

# **Role of ADB in Asia and the Pacific**

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The logo of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), consisting of the letters "ADB" in white, bold, sans-serif font, centered within a dark blue square.

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# **ADB's Vision and Mission**

**Vision** : **An Asia and Pacific  
free of poverty**

In pursuing its vision, ADB's main instruments comprise loans, technical assistance, grants, advice, and knowledge.



# ADB's Vision and Mission

**Mission** : ADB's mission today is the same 40 years ago, i.e.,  
**to fight poverty**

Everything ADB does is aligned with this mission.



# ADB's Vision and Mission

## Two Faces of Asia

- All economic and social indicators showed significant improvement in the last 30 years.
- In contrast, rapidly rising inequality and persistent poverty and deprivation.

**One of the key pillars to achieve our mission of fighting poverty is through 'inclusive growth'.**



# ADB's History

## In the 60's

- Established in 1966 to foster economic growth and cooperation in the region
- ADB basically was a project institution
- Focus on agriculture and rural development



# ADB's History

## In the 70's and 80's

- Broad-based approach to projects
- Program-based policy lending
- Started to look at the social and environmental impact of projects

# ADB's History

## In the 70's and 80's

- Assistance expanded into infrastructure, energy, industry, and social infrastructure (gender, microfinance, environment, education, urban planning, health)
- Started direct equity investment and mobilize additional resources from the private sector

# ADB's History

## In the 90's

- Projects and programs to strengthen financial sectors
- Regional cooperation through the Greater Mekong Subregion Program
- Policies on governance, inspection function, involuntary resettlement, indigenous peoples
- Negative effect – a diffused institution



# ADB's History

## In 2000 onwards

- Long-Term Strategic Framework (2001-2015)
- Medium-Term Strategy (2006-2008)
- Selectivity and focus
- Concept of Private-Public Partnership



# Strategy 2020

- Strategy 2020 (LTSF 2008-2020) will serve as ADB's main strategic document
- It replaces the LTSF for 2001-2015

## **3 complementary strategic agendas:**

- inclusive growth
- environmentally sustainable growth
- regional integration



# Strategy 2020

## 5 core operational areas:

- infrastructure
- environment
- regional cooperation and integration
- financial sector development
- education

# Strategy 2020

## Operational and institutional goals:

- By 2012, 80% of lending in core operational areas
- By 2012 significantly increased assistance to support environmentally sustainable development
- By 2020, 50% of operations in private sector development and private sector operations
- By 2020, 30% of operations in regional cooperation and integration

**Increased partnerships in cofinance lending and knowledge channeling**



# ADB's Future

- Nothing would please us more, than to become irrelevant.
- When our mission is finished, then we have made a difference for the children of Asia and the Pacific.



# Thank you!!



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