

# Final Planning Workshop on Enhancing Climate Change Adaptation in Southeast Asia

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The Final Planning Workshop on Enhancing Climate Change Adaptation in Southeast Asia was held in Hotel Jen Manila, Philippines, on 14-15 October 2015, with participants comprising government partners and science partners from ASEAN countries, as well as representatives of India's counterpart to the ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change (AWGCC) and the ASEAN Secretariat. This workshop was organized in collaboration with the ASEAN Secretariat, the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru, Asian Network on Climate Science and Technology (ANCST), Asia-Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN), University of the Philippines Los Banos (UPLB), and University of the Philippines Diliman. The workshop was officiated by Professor Fernando C. Sanchez, Jr, Chancellor of University of The Philippines Los Banos (UPLB).

The workshop was organized as part of a programme listed under the activities of the Project on Enhancing Local Level Climate Change Adaptation in Southeast Asia (Phase 1), the first approved under the ASEAN-India Green Fund. The Project, implemented by Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia's Southeast Asia Disaster Prevention Research Initiative (SEADPRI-UKM), has Professor Joy Jacqueline Pereira of SEADPRI-UKM as the Project Coordinator from the ASEAN side and Prof. N.H. Ravindranath from the Indian Institute of Science (IISc.), Bengaluru as the Project Coordinator from India. Activities of the Project in Phase I consisted of an inception workshop and a final planning workshop, with the needs assessment and scoping study in between. The inception workshop was held on 5-6 February 2015 in Bangi, Malaysia. The scoping study had been ongoing since the inception workshop and the preliminary findings were presented in the final planning workshop.

The output of the Final Planning Workshop will serve as input to developing the regional ASEAN –India work programme on climate change adaptation, particularly on the establishment of a network for the climate change adaptation or ASEANadapt. It will also contribute to the ASEAN strategic plan of action on post-2015 environmental cooperation to be developed and implemented in line with the ASEAN vision 2025 and the ASCC blueprint of 2025.