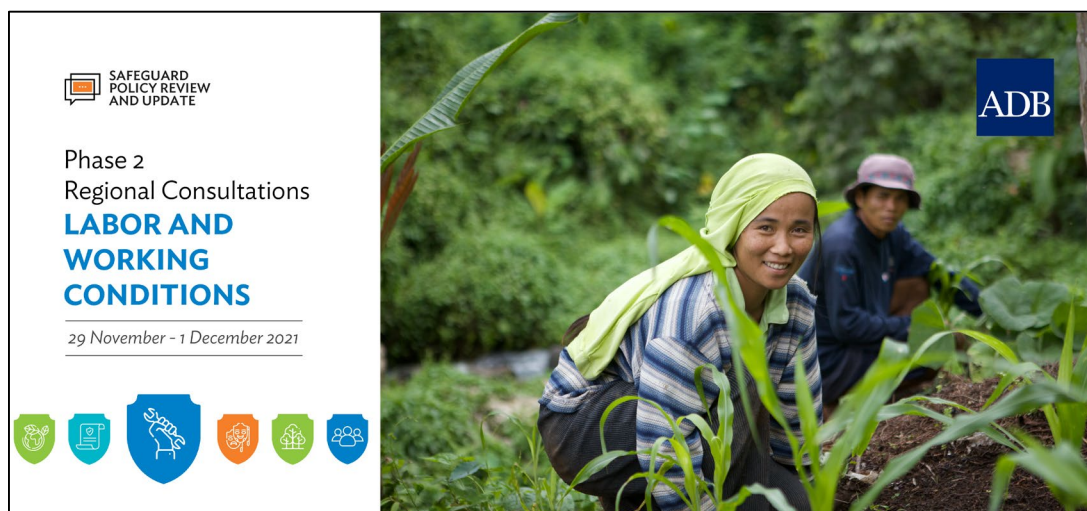


ADB Safeguard Policy Review and Update: Phase 2 Regional Consultations on Labor and Working Conditions



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 Labor and Working Conditions

ADB is considering the inclusion of labor and working conditions as part of the new safeguard policy to consolidate the provisions in [ADB's Social Protection Strategy on core labor standards with safeguard practices](#). The inclusion will cover ADB policies and requirements to operationalize the core labor standards in ADB financed projects and programs covering the four areas: child labor, forced labor, freedom of association and collective bargaining, and discrimination in employment and occupation.

The consultations will present the findings of a study on labor and working conditions benchmarking, and seek feedback from stakeholders on any potential implementation concerns to be considered in the process of developing labor and working conditions as part of safeguard.

Purpose

The objective of these consultations is to obtain a better understanding of the views of stakeholders on implementation challenges in consolidating ADB's labor and working conditions in safeguards, 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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