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The Global Battle against Climate Change Will be Won or Lost in Asia and the Pacific

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The Asia and Pacific region has the largest number of climate-vulnerable people worldwide. **Six of ten nations most affected by extreme weather events are in the region.** Over recent decades, the region has experienced a significant increase in the number, intensity, and impact of extreme weather events (e.g., tropical cyclones, floods, droughts, heat waves). Climate change imposes significant costs that are expected to increase in the coming years, translating directly into adaptation needs.



The Asia and Pacific region is a major and growing source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, which are rising as more energy is consumed with rapid urbanization, economic and industrial growth. Future climate change will be less severe if such emissions are reduced. Since much of the needed infrastructure in the region is yet to be built, strengthening climate resilience across built infrastructure and ecosystems presents a great opportunity.

The achievement of the Paris Agreement target depends on the implementation of progressively more ambitious nationally determined contributions (NDCs). However, current NDCs are

insufficient to meet the 2°C target and there is lack of public resources, weak financial and institutional systems, and limited climate knowledge and awareness, to scale up and implement NDCs.

To a significant extent, climate change will determine the sustainable development of countries in the Asia and Pacific region. Significant reduction in GHG emissions need to materialize and emerging climate vulnerabilities in the region need to be addressed. Against this backdrop, effective solutions that contribute to low-carbon and climate-resilient development are needed across the region.

SPEAKERS:

- **Woochong Um**, Director General, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB
- Representative from the People's Republic of China
- **Naina Lal Kidwai**, Chair, Indian Sanitation Commission; Former chair, HSBC India; Former president, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
- **Ingrid-Gabriela Hoven**, Director-General, Global Issues—Sector Policies and Programmes at the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
- Pacific Representative
- **Jerome Ilagan**, Policy Development Chief, Climate Change Commission, the Philippines
- Moderator: **Helen Mountford**, Vice President, Climate & Economics, World Resources Institute (WRI)

Refreshments will be served at the event.

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Photos, from top: (1) A family crosses the flooded streets of Pakistan. (2) A farmer works at his farm in Mongolia, where "Strengthening Carbon Financing for Regional Grassland Management" promotes climate-smart agricultural activities. (3) Typhoon Rammasun, known in the Philippines as Typhoon Glenda, passes through Laguna Province with winds in excess of 120 kph in the early morning of 16 July 2014.

