



Asia Leadership Program on Sustainable Development and Climate Change

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The Program's Vision and Goal

- * **Vision:** Empowered and committed leaders to integrate sustainable development (SD) and climate change (CC) into national priorities and action plans to drive the Asia and Pacific region to reduce poverty by sustained and inclusive green growth through knowledge-based partnerships with recognized centers of excellence with relevant regional experience and the ADB
- * **Goal:** To inspire leadership and empower participants through the acquisition of relevant insights and skills, and to take actions for integrating SD and CC priorities into policies, strategies and programs for economic and social development through a process of active learning focussing on change and transformation

Program to date

- * Roundtable Meeting with Potential Partners (Manila, January 2012)
- * Pilot Program (Manila, September 2012) – co-learning with DMC officials and ADB operations staff
- * Asia Leadership Program on Sustainable Development and Climate Change (Delhi, 2-17 February 2013, in collaboration with TERI following the 2013 Delhi Sustainable Development Summit): 69 participants (3 levels of executive, senior, and technical) representing 26 DMCs



Asia Leadership Program 2-17 February 2013, India



- 3-day executive-level policy makers program focused on the need for leadership to address SD/CC challenges
- 21 executive level officials participated from ADB's Developing Member Countries (DMCs)

- Five day senior-level program was based on a field study of SD and CC issues relating to the Ganges
- 47 DMC officials participated



- Seven day technical-level program focused on individual accountability and action
- 20 DMC officials participated
- Focus on “operationalizing” priorities in discussion sessions and group projects

Curriculum Topics

- * Topics included: systems thinking; strategic planning; global sustainable development governance post Rio+20; sustainable development models and tools for decision makers; financing sustainable development; sustainable development technology; climate change adaptation and mitigation; low carbon development; energy, transport, land use and waste as drivers of climate change; the food-energy-water-climate nexus; green cities; community-driven SD and CC-related solutions; and risk, vulnerability and resilience
- * Case studies (Bangladesh and Nepal)

“Next Steps”

- Refining, expanding and leveraging the Program
- Focus on knowledge sharing to operationalize SD- and CC-solutions in planning, and project design and implementation
- On-line knowledge platform
- Building a community of learners and leaders
- Blended learning
- eLearning modules, e.g., transport and energy
- Case studies to “operationalize” experiences of DMCs and ADB and partners

Potential Partnerships

- Korea Development Institute (KDI) School (March 2014 Leadership Program)
- Asia LEDS Partnership
- Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), Japan
- The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), India
- Tsinghua University, PRC
- University of Cambridge, UK
- Tokyo Development Learning Center, World Bank