

# **Needs-Based Finance Project:**

## **Training workshop on climate finance mobilization and access for Least Developed Countries in Asia**

08 – 11 August 2022, Bangkok, Thailand  
(Version 04 August 2022)

### **Overview and objectives of training workshop**

The experts representing the countries of the Least Developed Countries in Asia expressed the need to undertake training in accessing and mobilizing climate finance to support their priority climate projects and programmes. In this context, the UNFCCC secretariat, in collaboration with UNESCAP, under the auspices of the Needs-Based Finance (NBF) Project, is organizing this training workshop with the objective of developing skills and knowledge for preparing and supervising the implementation of priority adaptation and mitigation needs of the Least Developed Countries in Asia. In particular, the workshop aims to build capacity and skills of the participants by providing them with information and tools that will assist them in translating the priority needs to project concepts to be able to access suitable climate finance. At the workshop, the regional climate finance strategy will also be endorsed by the focal points of the NBF Project.

This workshop should be viewed as an initial step in understanding the whole project development process by going through each phase of the process through interactive exercises. At the of the workshop, the participants will produce draft concept notes that LDCs in Asia can collectively develop, with the assistance of international organization. Skills learned in this workshop will enable participants to develop project proposals to mobilize finance from both public and private sources at the international, regional and national level.

# PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

## DAY 1: 08 August 2022

Time	Description	Interventions
08:30 – 09:00	<b>Registration</b>	
09:00 – 09:30	<b>Opening session</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hamza Ali Malik, Director, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, UNESCAP</li> <li>○ Yolando Velasco, Manager, Climate Finance Subdivision, UNFCCC</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
9:30 – 09:45	<b>Introduction</b> This session will provide an overview and objectives of the training workshop and an opportunity to hear the participants' expectations.	Mr. Yolando Velasco - <i>Manager, Climate Finance subdivision, UNFCCC</i>
<b>CLIMATE FINANCE ACCESS AND MOBILIZATION STRATEGY</b>		
09:45 – 11:00	<b>Session 1.1: Enhancing collaboration on the NBF project</b> This session will discuss the possible areas of collaboration among the Least Developed Countries in Asia as per the regional climate finance strategy produced under the NBF project, the formalization of such collaboration and the processes which are needed to formalize the collaboration arrangement as well as who will be involved at the national level.	<b>Chaired by:</b> Karma C. Nyedrup, Officiating Secretary, National Environment Commission, Bhutan  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation</b></li> <li>• <b>Plenary discussion</b></li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:15	<b><i>Tea/Coffee break + photo</i></b>	

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11:15 – 13:00	<b>Session 1.2: Continued - Enhancing collaboration on the NBF project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Plenary discussion &amp; endorsement of Strategy</b></li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>	
14:00 – 16:00	<p><b>Session 2: Overview of the Climate Funds</b></p> <p>This session will provide a brief overview of the Operating Entities and Funds, actors involved, funding opportunities and important policy aspects.</p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Debapriya Roy, Team Lead, UNFCCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentations</b> (30 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dirk Lamberts, Senior environmental and social specialist, Adaptation Fund</li> <li>○ Tshewang Dorji, Climate Change Specialist, Global Environment Facility</li> <li>○ Kabishi Tshilumba, Regional Manager, Green Climate Fund</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Interactive discussion</b> with country representatives</p>
16:15 – 17:00	<p><b>Session 3: Overview of project cycles</b></p> <p>This session will provide an overview of the project development processes of different funding institutions highlighting the roles, requirements and key players for each phase of the process, including accreditation of implementing entities.</p> <p>An interactive discussion with several multilateral climate funds will allow for a dialogue on project development processes for participants to gain further clarity on how a project can be originated, developed, financed and implemented.</p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Debapriya Roy, Team Lead, UNFCCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentations</b> (30 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kabishi Tshilumba, Regional Manager, Green Climate Fund</li> <li>○ Tshewang Dorji, Climate Change Specialist, Global Environment Facility</li> <li>○ Dirk Lamberts, Senior environmental and social specialist, Adaptation Fund</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Interactive discussion</b> country representatives</li> </ul>

