



Webinar Series on the Economics of Climate Change

Episode 5: Putting Corporate Climate Disclosure at the Center of National Climate Strategies to Scale up Private Climate Finance

Countries in Asia and the Pacific have committed to developing climate actions and scaling up climate finance to respond to the climate emergency and achieve low-carbon development. Yet, the region needs substantial finance to realize these goals.

Public sector financing will not be enough to generate the necessary investment to (i) address the physical risks and promote climate adaptation while mitigating greenhouse gas emissions or (ii) address the transition risks and support low-carbon development. To close this gap, governments must tap into private investments to scale up climate finance. Investors, therefore, need to know which corporations are climate-friendly and understand the opportunities so they can direct their investments to where they would be the most impactful for responding to climate change and building a path toward carbon neutrality. This requires high-quality climate-related information disclosure by corporates.

This webinar will (i) dig into the centrality of sustainability reporting from enterprises to respond to climate change and reduce GHG emissions, (ii) present the key concepts of corporate climate disclosure such as transition risks, physical risks, net zero carbon neutrality, existing standards (e.g., TCFD and ISSB), GHG emissions tracking, (iii) focus on how companies can gradually implement climate disclosure with some discussion about the key challenges they face and (iv) lay out actions by financial regulators and best practices to design adequate regulatory framework promoting ambitious climate disclosure.

Why is corporate climate information disclosure so important? What should be expected from companies? Which companies should disclose? What should be disclosed? How to strike the right balance between setting ambitious climate disclosure rules and avoiding too heavy obligations that can be costly for companies? Which international standards should be used as a reference? What are the challenges faced by regulators and what are the solutions available? These are the questions the webinar will try to answer.

Agenda	
10:00 – 10:05	Opening remarks Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean and CEO, ADBI
10:05 – 10:15	Centrality of corporate climate disclosure and existing standards Sayuri Shirai, Advisor for Sustainable Policies, ADBI
10:15 – 10:25	How can companies gradually implement adequate climate information disclosure? Challenges and Solutions Lingfeng Zheng, Sustainability Analyst, EcoVadis
10:25 – 10:35	Country Case Study: Approach and instruments developed by Malaysia Securities Commission Nadia Zainuddin, General Manager, Corporate Governance Department, Securities Commission Malaysia
10:35 – 10:55	Panel discussion Moderator: Agnes Surry, Deputy Head of Capacity Building and Training, ADBI
10:55- 11:00	Main takeaways Agnes Surry, ADBI