



Australian Embassy
Thailand



**From Vulnerability to Resilience:
Approaches to Climate Adaptation in Asia and the Pacific**

18 May 2023, 12.45 – 13.45 Bangkok time (GMT +7)

Theatre Room, Ground Floor, United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok, Thailand

Virtual participation via Zoom

The side event will focus on climate adaptation efforts in Asia and the Pacific. Australia and the United States will each highlight their overarching climate strategies vis-a-vis the Asia Pacific region followed by a panel discussion highlighting climate-related projects underway in the Mekong and the Pacific, utilising nature-based solutions to address climate adaptation through urban resilience, community-based management, ecosystem protection and restoration, and plastic reduction. The discussion will address how nature-based solutions are utilised in the Mekong and in a Pacific context to tackle the unique challenges climate change poses to Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The use of local indigenous knowledge to drive change will be a key part of discussion.

In-person Registration¹: <https://indico.un.org/event/1003482/>

Virtual participation registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/WQaq8FpwA2>

12.45pm	Opening remarks by Australia and the U.S.
12.55pm	<p>Panel discussion moderated by Dwight Ronan, Senior Program Manager, Mekong Australia Partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with indigenous communities to preserve biodiversity and adapt to climate change (<i>Julie Hulama, Program Specialist, Biodiversity, Energy and Gender, USAID Pacific Islands</i>) • Nature-based solutions in ensuring Indo-Pacific resilience (<i>Amelia Fyefield, CSIRO Counsellor and Director for Southeast Asia</i>) • Environmental and social safeguards to support climate adaptation in infrastructure development (<i>Joost Siteur, Senior Sustainable Infrastructure Advisor, USAID and Australia Mekong Safeguards Program</i>) • Nature based solutions for climate resilient communities, economies and environments (<i>Ben Furmage, CEO, Water Sensitive Cities Australia, Monash University</i>)
13.25pm	Q&A
13.40pm	Closing remarks

¹Please note that all participants attending side events in person are required to register online by the in-person link provided by **12 May**. Apply under “Registration for Others (Media, Side events, Exhibition, etc.)”