COOPERATION ARRANGEMENT
BETWEEN
THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
AND
THE INSTITUTE OF GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGIES

I. Description of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)

1. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is an international development finance institution established in 1966 and owned by its 68 members. ADB’s main goal is to achieve a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific region (the region), while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty.

2. The Institute of Global Environmental Strategies (IGES), established by an initiative of the Japanese Government in 1998, is an international research institute that conducts pragmatic and innovative strategic policy research to support sustainable development in the region. IGES has currently five satellite offices and three affiliated organizations.

3. On 3rd day of December 2010, ADB and IGES entered into a Letter of Intent (LOI) on the cooperation to support environmentally sustainable growth throughout the region. An extension of the LOI was signed on 3rd day of March 2015 which terminated on 3rd day of March 2020.

4. During the past decade, ADB and IGES have collaborated on a number of programs and projects intended to assist developing countries in the region to reach their national and regional environmental objectives. Under the LOIs, ADB and IGES have mutually benefitted from the collaboration in a range of areas, including Joint Crediting Mechanism of Japan, climate change co-benefits, and implementation of environment-related sustainable development goals.

5. On this basis, ADB and IGES have agreed to establish a cooperation arrangement (CA) to further strengthen the relationship, taking account of longer-term perspectives, based on the mutual interests of the two organizations, and in service of the developing countries of the region.

II. Objective and Guiding Principles of the Partnership

6. ADB and IGES intend to cooperate to support tackling climate change and enhancing environmental sustainability throughout the region. This is in line with ADB’s Strategy 2030 Operational Priority 3 “Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability” which aims to scale up support to address climate change, disaster risks, and environmental degradation as well as IGES’ Integrative Strategic Research Programme.

7. The comparative advantages of the two organizations are seen as complementary, with ADB as a development finance and policy support institution and IGES generating strategic research products on environment and development, supporting capacity
building in the region, and able to support project and program development based on an understanding of best available practices.

8. ADB and IGES shall focus on their shared strategic and operational priorities and use their comparative strengths and advantages to:
   a. select and develop collaborative activities to bring a clear benefit to both organizations and their members/partners;
   b. undertake any collaborative activities with a clear, mutual, written understanding as to which organization will undertake what activity (or portion of the activity); and
   c. enhance information and knowledge sharing, including products of lessons learned and evaluations.

9. ADB and IGES recognize that effective cooperation depends upon open, comprehensive and regular exchange of information at the institutional level.

III. Areas of Cooperation

10. Two principal areas of cooperation identified between ADB and IGES are:
   a. climate change, including Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and other carbon markets, transparency for climate action and support, co-benefits, and Asia-Pacific adaptation information platform and Asia-Pacific adaptation network; and
   b. environmental management, including sustainable development goals, sustainable cities and infrastructure, sustainable consumption and production and circular economy, and recovery from COVID-19 crisis.

IV. Forms of Cooperation

11. Potential forms of cooperation include the following:
   a. Exchange of information
   b. Joint events and meetings
   c. Attendance at meetings
   d. Consultations
   e. Training
   f. Capacity building
   g. Publications
   h. Sharing of best practices
   i. Joint analytical work

12. Cooperative activities are specified in Appendix 1: ADB and IGES Joint Work Program on Climate Changes and Environmental Management 2020-2025. Appendix 1 may be amended from time to time by written consent of ADB and IGES without the need to formally amend this CA.

V. Contributions of ADB and IGES to the Partnership

13. ADB and IGES agree that the activities, mentioned in the Appendix 1, should be consistent with the priorities and strategies of ADB and IGES, contributing in particular to ADB’s Strategy 2030: Achieving a Prosperous, Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable
Asia and the Pacific and related initiatives and documents for its implementation; and IGES’ Integrative Strategic Research Programme.

