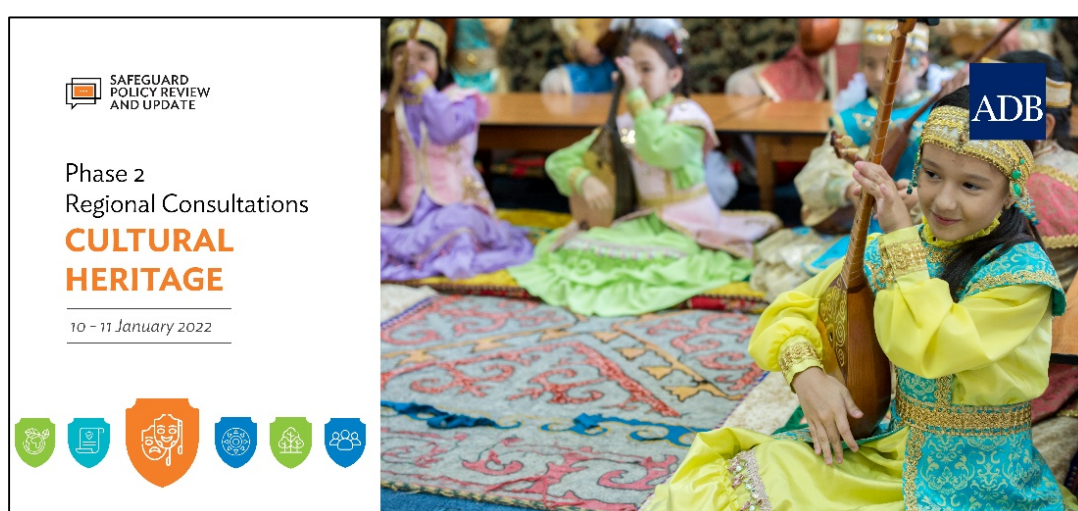


ADB Safeguard Policy Review and Update: Phase 2 Regional Consultations on Cultural Heritage



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 Cultural Heritage

The consultations will solicit feedback on the application of the current Physical Cultural Resources safeguard requirement. ADB will consult with stakeholders on their experiences in preserving or protecting cultural heritage by avoiding or reducing impacts on moveable or immovable items with archaeological or cultural significance, looking at practical options for mitigating impacts on both tangible and intangible resources, and identifying related challenges that can potentially be clarified and addressed as part of the policy review. Comments received during the consultations will inform the revision of the ADB's standard on cultural heritage.

Purpose

The objective of these consultations is to obtain a better understanding of the views of stakeholders on the implementation challenges, good practices, and recommended future policy directions related to ADB's cultural heritage safeguards.

Target Participants

The regional consultations will involve developing member countries, civil society organizations, and other non-government stakeholders.

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