

STAKEHOLDER GROUP (S): ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK - ADB

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Session Summary:

- The WB and ADB should share lessons learned on work with Payments for Environmental Services (PES), and the operationalization of ecosystem valuation into the budgetary framework.
- Climate resilient growth calls for synergies between adaptation and mitigation actions: there can be both local and global benefits, but there may be trade-offs at the country level. Will the Strategy address the trade-off question?
- How will the WBG keep the messages from consultations on your "open ended" concept note consistent and coherent moving forward?
- For the first time there are substantial resources available for environmental management (through climate financing and REDD plus) - this influences the demand and also creates many opportunities to address environmental issues.
- The WBG and ADB should join forces to promote transformational changes.
- Are there ways that we can improve our efforts at institution building?
- The potential for South-South cooperation in Asia is very big. Renewable energy activities in China and India, for example, are driving prices down. We should support and promote South-South cooperation to improve environmental outcomes.
- Critical regional ecosystems that support livelihoods require transboundary approaches: water/river basins, oceans, etc. Strengthening cooperation in these areas is challenging; knowledge sharing and dissemination of lessons learned is happening but programming is still at the national level. Can we work together to improve transboundary approaches?
- How can regional institutions be strengthened to address these transboundary issues?
- Does the World Bank Group (WBG) already have a direction in mind for the Strategy in terms of measuring and monitoring (indicators)?
- Will the WBG bring back green national accounting?



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- China is doing a lot on the "green economy" but there does not appear to be a consistent understanding of what a "green economy" approach means among actors and countries. We should contribute to a unified understanding and approach.
- Could the WB and International Finance Corporation harmonize/integrate their safeguards approaches so that we can all work together to propagate them globally?
- We should clarify what we mean by transformational versus sustainable development and what the linkages are.
- Is there a dimension for the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda in the new Strategy?



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