

CIF Asia-Pacific Knowledge Exchange

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Asia, home to almost 60% of the total world population, is one of the most climate vulnerable regions in the world. In 2022 alone, Asia faced 81 weather, climate, and water-related disasters that directly impacted over 50 million people with a total economic loss of USD80 billion.¹ With the global temperature rise set to exceed 1.5° C above pre-industrial level in 2024,² the region is set to experience more devastation and losses from extreme weather events. This calls for even more concerted efforts to strengthen climate and disaster resilience to protect the people, natural environment, and economies in the region. Despite the increasing need for adaptation, the gap in adaptation finance and action is widening: adaptation finance needs are 10-18 times greater than the current international public finance flow (a 50% increase from previous estimates) while adaptation planning and implementation is plateauing.³ The window of opportunity to secure a livable future for all is rapidly closing and transformational action is needed to decarbonize, enhance climate resilience, and protect the nature.

A global leader in climate finance, the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) is the largest multilateral climate fund focused on transformational climate innovation in 72 middle- and low-income countries. Established at the request of G8 and G20 countries in 2008, CIF works exclusively through six multilateral development banks (MDBs) to mobilize investments to pilot and scale cutting-edge climate solutions to address frontier climate challenges the MDBs can't fight on their own. Today, with \$11.5 billion in resources expected to attract at least an additional \$63 billion in co-financing to support almost 400 projects, the CIF presents a unique opportunity for learning in the global climate finance architecture.

The CIF's learning laboratory mandate places a strong emphasis on South-South learning and knowledge exchanges. These types of events are considered critical to capturing and exchanging timely, relevant, and strategic learnings that inform the direction and use of climate finance. This four-day learning event aims to promote knowledge-sharing and broker lessons learned from 15 years of CIF experience in the Asia-Pacific region. It will center on experiences from the Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) and the Forest Investment Program (FIP), with a forward look toward CIF's Nature, People, and Climate Investment Program (NPC) and potential future programs focusing on resilience.

The event will provide countries from across the Asia-Pacific with the opportunity to showcase innovations and outcomes, and discuss the challenges faced and lessons learned in implementing sustainable forestry, climate resilience, and nature-based solutions through the FIP and PPCR projects. A focus will be placed on identifying lessons that could be most useful for CIF countries that will be designing and implementing projects/programs under the newly approved CIF's NPC Program and future resilience program(s), as well as nationally-led adaptation and nature programs.

This knowledge event is a collaboration between the CIF, Government of Cambodia, and the Asian Development Bank, in close collaboration with the World Bank and International Finance Corporation (IFC). It will bring together approximately 100 participants from CIF recipient country governments, contributor countries, the private sector, civil society, Indigenous Peoples, local community groups, other climate finance organizations, as well as CIF MDB partners from the World Bank, IFC, EBRD, and ADB.

¹ [World Meteorology Organization \(2023\)](#).

² <https://mailchi.mp/caa/groundhog-day-another-gobsmackingly-bananas-month-whats-up?e=a524aa228f>

³ [United Nations Environmental Programme \(2023\)](#).

Day 1: Monday, April 1

Financing Resilience, Forestry, and Nature for the Asia-Pacific Region

(GMT+7) 8:00 – 9:00	Participant Registration in Sofitel Phnom Penh’s Ballroom
9:00 – 10:00	High Level Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Warren Evans, Special Senior Advisor for Climate Change, ADB• Hon. Lautimuia Afoa Uelese Vaai, Minister of Finance, Samoa• Tariye Gbadegesin, CEO, CIF• H.E. Dr. Aun Pornmoniroth, Deputy Prime Minister, Kingdom of Cambodia
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:30 – 12:00	Climate Finance for Resilience in the Asia-Pacific Region <p><i>This session will highlight the key resilience outcomes achieved to-date through the CIF’s Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR), and outline future priority needs and strategies for building climate resilience at scale and with speed in this region. Experiences and lessons learned in designing, implementing, monitoring, and reporting of investments under the PPCR will be shared, with a focus on concrete project examples and highlighting resilience impacts from PPCR investments. These insights will feed into practical good practices and lessons that are relevant for ongoing (resilience) investment planning under CIF’s new programs and beyond. In addition, key adaptation challenges and priorities in the region will be identified and perspectives on strategies to meet the needs will be discussed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>10-min presentation</u>: Emmanuel Kouadio, Lead Climate Resilience Programs, CIF• Ou Chantharith, Director, Department of Science and Technology, Ministry of Environment, Kingdom of Cambodia• Jacob Ekinye, PPCR Focal Point, Government of Papua New Guinea• Zhihong Zhang, Senior Climate Finance Specialist, World Bank• Habiba Gitay, Senior Climate Adaption Consultant, Pacific Region Independent Expert• Colleen McGinn, Principal Consultant, ISET International• <u>Moderator</u>: Srinivasan Ancha, Principal Climate Change Specialist, ADB
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:00 – 14:30	Learnings from a Decade of Investing in Forests: Summary of Evidence from the Forest Investment Program <p><i>CIF’s Forest Investment Program (FIP) aimed to be the ‘missing middle’ in helping countries move from REDD+ readiness to results based financing. After a decade of investments in sustainable forests across countries in the Asia-Pacific</i></p>

