credits mechanism		
4:15-4:25 pm	Yating Ru <i>Natural Resources and Agriculture Economist, ADB</i>		
	Showcasing the Regional Flyway Initiative (RFI) Nature Credits Case Studies, with focus on the Philippines		
4:25-4:35 pm	Guy Williams <i>Nature Credits and Project Development, ADB (Consultant)</i>		
	Biodiversity Credits in the Philippines		
4:35-4:45 pm	Atty. Marianito L. Dio Jr. <i>Engagement Policy Specialist, BIOFIN Philippines</i>		
4:45-4:55 pm	Q&A – exploration for future collaboration		
	Closing Remark		
4:55-5:00 pm	Jerome Montemayor <i>Executive Director, ASEAN Center for Biodiversity</i>		
	Group photo		

Networking Reception (5:00-6:30 pm at Private Dining Room, Level 2)

5:00-5:15 pm	Transfer to reception venue
5:15-5:20 pm	Reception Welcome Message Shantanu Mitra <i>Executive Director, ADB</i>
5:20-6:30 pm	Networking