

**REGIONAL SEMINAR**  
**GENDER, POVERTY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT**  
**ADB AND PROJECT EXECUTING AGENCIES**  
**March 24-26**  
**Hanoi, Viet Nam**

**Wednesday, March 24: Gender Policies, Analysis and Practices**

**Objective:** The purpose of the first day is to provide an overview of ADB's Gender and Development (GAD) policy, guidance on how to do gender analysis and Gender Action Plans (GAPs) and showcase examples of gender inclusive loan design and implementation.

8:30 –9:00 am	<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	--Shireen Lateef
9:00 –10:00 am	<i>Opening Remarks:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Mr. Bradford Phillips, Country Director, ADB/Viet Nam</li><li>▪ Mme/Mr. (TBD), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Viet Nam</li></ul>	
10:00 – 10:30 am	COFFEE BREAK	
10:30 – 11:00 am	<i>ADB Mission, GAD Policy and Progress</i>	--Shireen Lateef
11:00 – 12:00 pm	<i>Gender Analysis and Gender Mainstreaming: What, When, How and Why?</i>	--Tulin Pulley
12:00 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH: Video A Voice Of Her Own	
1:00 – 2:00 pm	<b>Rural Infrastructure: Markets and Roads</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Third Infrastructure Development Project</i> --Mr. Wahidur Rahman</li><li>▪ <i>Rural Infrastructure Improvement Project</i> --Mr. Abdus Shaheed Bangladesh, Local Government Engineering Department</li></ul>	
2:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Rural Poverty Reduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Malakand Rural Development Project</i> Pakistan</li></ul>	--Mr. Jamshed ul Hasan
3:00 – 3:15 pm	COFFEE BREAK	

3:15 – 4:15 pm

**Livestock Productivity**

- *Third Livestock Development Project* --Dr. Laxman Sherchand
- *Community Livestock Development Project*  
Nepal, Department of Livestock Services

4:15 – 5:00 pm

**Agricultural Diversification: New Inputs and Technology with Extension and Training**

- *North West Crop Diversification Project* --Ms. Ferdousi Begum  
Bangladesh

EVENING

**Water Puppet Show**

## **Thursday, March 25: Water Resources Management**

**Objective:** The purpose of the second day is to explore gender issues in more depth in an area of key importance to poverty reduction and rural development: Water Resources Management (WRM). In the morning, the participants will work in groups where they will identify gender and water issues, understand the connections between gender, water, infrastructure, agriculture, health and governance, develop a Gender Action Plan for a sample WRM project and learn about some successful country experiences. In the afternoon, the participants will go on a field trip to observe and discuss gender issues in WRM with beneficiaries under the Viet Nam Red River Basin Project.

8:30 – 9:00 am	<i>Overview: Gender and Water Resources</i>	--Jennifer Francis
9:00 -- 10:15 am	<i>Working Groups</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Identifying Gender Issues in WRM</li><li>▪ Developing a GAP for a sample WRM Project</li></ul>	
10:15 – 10:30 am	COFFEE BREAK	
10:30 – 11:00 am	<i>Working Group Presentations and Discussion</i>	--Jennifer Francis
11:00 – 12:00 pm	<b>Sharing of Good Practices</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Building Gender Responsive Water User Associations</i> Nepal, Department of Irrigation --Mr. Baburam Adhikari/Ava Shrestha</li><li>▪ <i>Second Small Scale Water Resources Sector Development Project,</i> Bangladesh, Local Government Engineering Department --Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque/Ferdousi Begum</li><li>▪ <i>Red River Basin Project</i> Viet Nam --Mr. Chu Tuan Dat /Nguyen Tuyen</li></ul>	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 - 5:00 pm	<b>Field Visit: Red River Basin Project</b> Focus Group Discussion with Beneficiaries	--Nguyen Tuyen
EVENING	FREE	

## **Friday, March 26: Lessons From The Field**

**Objective:** The purpose of the third day is for participants to share their respective experiences in designing and implementing gender sensitive programs for poverty reduction and rural development focusing on agriculture, livestock, rural infrastructure, rural finance and governance. The field level experiences will highlight the importance of building a gender responsive environment at policy, institutional and community levels in order to strengthen local ownership and sustainability of rural development programs.

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| 8:30 – 9:00 am   | <i>Discussion: Field Visit</i>  | --Jennifer Francis |
| 9:00 – 9:45 am   | <b>Gender Responsive Policy Environment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Gender Reform Program</i><br/>Pakistan</li></ul>   | --Ismat Shajehan   |
| 9:45 – 10:00 am  | COFFEE BREAK  |                    |
| 10:00 – 11:00 am | <b>Gender Inclusive Sector Strategy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Gender Strategy for Agricultural and Rural Development</i><br/>Vietnam, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development<br/>--Mme Nguyen Hoan Loan/Nguyen Tuyen</li><li>▪ Proposal for GAD Policy and Strategies for Agriculture<br/>Cambodia, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries<br/>--Mr. Kuy Huot/ Kheng Samvada</li></ul>                         |                    |
| 11:00 – 12:00 pm | <b>Institutionalizing Gender in Executing and Implementing Agencies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Local Government Engineering Department</i><br/>Bangladesh<br/>--Mr. Wahidur Rahman/Ferdousi Begum</li><li>▪ <i>Department of Livestock Services</i><br/>Nepal<br/>--Dr. Laxman Sherchand/Ava Shrestha</li></ul>   |                    |
| 12:00 – 1:00 pm  | LUNCH   |                    |
| 1:00 – 2:00 pm   | <b>Facilitating Community Participation and Ownership</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <i>Central Region Livelihood Improvement Project</i><br/>Vietnam, Ministry of Planning and Implementation<br/>--Ms Phan Thi Thai Ha/Nguyen Tuyen</li><li>▪ <i>Community Empowerment for Rural Development Project</i><br/>Indonesia, Directorate General Community and Village<br/>Empowerment<br/>--Ms. Tri Murtiningrum/Leya Cattleya</li></ul> |                    |

2:00 – 3:00 pm	<b>Financial Services For Rural Entrepreneurs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Poverty Reduction in Karakalpakstan Project</i> Uzbekistan, Ministry of Economy of Republic of Karakalpakstan --Mr. Abdrakhmanov Mustafa/Mekhri Khudayberdiyeva</li> </ul>	
3:00 – 3:15 pm	COFFEE BREAK	
3:15 – 4:00 pm	<b>Building Post Conflict Rural Livelihoods</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>North East Community Restoration and Development Project</i> Sri Lanka, Ministry of Home Affairs, Provincial Councils and Local Government --Mr. Thambiah.Lankaneson/Shiranee Mills</li> </ul>	
4:00 – 5:00 pm	Workshop Closure and Evaluation	--Shireen Lateef
EVENING	FREE	