	<p><i>Region, CIF has commissioned an independent mid-term evaluation of the program's effectiveness in reaching its goals. This session will begin by sharing results and recommendations from the evaluation, followed by a panel to explore the future of sustainable forestry, REDD+, and voluntary carbon markets.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>20-min presentation</u>: Jeffrey Hatcher, Managing Director, Indufor North America LLC • Prakash Nepal, Under Secretary, REDD Implementation Center • Adriana We Tenri Sau, Forest Ecosystem Control Senior Officer, Indonesia's Ministry of Environment and Forestry • Johnson Cerda, Senior Director for DGM Global Executing Agency, Conservation International • Maurice Andres Rawlins, Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank • Paul Hartman, Lead Nature, People and Climate Investment Program, CIF • <u>Moderator</u>: Neha Sharma, Lead Evaluation and Learning Initiative, CIF
<p>14:30 – 15:00</p>	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>
<p>15:00 – 15:30</p>	<p>Lightening Talks: Introduction to the Knowledge Booths <i>A knowledge fair will help demonstrate the work undertaken as part of the PPCR, FIP, and/or DGM in the Asia-Pacific region. During this lightening talk session, each booth lead will have an opportunity to pitch the content of their booth in plenary, before participants browse the different booths.</i></p>
<p>15:30 – 16:30</p>	<p>Knowledge Fair: Showcasing PPCR, FIP, and DGM Work in the Asia-Pacific Region <i>10 participating countries will showcase the PPCR, FIP, and/or DGM work undertaken in their countries. 3 booths from ADB, WB, and CIF will also present relevant information/work in the region.</i></p>
<p>17:00 – 19:00</p>	<p>Welcome Reception <i>Sofitel Phnom Penh Ballroom</i></p>

Day 2: Tuesday, April 2

Field Visits

7:00	Participants meet in hotel Lobby
7:15 – 9:00	Travel to Site No. 1
9:15 – 10:30	Visit Site No. 1: Climate Resilient Rice Commercialization Sector Development Program in Preash Sdech District <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Visit Bopea Senchey Agricultural Cooperative (quality rice seed production and sale, and agriculture cooperative warehouse and drying yard)</i>• <i>Visit Weather Indexed Crop Insurance (WICI) Beneficiary Farmers</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Travel to Site No. 2
11:00 – 12:30	Visit Site No. 2: Climate Resilient Rice Commercialization Sector Development Program in Kampong Trabek District <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Visit Ansong Irrigation Scheme</i>• <i>Visit Laser Land Levelling (LLL) Beneficiaries' Farmers</i>• <i>Visit Famer Water Users Community (FWUC) Site</i>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch at Phum Sokha Ravy Resort (Kampong Trabek District)</i> <i>10-minute overview of PPCR accomplishments in Cambodia</i>
13:30 – 14:00	Travel to Site No. 3
14:00 – 15:30	Visit Site No. 3: The GMS Southern Corridor Towns Development Project in Neak Loeng <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Presentation by the Executing Agency</i>• <i>Tour to see the flood dike</i>• <i>Talk with project beneficiaries</i>
15:30 – 17:00	Travel back to hotel
17:00	Return to hotel