## DAY 2: 09 August 2022

Time	Description	Interventions
<b>TRAINING ON CLIMATE FINANCE ACCESS AND MOBILIZATION</b>		
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Recap of Day 1 and overview of day 2</b>	Yolando Velasco, Manager, Climate Finance subdivision, UNFCCC
09:15 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 4: Regional Priority Programmes of LDCs in Asia</b></p> <p>This session will discuss the information on the technical assessment and priorities, with the aim of identifying 3 – 5 regional programme ideas that can be carried through the series of sessions on project development.</p> <p><i>*Potential programme ideas identified in this session will be expanded on and further developed in the succeeding sessions through interactive discussions and breakout groups.</i></p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Debapriya Roy, Team Lead, UNFCCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation</b> (15 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation on NDCs by Mr. Sangmin Nam, Director of ESCAP’s Environment and Development Division</li> <li>○ Presentation on the overview of the key findings of the needs and priorities of LDCs in Asia based on the Technical Assessment (TA) of Climate Finance Mobilization and Access by Astrid Rahardjo, Regional Climate Finance Expert, UNFCCC secretariat.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Group exercise</b> to identify 3 – 5 regional programme ideas (90 min)</li> <li>• <b>Presentation of break out groups</b> (moderator)</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:15	<b>Tea/Coffee break</b>	
11:00 – 12:00	<p><b>Session 6: Social and gender considerations, Environmental and Social Safeguards and risk management</b></p> <p>This session will focus on gender and social considerations in designing project proposals, including the importance of multi-stakeholder consultation processes for developing fit-for-purpose and inclusive programmes. In addition, it will also identify and discuss the different risks that a project should</p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Astrid Rahardjo, Regional Climate Finance Expert, UNFCCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Interventions</b> (25 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ingvild Solvang, Deputy Director and Head of the Climate Action and Inclusive Development Unit, GGGI</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<p>consider and how can they be mitigated and managed. Linked to this issue is the environmental and social safeguards that need to be in place to reduce and prevent potential negative project impacts to the environment and the communities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tshewang Dorji, Climate Change Specialist, Global Environment Facility</li> <li>○ Dirk Lamberts, Senior environmental and social specialist, Adaptation Fund</li> <li>○ Kabishi Tshilumba, Regional Manager, Green Climate Fund</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Interactive discussion</b> country representatives</li> </ul>
<p><b>12:00 – 13:30</b></p>	<p><b>Session 7: Importance of Monitoring and Evaluation (M&amp;E)</b></p> <p>This session will consider project monitoring and evaluation designs, such as results-based monitoring and evaluation (RBM) frameworks, which funding institutions require. The session will engage multilateral climate funds on their M&amp;E requirements, and further explore how these designs can be incorporated into the project document.</p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Astrid Rahardjo, Regional Climate Finance Expert, UNFCCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Intervention (20 min)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kabishi Tshilumba, Regional Manager, Green Climate Fund</li> <li>○ Tshewang Dorji, Climate Change Specialist, Global Environment Facility</li> <li>○ Dirk Lamberts, Senior environmental and social specialist, Adaptation Fund</li> <li>○ Patrick Martin, Climate finance advisor, UNESCAP</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Interactive discussion</b> with country representatives</li> </ul>
<p><b>13:30-14:30</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch break</b></p>	
<p><b>14:30 – 16:00</b></p>	<p><b>Session 8: Challenges to accessing climate finance and opportunities to overcome</b></p> <p>The participants will go into in-depth discussions on the challenges identified and explore concrete solutions to the issues around access to climate finance, including identifying the roles of different key players in resolving the issues.</p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Debapriya Roy, Team Lead, UNFCCC</p> <p><b>Plenary discussion</b> with country representatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Intervention</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Nyingtob Norbu, ESCAP (Programme of action for LDCs, financing constraints and multilateral action)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ammara Durrani, Assistant Resident Representation, UNDP Pakistan. CO on INFF-related Finance for Development country portfolio &amp; SDGs Investment Facility.</li> <li>● <b>Break-out group exercise</b></li> <li>● <b>Plenary report-back and interactive discussion</b> with funding institutions</li> </ul>
16:00-17:00	Working session - Project concept and project logical framework	

