A BLUEPRINT FOR RESILIENCE IN ASIA

DATA THAT MAKES CLIMATE ACTION INVESTABLE

13th November | 9:30h 10:15 | BENELUX-EIB Pavilion

EVENT OVERVIEW

Asia is on the frontline of the climate crisis, and across the region, funders and investors are increasingly looking for ways to move capital toward climate resilience. Yet many of Asia's most vulnerable countries still lack the basic weather and climate observations needed to anticipate extreme events, protect communities and plan for the future. Without reliable data, climate risks remain invisible, and what cannot be measured is hard to finance.

Hosted by the Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN) and the Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF), this roundtable brings together governments, philanthropic funders and impact investors to explore how strong data systems can serve as evidence for social and climate investment. It builds on AVPN's work to mobilise Asian leadership and collaborative capital for impact, and on SOFF's experience supporting countries to close their observation gaps. Country voices will share what better observations are already delivering and what further investment could unlock.

The conversation will also introduce the SOFF Financing Platform, now in design, which aims to bring together public, philanthropic and private capital to close the observation gap. As the platform takes shape, AVPN and SOFF welcome the perspectives of funders and investors in the region on how such a model could best serve communities across Asia.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. **Data as evidence for investment**
Showing how strong observation systems make climate risks visible and climate action investable across Asia.

2. **A shared understanding of the opportunity**
Exploring how different roles and sources of capital could come together to support stronger data systems.

3. **Dialogue on the platform**
Gathering perspectives to inform the design of the SOFF Financing Platform and open the door to future collaboration.

AGENDA

09:30 - 09:35

Welcome
Government of Belgium Representative
Welcome to the Benelux–EIB Pavilion from SOFF's current Steering Committee co-chair, introducing SOFF and its mission to close the world's weather and climate observation gaps.

09:35 - 09:37

Opening & Moderation
Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN) Representative
Why strong data systems are the missing foundation for climate investment in Asia, and why investors need evidence to act.

09:37 - 09:40

No Country Is Resilient Alone
Government of the Netherlands Representative
Drawing on decades of partnership across Asia, and as incoming Steering Committee co-chair of SOFF, the Netherlands reflects on why weather and climate data are shared infrastructure, and why investing in data is investing in collective resilience.

09:40 - 09:50

Asian Leadership in Action
Government of India Representative
Government of Indonesia Representative
Government of Bhutan Representative
What the observation gap costs communities today, and what investment would make possible.

09:50 - 09:53

Introducing the SOFF and its Financing Platform
Markus Repnik, Director, Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF)
A new platform in design, bringing together public, philanthropic and private capital to close the observation gap.

09:53 - 10:12

Collective Action, Catalytic Capital
Maarten van Aalst, Government of the Netherlands
Philanthropic Funder or Foundation Representative
Impact Investor Representative
An open roundtable discussion among all participants on how public, philanthropic and private partners can work together to strengthen data systems and unlock investment in climate resilience across Asia.

10:12 - 10:15

No Resilience Without Data
Professor Celeste Saulo, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
Data as the foundation of a resilient Asia, and an open invitation to build it together.