



## **Experts Meeting on Assessing and Determining the Needs of Developing Countries (related to the implementation of the Climate Change Convention and the Paris Agreement)**

Asian Development Bank Headquarters  
Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines  
10 – 11 July 2019

Organized by the UNFCCC secretariat and the Standing Committee on Finance in partnership with the Asian Development Bank and with the support of the Governments of the Republic of the Philippines and the Republic of Korea

### **Provisional Programme**

#### **Background**

The expert meeting is convened in response to the decision by the Conference of Parties at its twenty-third session (COP 23) requesting the secretariat to explore ways and means to assist developing countries in assessing their needs and priorities in a country-driven manner, and in translating climate finance needs into action (decision 6/CP.23, paragraph 10).

The outcomes of the expert meeting may inform the work of the Standing Committee on Finance in preparing the report requested by COP 24 on the determination of the needs of developing country Parties related to implementing the Convention and the Paris Agreement (decision 4/CP.24, paragraph 13). In this regard, the expert meeting aims:

1. To explore ways and means to assist developing countries in assessing their climate finance needs and priorities based on available information;
2. To gather available quantitative and qualitative information on the needs and priorities of developing countries relating to the Convention and the Paris Agreement from national, regional and global reports; and
3. To identify information availability and gaps, including assessment of the climate finance needs and priorities of developing countries based on available methods and information.

It will specifically cover:

1. Thematic scope: needs in relation to mitigation, adaptation, technology and capacity-building and loss and damage
2. Geographic scope: global, regional and national
3. Sectoral scope: energy, water, agriculture, etc.
4. Policy and other cross-cutting issues

#### **Participants**

The expert meeting will bring together technical experts involved in the assessment and determination of needs of developing countries, including experts that have been involved in the preparation of information on needs in the context of national, regional and global reports as well as experts from MDBs, bilateral DFI, UN programmes and other relevant stakeholders.

#### **Format**

The workshop will be organized in four parts, featuring presentations and interactive discussions among technical experts. The workshop will be co-facilitated by Mr. Zaheer Fakir (South Africa) and Mr. Mattias Frumerie (Sweden).

| Day 1 (10 July 2019) |  |   |
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| Morning session      |  |   |
| 08:00 – 09:00        | Registration   |   |
| 09:00 – 09:30        | <b>Session I: Introduction</b><br><br><i>Opening statements by co-hosts and organizers of the expert meeting</i><br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Opening remarks by a representative of the Climate Change Commission, Philippines</li><li>- Remarks by a representative of the Asian Development Bank</li><li>- Remarks by a representative of the Government of Republic of Korea</li><br/><li>- <i>Introductory remarks by the co-facilitators of the Standing Committee on Finance</i></li><br/><li>- <i>Presentation by the UNFCCC secretariat</i></li></ul>   |   |
| 09:30 – 10:30        | <b>Session II: National and regional needs assessments of developing countries</b><br><br>This session will feature case study presentations on country and regional experiences in assessing climate finance needs aimed at gaining deeper insights on the needs of developing countries.<br><br><u>Exploring ways and means to assess needs and priorities at the national level</u><br><br><i>Open discussions</i>  |   |
| 10:30 – 10:45        | Coffee break   |   |
| 10:45 – 11:45        | <b>Session II National and regional needs assessments of developing countries (continued)</b><br><br><u>Exploring ways and means to assess needs and priorities at the global and regional level</u><br><br><i>Open discussions</i>  |   |
| 11:45 – 12:30        | Parallel breakout discussion groups  |   |
|                      | 1. Breakout group session on ways and means to assess needs and priorities at the national level   | 2. Breakout group session on ways and means to assess needs and priorities at the global and regional level |
|                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- What are the ways and means for assessing the climate finance needs of developing countries based on experiences at the national, regional and global level?<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What are the purposes and uses of quantitative and qualitative information generated by the assessment?</li><li>• What information is useful for the development of needs-based climate finance strategies at the national, sub-regional, and regional levels?</li><li>• What types of information do countries use when formulating funding proposals for projects and programmes?</li></ul></li><li>- What are the outcomes, trends and lessons gained in assessing climate finance?</li><li>- What constitutes best practices in needs assessments?</li></ul> |   |
| 12:30 – 13:30        | Lunch  |   |
| Afternoon sessions   |  |   |
| 13:30 – 14:30        | <b>Session III: Needs assessments by multilateral and bilateral agencies</b><br><br>This session will take a closer look at the experiences of multilateral and bilateral organizations in assessing mitigation and adaptation needs.<br><br><b>Mitigation</b><br><br><b>Adaptation</b><br><br><i>Open discussions</i>   |   |

