



Climate Dialogues

In-session workshop on Long-Term Climate Finance (Part I)

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Preety M. Bhandari is currently the Chief of Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management thematic group and is also serving as the Director for Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management Division of the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC) at ADB. She is responsible for providing policy and strategic direction to ADB's initiatives on climate change and disaster risk management, including mobilizing concessional financing from multilateral funds such as the Climate Investment Funds (CIFs) and the Green Climate Fund (GCF). She also has an oversight on climate financing from ADB's own resources including through investments in private sector.

Prior to joining ADB, she was heading the Finance, Technology and Capacity Building Program of the secretariat of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. She led the support to the international negotiations on climate finance, which culminated in the launch of GCF and the Standing Committee on Finance. She coordinated the establishment of the Technology Mechanism under the Convention, which includes the Climate Technology Centre and Network.

She has also worked as the Director of the Policy Analysis Division at TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute) in India.

She has over 33 years of experience in environment, climate change and sustainable development, having worked on projects across Asia, and in multicultural and diverse organizations. She is on the editorial board of *Climate Policy* and has in the past served as a member of the core group on climate change, established by the Government of India to assess India's strategy for the UN climate change negotiations. She has also helped adjudicate for the Climate CoLab at MIT, which mobilizes and harnesses innovative ideas to address the challenge of climate change. She is currently advising initiatives led by the 2050 Pathways Platform, the International Institute for Sustainable Development, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis and the International Science Council. She is contributing as a Lead Author to the sixth assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. She serves on the Board of Gold Standard Foundation.