

## **USAID/Adapt Asia-Pacific training support to government officials on the topic of climate change adaptation and finance**

USAID/Adapt Asia-Pacific is embarking on its second year of training support in climate change adaptation and finance to government officials from 13 eligible countries in Asia: Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Maldives, Mongolia, Nepal, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Vietnam. This year, we would like to also provide the support to those from countries in the Pacific.

Our support is provided for training courses in the area of climate change adaptation and adaptation finance. This includes, but is not limited to, a number of relevant subjects or sectors, including gender, urban development, water resources, rural development, coastal management, adaptation finance, health, and others. Training courses designed for and located in Asia will be given preference over courses outside the region. E-course trainings are also supported. Applications will be considered only if the course is consistent with the goals and objectives of the USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific project and offered by a reputable institution.

We are particularly looking for potential applicants who meet the main selection criteria including:

- Mid-level or senior government officials from an eligible country;
- Have work responsibilities that directly relate to the training program for which the application is being made;
- Sufficient proficiency of language required by the training;
- Have completed the equivalent of at least 2 years of undergraduate education in a relevant field or equivalent experience; and
- Likelihood by the applicants to initiate or advocate for climate change adaptation when they are back in their home country.

A full description of the program can be found at <http://www.adaptasiapacific.org/activities/support-government-officials-asia-training-climate-change-adaptation-and-finance>. Our support includes airfare, per diem, course fee, and/or other costs associated with attending high quality training courses being offered in the region by internationally recognized institutions.

The applicants are encouraged to contact regional training institutions directly for their courses. There are many such institutions, but some notable examples include:

- Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) Extension -- <http://www.extension.ait.ac.th/>
- Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC) – [www.recoftc.org](http://www.recoftc.org)
- Asian Disaster and Preparedness Center (ADPC) -- [www.adpc.net](http://www.adpc.net)
- Regional Integrated Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Africa and Asia (RIMES) – [www.rimes.int](http://www.rimes.int)
- International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) -- [www.iirr.org](http://www.iirr.org)
- Several international institutions, e.g., World Bank Institute (WBI) and United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) provide high quality e-courses.

It should be noted that our application process for this sponsorship support must be treated separately from the application process required by the training or course providers. We require different documents for our selection process. The application documents submitted to training/course providers are not sufficient for ADAPT Asia-Pacific's selection process. The USAID Adapt Asia-Pacific forms can be downloaded from our website provided above.