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UNOPS and WWF sign partnership agreement to advance climate action and environmental sustainability in Asia and the Pacific

BANGKOK, Thailand, 3 November 2026.— UNOPS and WWF have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen collaboration on climate action, ecosystem restoration and environmental sustainability across Asia and the Pacific.

The agreement was signed by Sara Austin Netzer, Regional Director, UNOPS Asia and Pacific Region, and Sang Lee, Regional Director, WWF Southeast Asia, establishing a framework for the two organizations to combine their complementary expertise and pursue joint initiatives across the region.

As highlighted in WWF's Living Planet Report 2026, Asia and the Pacific faces mounting biodiversity, climate and environmental challenges as well as significant opportunities to drive transformative action for people and nature. Addressing these challenges will require stronger collaboration across sectors and institutions.The partnership brings together WWF's technical expertise in biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration, climate action and inclusive approaches to conservation with UNOPS' experience in infrastructure development, procurement, project management and implementation.

"Protecting nature and helping communities cope with a changing climate go hand in hand. WWF brings a deep understanding of ecosystems and conservation, and UNOPS brings the experience to help put plans into practice. I'm excited about what we can do together, working with local partners to restore ecosystems and help people build more resilient livelihoods," said **Sara Netzer, UNOPS Director for the Asia and the Pacific Region**.

"Asia and the Pacific has a unique opportunity to lead on climate action and environmental sustainability. Across the region, governments, communities and partners are already demonstrating the ambition and innovation needed to address today's challenges. Through this partnership, WWF and UNOPS aim to support and scale that leadership, helping to advance solutions that strengthen resilience, restore nature and contribute to sustainable development. Lasting progress will depend on collaboration, and we are excited to work together to help unlock the region's full potential," said **Sang Lee, Regional Director for Southeast Asia of WWF**.

The agreement covers 13 countries across the shared operational footprint of the UNOPS East Asia and Pacific Multi-Country Office and WWF's regional presence: Cambodia, China, Fiji, Indonesia,

Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Solomon Islands and Viet Nam.

Through the partnership, the organizations will identify shared priorities, explore funding opportunities and jointly develop initiatives aligned with national climate commitments and sustainable development priorities.

By combining their respective strengths, UNOPS and WWF aim to advance practical and scalable solutions that protect ecosystems, strengthen climate resilience and contribute to a more sustainable future for communities across Asia and the Pacific.

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