Day 3: Wednesday, April 3

Social Inclusion in Climate Resilience and Sustainable Forestry

<p>9:00 – 10:00</p>	<p>Social Inclusion: Discussion of Intersectionality and Targeted Approach to Ensure Inclusion of Specific Vulnerable Groups</p> <p><i>To ensure equity, justice, and effectiveness of climate resilience and sustainable forestry interventions it is essential to address the needs of groups that are likely to face exclusion from the mainstream processes – women, persons with disabilities, Indigenous Peoples, young people etc. By actively involving these groups in decision-making processes and drawing upon their unique knowledge and perspectives, socially inclusive approaches not only empower them but also enhance the resilience of their communities. Recognizing the specific vulnerabilities faced by these groups, such as limited access to resources and discrimination, inclusive strategies can help bridge gaps in access to information, resources, and opportunities, thereby promoting more equitable distribution of benefits and fostering social cohesion. Furthermore, by amplifying the voices and contributions of these excluded groups, socially inclusive approaches enrich the diversity of perspectives and expertise essential for developing effective and sustainable solutions to climate-related challenges. This session will aim to set the scene for the day, outlining a broader approach to social inclusion, and approaches to address targeted needs of specific groups.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chunn Bunnara, Director of Program Management & Support Division of the National Committee for Sub-National Democratic Developments Secretariat (NCDDS), Cambodia• Abidah Billah Setyowati, Senior Social Development Specialist, WB• Benjamin Burckhart, Senior Social Development Specialist, WB• Zonibel Woods, Senior Gender Specialist, ADB• Louise A. Mcsorley, Social Development Specialist, ADB• Pawattapum (Bright) Charoensuk, ADB Youth Fellow, Thailand• Thanakon (Deck) Sukuman, ADB Youth Fellow, Thailand• <u>Moderator</u>: Nina Kolybashkina, Senior Social Development Specialist, CIF
<p>10:00 – 11:00</p>	<p>Engaging with Indigenous People and Local Communities: Lessons from the Dedicated Grant Mechanism and Beyond</p> <p><i>Around 36% of remaining intact forests are on Indigenous Peoples' lands. Indigenous communities safeguard 80% of the world's remaining biodiversity, and forests on their land are better maintained with higher preserved biodiversity than those on non-Indigenous lands. The CIF's Dedicated Grant Mechanism (DGM) plays a pivotal role in supporting Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities (IPLCs) by providing access to direct financing. This session will discuss the challenges faced by IPLC and best practices to engage them in natural resources management. It will draw on the lessons learned from implementing DGM in Nepal and Indonesia, and discuss how these lessons can</i></p>

	<p><i>be applied in the countries where Investment Plans for new programs are currently under preparation.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>10-min presentation</u>: Paul Hartman, Lead Nature, People and Climate Investment Program, CIF • Surti Handayani, DGM National Steering Committee, Indonesia • Divash Rai, DGM Global Steering Committee, Nepal • Ratna Karki, DGM National Executing Agency, Nepal • Rizqiah Ma'mur, DGM National Executing Agency, Indonesia • Meerim Shakirova, Senior Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank • <u>Moderators</u>: Ines Angulo De Aviles, Forestry Specialist, World Bank and Johnson Cerda, Senior Director for DGM Global Executing Agency, Conservation International
<p>11:00 – 11:30</p>	<p><i>Coffee Break</i></p>
<p>11:30 – 12:30</p>	<p>Building Sustainable and Resilient Health Care Systems in a Changing Climate: Challenges and Opportunities in Asia-Pacific</p> <p><i>This session will showcase challenges and opportunities in building sustainable and resilient health systems, particularly in Asia and the Pacific. This session will discuss the synthesis findings of the climate and health vulnerability assessments that were conducted in several countries and the initial results of the global economic assessment of the health impacts of climate change that were undertaken by the World Bank in collaboration with CIF.</i></p> <p><i>The panel discussion will focus on 1) the challenges in addressing climate impacts as they affect health and healthcare systems; 2) good practice examples and effective solutions and strategies to tackle the challenges posed by climate change on health; 3) multi-sectoral opportunities to improve health outcomes in the face of climate change; and 4) identifying opportunities on climate and health finance.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>10-min presentation</u>: Lorie Rufo, Senior Climate Change Specialist, World Bank • Undersecretary Gloria Balboa, Department of Health, Philippines • Dr. Sravaniya Devi Dasi, Divisional Medical Officer for the Eastern Division, Ministry of Health and Medical Services, Fiji • Lander Bosch, Health Economist, World Bank • <u>Moderator</u>: Emmanuel Kouadio, Lead Climate Resilience Programs, CIF
<p>12:30 – 13:30</p>	<p><i>Lunch Break</i></p>
<p>13:30 – 15:00</p>	<p>Just Transition Workshop</p> <p><i>During this workshop, participants will learn about the CIF and ADB's work on Just Transitions and how these organizations are approaching just transition considerations in their operations, across program cycles. The session will start with short presentations followed by group work and a plenary discussion. The CIF's just transition framework and ADB's just transition principles will be used</i></p>

as a guide to discuss just transition considerations as relevant for resilience and forestry programs. The session will end with a short presentation on CIF's just transition toolbox.

