Webinar Series on "Advancing Nature-based Solutions to address Climate Change in the Asia-Pacific Region"

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Background

There is increasing recognition today of the vital contribution that Nature-based Solutions – centred on the conservation, restoration and sustainable management of the world's ecosystems – can make in addressing climate change and advancing the mitigation and adaptation goals of the Paris Agreement. This webinar series will bring together leading organisations, policymakers, practitioners and experts working on different aspects of this topic to share the latest guidance and insights on how this recognition can be translated into concrete actions and policies within the Asia-Pacific region. They will also provide an opportunity to showcase some of the best practices being undertaken by governments on this issue within the region and enable greater experience sharing and peer-to-peer learning.

Webinar 4 – Investing in Nature: Financing Nature-Based Solutions for Adaptation and Mitigation

Date & Time: September 24 13:00 am – 14:30 pm ICT

Registration Link: Registration form

As countries in Asia and the Pacific prepare their third round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs 3.0) and continue to advance National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), a persistent challenge remains: mobilising adequate and timely finance to translate Nature-based Solutions (NbS) from policy commitments into concrete, scaled-up action. While NbS are increasingly recognised as cost-effective approaches that deliver multiple co-benefits, mitigation, adaptation, biodiversity conservation, water and food security, disaster risk reduction, and sustainable livelihoods financing flows for NbS are still far below what is needed.

Countries in the region face common barriers: limited access to international climate finance, insufficient domestic budget allocation, lack of investment-ready pipelines, and limited private sector engagement. Addressing these gaps is critical if NbS are to fulfil their potential as a cornerstone of climate action.

This fourth and final webinar in the series will take a deep dive into financing NbS, exploring practical pathways and solutions to unlock and scale up investments. It will highlight how countries can better connect NbS priorities in NDCs and NAPs with financing strategies, including national budget processes, bilateral and multilateral climate finance, private investment, blended finance, and innovative instruments such as green bonds and carbon markets.

The session will bring together policymakers, practitioners, and financing experts to share lessons from Asia-Pacific countries on:

- Developing investment-ready NbS pipelines aligned with NDCs and NAPs;
- Mobilising domestic and international climate finance for NbS, with a focus on adaptation, resilience, and disaster risk reduction;
- Engaging private sector actors and leveraging blended finance models;
- Showcasing country experiences where NbS financing has been successfully scaled.

By focusing on the finance dimension, this webinar will provide participants with practical insights on how to move from commitments to investment, strengthening the enabling environment for NbS and accelerating climate-resilient development in the region.

Objectives

- Explore practical pathways to mobilize finance for Nature-based Solutions (NbS) that support NDC and NAP priorities, with emphasis on adaptation, resilience, and disaster risk reduction.
- Share lessons and experiences from Asia-Pacific countries on accessing international climate finance, mobilizing domestic resources, and engaging the private sector for NbS.
- Highlight innovative financing mechanisms (e.g., blended finance, green bonds, carbon markets) that can help scale NbS investments.
- Promote stronger linkages between NbS planning and financing strategies, ensuring that NbS commitments are translated into bankable projects and investment-ready pipelines.

Expected Outcomes

- Enhanced understanding of financing pathways that can unlock and scale investments in NbS for adaptation, resilience, and disaster risk reduction.
- Peer learning from Asia-Pacific countries on innovative approaches to mobilize finance, including domestic budget allocations, international climate funds, and private sector engagement.
- Strengthened collaboration among governments, development partners, and financial institutions to develop investment-ready NbS pipelines and expand access to diverse sources of finance

Agenda

Moderator: Sertaç Turhal, Country Engagement Specialist-NDC Partnership

Time	Session Title and Format	Presenter/Organisation
5 min	Opening Remarks	UNFCCC
5 min	Framing the Session: Unlocking finance for NBS	UNFCCC RCC Asia-Pacific
10 min	The Financing Landscape for NbS in Asia-Pacific: Opportunities and Barriers	IUCN
10 min	Financing NbS in NDCs and NAPs: Pathways and Instruments	NDC Partnership Climate Finance Hub

Time	Session Title and Format	Presenter/Organisation
55 min	Country Experiences Panel: Mobilising Finance for NbS – From Commitments to Investments Countries will present case studies on how they are financing NbS for adaptation, resilience, and DRR. Examples may include mobilising domestic budgets, accessing climate funds, and engaging private sector and innovative financing models. Followed by moderated Q&A. Followed by moderated Q&A.	Moderator: IUCN- Countries: PNG, India, Rep of Korea (tbc)
5 min	Closing Reflections	ESCAP