

## ADB Safeguard Policy Review and Update: Phase 2 Regional Consultations on Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (SEAH)



### 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 Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (SEAH)*

This consultation will solicit feedback on preliminary findings from a benchmarking study on Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment (SEAH) which compares ADB's current policy practices on the topic to those of other multilateral financial institutions (MFIs).

This is to help ADB understand where there are gaps and convergences, and where it needs to go further in meeting evolving safeguards needs in this area. The views and opinions received during the consultations will inform appropriate entry-points for SEAH and safeguards and linkages to safeguards needs of other potentially vulnerable groups.

### Purpose

The objective of these consultations is to obtain a better understanding of the views of stakeholders on ADB's sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (SEAH) safeguards implementation challenges, good practices and recommended future policy directions.

### Target Participants

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

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