

ADB Safeguard Policy Review and Update: Phase 2 Regional Consultations on Stakeholder Engagement, Information Disclosure and Grievance Redress Mechanism



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 Stakeholder Engagement, Information Disclosure and Grievance Redress Mechanism

The consultations will solicit feedback on the draft Stakeholder Engagement, Grievance Redress, and Information Disclosure (SEID) Standard, and share some preliminary findings from the benchmarking study which compares ADB's current Safeguard Policy Statement provisions and procedures on stakeholder engagement with those of other multilateral financial institutions. This is to understand where there are gaps and convergences, particularly comparing those with a stand-alone SEID policy standard, benchmarking key stakeholder engagement themes where ADB is aligned, and where it needs to go further to meet the safeguards needs of evolving different financing modalities. Views and opinions received during the consultations will inform the preparation of the ADB's standard on SEID.

Purpose

The objective of these consultations is to obtain a better understanding of the views of stakeholders on the implementation challenges around stakeholder engagement, grievance redress and information disclosure, good practices and recommended future policy directions.

Target Participants

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

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