VI. Monitoring, Review, and Consultation Mechanism

14. The working arrangements set forth herein will be reviewed on an annual basis by officials responsible for implementation. A joint written report will be submitted to the Director General, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department of ADB and the Executive Director of IGES on progress made and specific recommendations for implementation each year.

VII. Focal Points

15. ADB and IGES agreed to designate focal points at institutional level for the activities under this CA as follows:
   a. For ADB: Director General, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department
   b. For IGES: Executive Director

Each focal point can appoint a staff for day-to-day communications.

16. The respective focal points shall be responsible for:
   a. establishing effective communication and liaison with the other focal point;
   b. facilitating the implementation of all aspects of this CA and the opportunities for cooperation that are identified;
   c. promoting this CA and the cooperation activities undertaken under it, within the respective organizations and, as appropriate, with external audiences;
   d. facilitating the attendance of ADB and IGES representatives at relevant meetings, workshops and seminars held by ADB or IGES, or held jointly;
   e. convening the periodic consultations that are agreed to be held in accordance with this CA; and
   f. monitoring the implementation of this CA and evaluating the cooperation activities that are undertaken between the two organizations in accordance with this CA.

VIII. General Provisions

17. Legal Status: This CA is not intended to and does not create any legally binding obligation on either Party.

18. Financial Obligations: Nothing in this CA obligates either party to expend funds or to enter into any contract, assistance agreement, or other financial obligation. Any activity involving reimbursement or contribution of funds between the parties shall be handled in accordance with each Party’s policies and procedures, applicable laws, regulations and procedures.

19. Privileges and Immunities: Nothing in this CA shall be construed as an express or implied waiver, renunciation or other modification of any immunities, privileges or
exemptions of ADB accorded under the Agreement Establishing the Asian Development Bank.

20. Effective Date and Termination: This CA will take effect from the date on which it is signed by the authorized representative of the Parties. This CA will terminate on 30th day of November 2025, unless terminated by either Party providing six months prior written termination notice to the other Party.

21. Amendments: This CA may be amended by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

22. Independent decision-making autonomy: No provisions herein are intended to interfere in any way with ADB’s and IGES’ independent decision-making autonomy with regard to their own respective affairs and operations.

23. Future collaboration and funds: In the event that opportunities are identified for collaboration involving the provision or management of funds or other resources of either Party, these will be implemented pursuant to a separate written agreement in accordance with the practices and procedures of the two organizations.

24. Settlement of disputes: Any dispute between the Parties relating to the interpretation or implementation of this CA will be resolved amicably through consultation and negotiation between the parties and without reference to any third party or international court or tribunal.

25. Name, Emblem, or Trademarks: Neither Party shall use the name, emblem or trademarks of the other Party, its subsidiaries and/or affiliates, or any abbreviation thereof, in connection with its business or for public dissemination without the prior express written approval of the other Party. Subject to the foregoing, each Party agrees to acknowledge the role and contribution of the other Party in all public information documentation relating to instances of cooperation under this CA.

26. Confidentiality: The terms of this CA and any information, however recorded or preserved, provided by one Party to the other Party under it, are not confidential and may be made public, subject to any exceptions to disclosure under ADB’s Access to Information Policy (2018) or IGES’ disclosure policy, each as amended from time to time.

27. Intellectual Property: The Parties acknowledge that the activities under this CA may result in a product subject to intellectual property rights. In this regard:

a. the Parties agree to negotiate and agree upon appropriate intellectual property provisions in each case, based on the nature of the activity and the financial and/or intellectual contribution made by each Party, and to set out the intellectual property provisions in a separate written agreement; and

b. each Party shall retain ownership of the intellectual property rights in any of its respective existing materials or work product that is shared with the other Party in connection with activities under this CA.
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Date: 25 November 2020  

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President  
Institute for Global Environmental Strategies  

Date: 26 November 2020
### ADB and IGES Joint Work Program on Climate Change and Environmental Management 2020-2025

