

Financing Locally Led Adaptation in Asia and the Pacific and AF Accreditation

29-30 April 2024 Summary Report



Introduction

The workshop took place at the Asian Development Bank Headquarters in Manila, Philippines on 29 -30th April 2024 and brought together government representatives from selected developing countries in Asia Pacific region to (i) enhance their knowledge on the importance of locally-led adaptation as an approach to improve climate resilience of communities recognizing the value of local knowledge, leveraging the strengths of existing local systems, and promoting equitable decision-making; and (ii) strengthen their capacity to access climate finance such as the Adaptation Fund's Direct Access modality for supporting local level adaptation initiatives, and through the ADB administered Community Resilience Partnership Program (CRPP).

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has established its CRPP to support its developing member countries scale up investments in adaptation at the local level, especially investments that address the nexus of climate, poverty, and gender. The CRPP is providing three types of support (i) strengthening of policy environment in developing countries in support of local level adaptation; (ii) mobilizing large scale public investments in poverty reduction to support community-led adaptation; and (iii) enhancing meaningful participation of vulnerable women and men in resilience-related decision-making. With the intention to support countries increase investments in adaptation at the local level, the CRPP aims to build capacity of governments and stakeholders to mobilize resources, including from global climate funds, such as the Adaptation Fund, for community-led adaptation interventions

Key highlights form the workshop include:

- Possibly ADB could provide in kind support (not through the readiness package grant as ADB is currently ineligible) to specific countries (matching ADB and AF priorities) to support DAs and entities to be accredited with AF. The country will then be in a position to access AF LLA window in the context of ADB Community Resilience Partnership Program (CRPP) investment plan in that country;
- ADB maybe interested on submitting an expression of interest to serve as aggregator for small grants for LLA under the global LLA aggregator programme;

Closing Remarks

The webinar closed with concluding remarks from Silvia Mancini, who thanked everyone for their participation and their engagement in the workshop.