- 10-min presentation: **Neha Sharma**, Senior Evaluation and Learning Specialist, CIF
- 10-min presentation: **Navina Sanchez Ibrahim**, Senior Climate Change Specialist (Just Transition), ADB
- 40-min group exercise: Small group facilitators:
Neha Sharma and **Navina Sanchez Ibrahim**;
Madu Selvakumar, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, CIF;
Nina Kolybashkina, Senior Social Development Specialist, CIF;
Hanna Schweitzer, Knowledge Management Analyst, CIF
- 20-min report out from groups
- 10-min presentation and closing: **Neha Sharma**, Senior Evaluation and Learning Specialist, CIF

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee Break

Workshop on Women's Climate Leadership

Women and women's organizations play a critical role in climate adaptation and mitigation efforts due to their unique perspectives, knowledge, and skills. However, women's voice, agency, and capacities remain unleveraged in climate-related decision-making across the public, private sector, and civil society. This underrepresentation hampers the integration of gender perspectives and social inclusion in crucial decision-making processes and exacerbates pre-existing gender disparities across sectors affected by climate change. The session will draw on CIF's Women Climate Leadership framework to have an interactive discussion with the participants about best practices in advancing women leadership in resilience interventions.

15:30 – 17:00

- 10-min presentation: **Nina Kolybashkina**, Senior Social Development Specialist, CIF
- 20-min of presentations:
Louise A. Mcsorley, Social Development Specialist, ADB
Ainura Djumanaliyeva, Climate Policy and Finance Expert, Climate Finance Center under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic
- 40-min group exercise: Small group facilitators:
Nina Kolybashkina, Senior Social Development Specialist, CIF
Abidah Billah Setyowati, Senior Social Development Specialist, WB
Louise A. Mcsorley, Social Development Specialist, ADB and
Meerim Shakirova, Senior Natural Resources Management Specialist, WB
- 10-min report out from groups
- 10-min presentation and closing: **Nina Kolybashkina**, Senior Social Development Specialist, CIF

Day 4: Thursday, April 4

Scaling Action in Resilience, Sustainable Forestry, and Nature-Based Solutions for the Asia-Pacific Region

9:30 – 11:00

Nature-based Solutions: A frontier approach

This session will include presentations and participatory exercises on Nature-based Solutions (NbS) as an approach to address climate and development challenges of the Asia Pacific region. The core presentations will help participants to better consider what is and isn't NbS and highlight the ambitions of the CIF's Nature, People, Climate Investment Program. A platform will also be provided to representatives from CIF's Youth Fellows to share learnings from their experience working on NbS in Thailand, and from the Dedicated Grant Mechanism to convey the importance of NbS to Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities. Participatory exercises will assist audience members to increase their awareness of NbS approaches in their countries and sectors.

- Opening presentation: Paul Hartman, Lead Nature, People and Climate Investment Program, CIF
- Presentation on Nature-based Solutions from a Youth Perspective: Thanakon (Dech) Sukuman and Pawattapum (Bright) Charoensuk, ADB Youth Fellows, Thailand
- Presentation on Indigenous Peoples' Perspectives and Contributions to Nature-based Solutions: Grace Balawag, Assistant Program Coordinator, Observer, Tebtebba-Indigenous Peoples International Centre on Policy Research and Education

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00

Climate Resilience Program (CRP) Workshop

The multilateral development banks (MDBs) along with the CIF Secretariat are in the process of developing a new climate resilience program (CRP), with an explicit focus on supporting developing countries to scale up investments (public and private) in climate adaptation. In 2023, the MDBs and CIF Secretariat, in consultation with countries and partners, developed the concept of the proposed CRP, which includes three components: (i) undertaking climate resilience diagnostics and developing a holistic adaptation investment strategy; (ii) financing investments that enable and drive adaptation action; and (iii) building country systems to manage residual risk. It is expected that through the three components, the CRP will enable developing countries in identifying and financing strategic and targeted adaptation investments in a programmatic manner; addressing barriers to unlock opportunities for adaptation (public and private) thereby strengthening the wider climate finance architecture.