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<td>1.1 Article 6 of the Paris Agreement and other carbon markets</td>
<td>At lease 2 events by Q4, 2025</td>
<td>Climate finance – Promoting climate actions and the use of Joint Crediting Mechanism through collaborative platform events and trainings such as the Asia and Pacific Climate Week for knowledge exchange and deliberation of issues on climate actions in the region (at least 2 events, including attendance at meetings, consultations, and/or capacity building)</td>
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<td>Supporting access to carbon market opportunities by enhancing DMC preparedness to operationalize new market mechanisms</td>
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<td><strong>1.2 Transparency for Climate Action and Support</strong></td>
<td>At least 1 event by Q4, 2023</td>
<td>Strengthening regional capacity against climate change – Collaborating to accelerate effective capacity building (at least 1 event, including exchange of information and/or sharing of best practices) – Regional knowledge-sharing workshops to accelerate effective development to promote transparency (at least 1 event, including joint events and meetings and/or attendance at meetings)</td>
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<td>Building capacity on transparency for climate action and support in the region</td>
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<td><strong>1.3 Co-benefits</strong></td>
<td>At least 2 events by Q4, 2025</td>
<td>Promoting low-carbon solutions – Developing standardized approaches and methodologies for co-benefits quantification of greenhouse gas mitigation actions (at least 2 events, including exchange of information, capacity building, and/or joint analytical work)</td>
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<td>Quantifying co-benefits of greenhouse gas mitigation actions and establishing linkages to SDGs</td>
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<td><strong>1.4 Asia-Pacific Adaptation Information Platform (AP-PLAT) and Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN)</strong></td>
<td>At least 2 events by Q4, 2025</td>
<td>Enhancing capacity to implement climate actions – Participation of specialists from ADB and IGES as resource persons for AP-PLAT and APAN capacity building and knowledge-sharing activities, and support for the Asia-Pacific Adaptation Forum (at least 2 events, including joint events and meetings, attendance at meetings, capacity building, and/or sharing of best practices)</td>
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<td>Capacity building for using climate risk information for developing adaptation projects</td>
<td>At least 2 events by Q4, 2025, including 7th meeting of the APAN forum in March 2021</td>
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<td><strong>2. Environmental Management</strong></td>
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<td><strong>2.1 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)</strong></td>
<td>At least 2 events by Q4, 2025, including e-learning course on national SDG strategies in 2020</td>
<td>Achieving global commitments – Capacity development for the implementation of SDGs (e.g. financing, priority setting through SDG interlinkages, monitoring, and reporting on SDGs, as well as to SDG localization) (at least 2 events, including exchange of information, attendance at meetings, consultations, and/or joint analytical work)</td>
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<td>Developing capacities for effective implementation of SDGs</td>
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<td><strong>2.2 Sustainable Cities and Infrastructure</strong></td>
<td>At least 2 events by Q4, 2025</td>
<td>Solutions in enhancing urban environment – Sharing knowledge on green and sustainable cities to promote sustainable urban development (at least 2 events, including</td>
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### 2.3 Sustainable Consumption and Production and Circular Economy

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<td>Capacity building of local governments, businesses and civil society organizations</td>
<td>At least 2 events by Q4, 2025, including Healthy Oceans Technology and Innovation Forum in 2021</td>
<td>Enhancing pollution control and resource efficiency – Building innovative business models contributing to the promotion of decarbonized and sustainable lifestyles in the Asia Pacific region (at least 2 events, including exchange of information, joint events and meetings, capacity building, and/or publications)</td>
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### 2.4 Recovery from COVID-19 Crisis

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<td>Collaborating for COVID-19 crisis recovery</td>
<td>At least 2 events by Q4, 2025</td>
<td>Green Recovery – Organizing activities that promote green recovery, medical waste disposal, management of adverse impacts of air pollution, and one health approach (at least 2 events, including exchange of information, joint events and meetings, publications, and/or sharing of best practices)</td>
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