From barriers to action

Evidence, insight and training to move climate finance to where it is needed most.

Key outputs of enabling inclusive finance in Asia through fit-for-purpose capacity development and action, 2023–2026

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About the programme

Building the capacity to make climate finance work for everyone

Program period 2023–2026

Asia is one of the regions most exposed to climate change, but finance is not reaching the institutions and communities that need it most. The project Enabling Inclusive Climate Finance in Asia through Fit-for-Purpose Capacity Development Planning and Action set out to find the gaps in implementation and figure out how to close them.

SEI's work across Bangladesh, Cambodia, Nepal and Thailand from 2023–2026 produced three key outputs: 1) a policy report on barriers to climate finance; 2) an interactive dashboard based on a four-country capacity needs assessment; and 3) a professional training curriculum on climate finance. These products are each designed around Gender Equality and Social Inclusion principles, and available for free with open access.

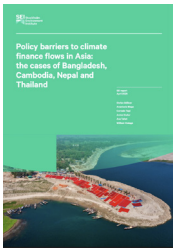
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01 Research report

Policy barriers to climate finance flows in Asia

Synthesized results



Based on four country case studies, this report sets out the policy and regulatory obstacles that slow climate finance in Bangladesh, Cambodia, Nepal and Thailand, and suggests what must change for funds to reach the people exposed to climate change and implement adaptation.

The report is written for policymakers, regulators, development partners and financial institutions working on climate finance in Asia.

02 Interactive dashboard

Regional Capacity Gap Dashboard

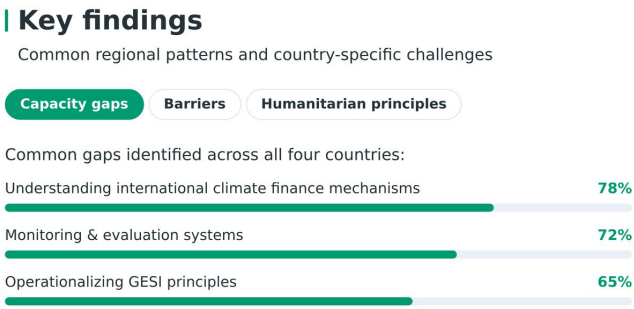
Navigable findings from a four-country capacity needs assessment

This web-based interactive dashboard presents climate finance capacity gaps, barriers, priority training topics and preferred learning formats, filterable by country, in one interactive view. The information is sourced from a capacity needs assessment carried out in each of the project phase's focused countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Nepal and Thailand.

Only 5–10% of survey respondents for the assessment rated the current climate finance training available to them as accessible, signaling a key problem. The dashboard addresses this issue by offering crucial insights into what to teach, to whom, in which languages, and in which formats.

Explore the dashboard





03 Professional training

Climate Finance for Professionals

Scan to see the full curriculum and register for the course

Certification curriculum produced with the Center for Ecological Economics, Faculty of Economics, Chulalongkorn University

In collaboration with Chulalongkorn University, SEI has produced a 16-module climate finance certificate curriculum for professionals in developing Asia. The course combines self-paced video modules with free weekly live sessions, taught in English. Subtitles are also available in Thai, Khmer, Nepali, Bahasa Indonesia and Bangla, and the course is open to professionals across the region.

67	4.44/5	4.6 → 7.8	16
graduates in the first cohort	overall satisfaction	self-rated knowledge (of 10)	modules across two parts

Who took it

Learners aged 23 to 66 from Thailand, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Ghana. 67% came from the private sector, the rest from government, academia, NGOs and international organisations.

Curriculum overview

16 modules, eight foundational and eight specialist

Foundational

1. Introduction to climate change and its economic and social impacts
2. International climate policy framework
3. Pathways for climate action
4. Sustainable finance concepts
5. Climate risks and opportunities
6. Climate finance I: stakeholders and definitions
7. Climate finance II: just transition
8. Overview of climate finance instruments

Specialist

1. Public sector and climate finance
2. Private sector and climate finance
3. International climate finance
4. Sustainable and climate-aligned bonds
5. Carbon pricing mechanisms
6. Adaptation and climate change in agriculture
7. Financing forest conservation and sustainable management
8. Climate derivatives

Most useful modules, as rated by the first cohort

Sustainable finance concepts (73%) Climate risks and opportunities (71%) Overview of climate finance instruments (71%) Sustainable bonds and carbon pricing (68%)