## DAY 3: 10 August 2022

Time	Description	Interventions
<b>TRAINING ON CLIMATE FINANCE ACCESS AND MOBILIZATION</b>		
09:00 – 09:15	<b>Recap of Day 2 and overview of day 3</b>	Yolando Velasco, Manager, Climate Finance subdivision, UNFCCC
09:15 – 10:00	<p><b>Session: Establishing the climate and regional rationale</b></p> <p>This session will elucidate the concept of a climate rationale, a crucial component of developing a project/programme seeking to access climate finance. An interactive panel discussion with several multilateral climate funds will allow the audience to gain insight into their respective perspectives on what a climate rationale is and what a robust climate rationale looks like. Participants will then breakout into smaller groups to work on an exercise in developing a climate rationale using a Mural board, with the intention of developing a succinct articulation of the climate rationale for the respective regional programme ideas identified in session 4 (day 1).</p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Yolando Velasco, Manager, UNFCCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation</b> (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Kabishi Tshilumba, Regional Manager, Green Climate Fund</li> <li>○ Tshewang Dorji, Climate Change Specialist, Global Environment Facility</li> <li>○ Dirk Lamberts, Senior environmental and social specialist, Adaptation Fund</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Interventions</b> (5 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patrick Martin, Climate finance advisor, UNESCAP</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Break out group exercise</b></li> </ul>
10:00– 11:00	<p><b>Session: Determining project bankability and feasibility and establishing the investment framework</b></p> <p>The concept of project bankability and financial feasibility will be addressed, with respective multilateral climate funds providing insight into how they understand and assess if a project/programme is viable; including insights into their investment framework.</p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Astrid Rahardjo, Regional Climate Finance Expert, UNFCCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Patrick Martin, Climate finance advisor, UNESCAP</li> <li>○ Kabishi Tshilumba, Regional Manager, Green Climate Fund</li> <li>○ Tshewang Dorji, Climate Change Specialist, Global Environment Facility</li> <li>○ Dirk Lamberts, Senior environmental and social specialist, Adaptation Fund</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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11:15 – 11:30	<i>Tea/Coffee break</i>	
11:30 – 13:00	<p><b>Session: Project Financing</b></p> <p><b><u>Mobilizing public climate finance</u></b></p> <p>This session will introduce a framework for integrating climate finance into national processes and governance mechanism along with the institutional and policy support needed to mobilize and access climate finance at scale. In addition, this session will also discuss processes and systems in climate budget tagging.</p> <p><b><u>Private sector climate finance</u></b></p> <p>This session will also look into the role of private sector, particularly the SMEs in the mobilization and delivery of climate finance. Presentations will be made on the role of SME on the mobilization and delivery of climate finance, and private sector windows of the financial institutions.</p> <p><b><u>Instruments of climate finance</u></b></p> <p>This session will explore the different instruments to finance climate actions including through concessional loans, grants, equity, green/climate bonds and carbon pricing. It will also look into how public and private finance can be effectively blended to generate the needed capital to support climate projects and programmes. A case study will be presented and discussed to showcase how countries maximize the use of different instruments to achieve their climate finance objectives.</p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Debapriya Roy, Team Lead, UNFCCC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Presentation</b> (20 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Vivek Misra, UNDP (Public climate finance)</li> <li>○ Devahuti Chaudhury, UNDP (Investor priorities mapping)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Case study presentation</b> (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ESCAP financing options paper (Instruments &amp; frameworks) Patrick Martin, Climate finance advisor, UNESCAP</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Intervention</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dirk Lamberts, Senior environmental and social specialist, Adaptation Fund</li> <li>○ Tshewang Dorji, Climate Change Specialist, Global Environment Facility</li> <li>○ Kabishi Tshilumba, Regional Manager, Green Climate Fund</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Interactive discussion</b> with country representatives</li> </ul>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>	



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14:00 – 17:00	<p><b>Session: Working session - Project concept and project logical framework</b></p> <p>In the working session, participants will continue working on Miro board for further developing their potential regional programme ideas based on the learnings from previous sessions, with the intention of presenting these programme concepts in Session 12 (day 4).</p> <p>In this session, participants will work with the trainers in developing a simple logical framework for their project/programme idea, including identifying inputs, activities, outputs, outcomes, and impacts for their projects. The intention is for participants to use the notes, learning and insights from Sessions 5 – 10 to structure their idea using a logical framework, and flesh out a concept note template.</p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Debapriya Roy, Team Lead, UNFCCC</p>

### **DAY 4: 11 August 2022**

Time	Description	Interventions
09:00 – 09:15	<p><b>Recap of Day 3 and overview of day 4</b></p>	<p>Yolando Velasco, Manager, Climate Finance subdivision, UNFCCC</p>
09:15 – 11:00	<p><b>Session 12: Project concept presentations and next steps</b></p> <p>During this session the participants will have an opportunity to present their project concepts they have developed during the workshop. The funding institutions and experts will provide feedback.</p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Debapriya Roy, Team Lead, UNFCCC</p>
11:00 – 11:15	<p><i>Tea/Coffee break</i></p>	
11:15 – 13:00	<p><b>Continuation of Regional climate finance strategy</b></p>	<p><b>Chaired by:</b> Karma C. Nyedrup, Officiating Secretary, National Environment Commission, Bhutan</p>

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13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>	
14:00– 14:45	<p><b>Feedback, summary of the training workshop and next steps</b></p> <p>Participants will discuss next steps on the list of things they can do after the workshop to move the project concepts further. Feedback on the workshop would also be received.</p>	<p><b>Moderated by:</b> Yolando Velasco, Manager, Climate Finance subdivision, UNFCCC</p>
14:45 – 15:00	<p><b>Closing session</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closing remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Alberto Isgut, Acting Section Chief, Financing for Development Section, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, UNESCAP</li> <li>○ Yolando Velasco, Manager, Climate Finance subdivision, UNFCCC</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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