



Program

Research Evidence and Policy Making: What Works to Advance Climate Adaptation and Resilience

A Research–Policy Dialogue

26 June 2026

Venue: Mekha Ballroom, Grande Centre Point Surawong Bangkok

08:30–09:00 Registration

Master of Ceremony: Dr. Priya Singh

09:00–09:30 Opening Session and Remarks

- **Ms. Nabila Suria**, Climate Counsellor and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), Embassy of the United Kingdom to Thailand
- **Ms. Hayley Price-Kelly**, Senior Program Specialist, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- **Prof. Shobhakar Dhakal**, Faculty of Climate Change and Sustainability, Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), and PI of CLARE-ASEAN

09:30–09:45 Distinguished Address

- **Dr. Suwit Khunkitti**, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand

09:45–10:15 Keynote Address

- **Dr. Monthip Sriratana Tabucanon**, Director- Climate Change Research Strategies Center National Research Council of Thailand; former Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment; former Member of Parliament
- Q & A

10:15–10:45 Group Photo and Coffee Break

10:45–12:00 Policy Challenges and Opportunities for Climate Adaptation: Interaction with ASEAN Member States, moderated by **Prof. Mukand S. Babel**, Centre for Water and Climate Adaptation (CWCA), Asian Institute of Technology

ASEAN Member States representatives will make short statements on policy challenges and how evidences are aiding policies to advance climate adaptation actions and interact with audience

- **Mr Mohamad Asfia Adenan**, Senior Assistant Secretary, Climate Change Division, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability, Malaysia
- **Mr Ranjeet Singh**, Divisional Director (International Policy), Ministry of Sustainability and the Environment, Singapore
- **Ms. Rowena F. Bolinas**, Chief, Policy, Planning, Programming, and Monitoring Section, Biodiversity Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Philippines
- **Mr. Teerapong Laopongpith**, Environmentalist, Senior Professional Level, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand
- **Dr. Sugiatmo**, Ministry of Environment/Environmental Protection Agency, Indonesia
- **Dr. San Win**, Director, Climate Change Division, Environmental Conservation Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, National Focal Point of AWGCC, GSP, Climate Finance, NC, BUR/BTR, Myanmar. **(Online)**

12:00–13:00 Lunch Break

13:00–14:00 Moderated Panel Discussions I: Evidence, Policy Influence, and Implementation: Opportunities and Constraints in Climate Adaptation

Discussion Themes

- Evidence uptake and policy influence
- Policy processes and decision-making
- Engagement between researchers, policymakers, and practitioners
- Institutional capacity and implementation challenges
- Lessons from research-policy-practice interfacing

Moderator:

Mr. Mozaharul Alam, Regional Coordinator- Climate Action, UNEP Asia and the Pacific Office

Panelists:

Dr. Atsamon Limsakul, Director of Climate Change Adaptation Research Section, Department of Climate Change and Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, Thailand

Prof. Tom Peter Migun Ogada, Executive Director, The African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS), Kenya

Dr. SVRK Prabhakar, Principal Policy Researcher, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan. **(online)**



Dr. Amina Maharjan, Senior Livelihood and Migration Specialist, International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD)

14:00–15:00 Roundtable discussion: Sharing How Evidences are Used in Policies and the Challenges, moderated by **Ms. Hayley Price-Kelly**, Senior Program Officer, Climate Adaptation and Resilience (CLARE) at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada

Multiple guests and CLARE participants exchange their reflections on

- Policy processes and decision-making
- Engagement between researchers, policymakers, and practitioners
- Institutional capacity and implementation challenges
- Lessons from research, policy, and practice

Prof. Genito Maure, University of Eduardo Mondlane, Mozambique

Dr. Rishiraj Dutta, Program Manager (Nature-based Solutions), Risk Analytic & Climate Services Department, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC), Thailand

and others

15:00 – 15.30 Concluding Session and Closing

Participants share their reflections.

Closing by **Dr. Joel Onyango**, CLARE CS Hub Lead, Director of Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning and Impact, African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS), Kenya