The objective of this workshop is for the CIF's Asia-Pacific countries, the MDBs (ADB and IBRD), and CIF secretariat to co-design the operational elements of the CRP in close partnership with global climate funds and with inputs from external technical experts.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Moderators:</u> Emmanuel Kouadio, Climate Change Specialist, CIF and Arghya Sinha Roy, Senior Climate Change Specialist, ADB
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Climate Delivery Lab: Operational Barriers to Leveraging Private Sector for Resilience – Lessons from Bangladesh, Nepal, and Cambodia</p> <p><i>The session will follow the format of CDI’s Climate Delivery Labs, where speakers will delineate the development objectives, contextual conditions, planned interventions/activities, and observed delivery challenges of 2 CDI case projects (Promoting Climate Adaptation in Coastal Bangladesh, and Promoting Climate Resilient Agriculture in Nepal), and potentially also those of a (non-CDI) project in Cambodia (e.g., Climate Proofing of Agricultural Infrastructure and Business-focused Adaptation). The room will then be invited, via a facilitated discussion, to pose questions that distill down to the core drivers of the challenges (how, why), and propose solution strategies, with detail on how/why these would be the most effective and best-course actions. The case/project presenters will thereafter reveal the solutions actually delivered, alongside a comparative analysis between these and the strategies the audience may have opted for.</i></p> <p><u>Main foci and questions:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The key incentives/drivers/deterrents for private sector participation in resilience – i.e., what are latent/untapped market failures and opportunities? 2) The trade-offs when bringing the private sector into the resilience architecture—i.e., what are actions/strategies to maximize potential gains and mitigate potential risks/losses to communities? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harsh Vivek, Country Anchor - Upstream and Advisory (Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Maldives), IFC • Siddhant Pandey, Chairman/CEO, Business Oxygen, Nepal; Chairman, White Lotus Centre for Private Sector Development, Nepal • Ros Sopharith, CEO, Kampong Thom Rice Mill Co., Ltd., Cambodia • <u>Moderator:</u> Madu Selvakumar, Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, CIF
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15:30 – 16:30	<p>Cambodia's Vision on Climate Change and the Role of CIF and PPCR: Addressing the Country's Strategies, Challenges, and Progress in Combating Climate Change</p> <p><i>During the session, key stakeholders from the Government of Cambodia will discuss Cambodia's vision for climate change mitigation and adaptation. This vision may include policies, initiatives, and projects aimed at reducing greenhouse</i></p>

gas emissions, enhancing resilience to climate impacts, and promoting sustainable development.

The session will also focus on the role of CIF and PPCR in supporting Cambodia's efforts and how past contributions from CIF and PPCR have played an important role in Cambodia's efforts to tackle climate change. CIF provides financing and technical assistance to developing countries to implement climate-related projects, while the PPCR specifically targets building resilience to climate change impacts.

Discussions may cover how these funds are being utilized in Cambodia, the projects they support, and their impact on enhancing climate resilience and sustainability in the country. Additionally, stakeholders will discuss how to build upon the past achievements to further advance Cambodia's climate goals and explore opportunities for additional funding and collaboration to scale up climate action efforts and address emerging challenges in the face of a changing climate.

Overall, the Government of Cambodia Session serves as a platform for sharing insights, experiences, and best practices in climate action, with a focus on leveraging international support to achieve Cambodia's climate goals.

- **H.E. Sar Chetra**, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia
- **H.E. Dr. Heng Chanthoeun**, Deputy Director General, General Department of Policy and Strategy, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia
- **Sophea Chhim**, Water Resources Management Advisor, Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology, Cambodia
- **Emmanuel Kouadio**, Lead Climate Resilience Programs, CIF
- **Moderator: Thoeun Maniza**, General Department of International Cooperation and Debt Management, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia

16:30 – 17:00

Closing Session

- **Anthony Gill**, Head of Country Operations, ADB's Cambodia Resident Mission
- **Neha Sharma**, Lead Evaluation and Learning Initiative, CIF
- **H.E. Chhuon Samrith**, Director General, General Department of International Cooperation and Debt Management, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia