Climate Change is a significant challenge in most of the countries in the Asia-Pacific region and is gradually becoming one of the most important policy areas that needs effective integration into public financial management (budget) systems of the countries in the region. This is a relatively new process for all countries and the knowledge and skills is gradually building while implementing the reforms. In doing so, the governments in the region need to put in place a combination of effective and recurrent skills development backed by regular exchange of knowledge and experience.

The UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub (BRH) has initiated a regional learning and knowledge exchange platform for Climate Change Finance amongst the Asia-Pacific countries. The overall objective is to increase both the level of skills and South-South collaboration on specific aspects of integrating climate change finance in national public financial management systems. The idea is to maintain ongoing services comprising a network of national and regional training institutions together with a Regional Peer Learning Network (RPLN), operating across South and South East Asia. Through the RPLN individuals will have consistent engagement and be able to maintain long term relations, leading to change. Through the network of national and regional training institutions, training can be scaled up and made more sustainable in the long term.

**Characteristics of the Regional Peer Learning Network**
- A platform to discuss country reforms, achievements and challenges on integrating climate change finance into national and subnational budgets.
- A secretariat hosted by UNDP BRH responsible for coordination and facilitation between countries.
- Regular opportunities for key government officials to meet face to face.
- Opportunity for continuous and uninterrupted dialogue between members of the RPLN.
- Ownership enhanced by revolving approach to hosting peer dialogues by countries, including revolving Chairperson.

The RPLN working language is English. Member countries can use the platform for bilateral discussions too.

**Characteristics of the Regional Skills Development Network**
- Leveraging existing capacities within Asian training institutions, including pooling of materials.
- Promotion of collaborative and supporting arrangements between training institutions.
- Provision of training programmes that are tailored to national context.
- Use of the latest instructional design and learning methodologies backed by the expertise of the UN Institute of Training and Research (UNITAR).
- High cost efficiency through the use of blended approaches, combining face to face and distance based learning.
- Establishment of a cadre of expert trainers with potential to be rapidly deployed.

**Beneficiaries/Participants**
- Primary: budget planning and analysis specialists from MOFs and CC related ministries (up to 2 representatives per country)
- Other: MPs, NGOs, representatives of local government administrations.

**Learning Methods**
- Regular workshops
- Study tours (combined with the workshop at the host country)
- Peer Review of the materials
- Regular publications (e-bulletin)
- Direct partnership
- Blended learning (e-based and face to face)
- Evaluation for results

**Thematic Dimensions**
- Climate Change Financial Framework: formulation and integration into national PFM systems
- Linking climate policies with budgets (programme/performance budgeting in CC area)
- CC budget appropriations and expenditure tracking
- Formulation of Results Frameworks for CC (SMART Key Performance Indicators: a how-to sessions, exercises and exchange of practical hints)
- Monitoring and assessing for results
- Engaging other actors (parliaments, think-tanks, NGOs/CSOs, media, etc.)
- Decentralization of CC expenditures
- Sources of CC finance: lessons learnt, fiduciary risks, integration of integration of CC finance, role of private finance, national coordination, etc.

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