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| 14:30 – 15:30  | <b>Session III: Thematic assessments of needs (<i>continued</i>)</b><br><br>This session will focus on the experiences of multilateral and bilateral organizations in assessing technology and capacity-building needs.<br><br><b>Technology</b><br><br><b>Capacity-building</b><br><br><i>Open discussions</i>   |  |
| 15:30 – 15:45  | <b>Coffee break</b>   |  |
| 15:45 – 16:45  | <b>Parallel breakout group discussions</b>  |  |
|  | <b>1. Breakout group session on mitigation and adaptation needs</b>   | <b>2. Breakout group session on technology and capacity-building needs</b> |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- What are the outcomes, trends and lessons gained in assessing climate finance needs in the context of capacity-building and technology development and transfer?</li><li>- What types of information do countries use when formulating funding proposals for projects and programmes?</li><li>- What are the main challenges in identifying thematic and sectoral needs, geographic scope, and other aspects of crosscutting nature and quantifying them?</li><li>- What constitutes best practices in assessing thematic, sectoral, and geographic scope of needs?</li></ul> |  |
| 16:45 – 17:30  | Reporting of the outcomes of the parallel breakout group discussions<br><br><i>Open discussions</i><br><br><i>Summary</i>   |  |
| Special Event<br>17:30 – 18:30<br><br><i>Pursuing National and Regional Climate Finance Strategies:<br/>A Needs-based Approach to Mobilizing and Accessing Climate Finance</i> |   |  |
| <b>Day 2 (11 July 2019)</b>  |   |  |
| <b>Morning session</b>   |   |  |
| 09:00 – 10:00  | <b>Session IV: Mapping out information availability and gaps</b><br><br>This session will feature interactive group discussions on availability of data on needs of developing countries and information gaps. The objective is to map out available data and identify gaps.<br><br><b>Parallel break-out group discussion</b>  |  |
|  | <b>1. Breakout group session on national assessments</b>  | <b>2. Breakout group session on regional/sub-regional assessments</b>      |
|  | Participants will be assigned to one of the break-out groups to discuss possible scope of needs assessment, how to determine the needs and to aggregate the information at national, regional and global levels. In particular, each breakout group will discuss the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Data availability, coverage and aggregation</li><li>- Information gaps</li><li>- Identifying areas for further work in the future.</li></ul>  |  |
| 10:00 – 10:45  | <b>Session IV Mapping out information availability and gaps (<i>continued</i>)</b><br><br><i>Reporting of the outcomes of the parallel breakout group discussions</i>   |  |
| 10:45 – 11:00  | <b>Coffee break</b>   |  |
| 11:00 – 12:00  | <i>Interactive discussions on the purposes, uses and relevance of needs assessment and determination in developing countries in the context of the Convention and the Paris Agreement</i>   |  |

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| <b>12:00 – 13:30</b>      | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| <b>Afternoon sessions</b> |  |
| <b>13:30 – 14:30</b>      | <p><b>Session V: Translating climate finance needs into action</b></p> <p>This session will explore the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approaches of translating climate finance needs and priorities into action based on the experiences at the country, regional and global levels.</li> <li>2. Strategies for translating needs.</li> </ol> <p><i>Open discussions</i></p>   |
| <b>14:30 – 15:30</b>      | <p><b>Parallel breakout group discussions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Approaches:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>What insights have been gained at the country, regional and global levels in needs assessments?</i></li> <li>- <i>What are the processes for determining quantitative and qualitative information on needs in the experiences of countries and institutions that have included such information in NDCs, NAPs, national, regional, global reports, development strategies and other reports and how can those processes be further enhanced?</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <i>Strategies:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>What are the institutional arrangements that facilitate the use of information on needs of developing countries in the development of climate finance strategies and provision and mobilization of climate finance?</i></li> <li>- <i>What experience have countries made in identifying and accessing support to address their identified needs and priorities?</i></li> </ul> </li> </ol> |
| <b>15:30 – 15:45</b>      | <b>Coffee break</b>  |
| <b>15:45 – 16:30</b>      | <i>Reporting of the outcomes of the parallel breakout group discussions</i>  |
| <b>16:30 – 17:30</b>      | <p><b>Session VI: Concluding session</b></p> <p><i>Next steps/collaboration opportunities</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Institutional arrangements</li> <li>- Opportunities for exchange of information and networking</li> </ul> <p><i>Closing remarks</i></p>   |