

External Relations and Disclosure at ADB

**Orientation Program for
DMC Officials**

16 October 2008

Overview

Public Communications Policy (PCP)
approved in 2005 to make ADB:

- More open
- More accountable
- More effective
- Better recognized
- Widely respected

What is External Relations?

- Building relationships
- Sharing information, lessons learned
- Strengthening ADB's reputation with stakeholders

Why ADB Must Be More Open

- Enable better participation
- Improve information quality
- Be accountable to supporters
- Better share knowledge and lessons learned
- Lessen complaints

Benefits of the PCP

Impact

- Enhances development effectiveness

Outcome

- Increases stakeholders' trust in, and ability to engage with, ADB and DMCs

3 Avenues for Disclosure

- Documents that are made *publicly available* (posted on web)
- Documents or information that are made *available to in-country stakeholders or affected people*
- Documents that are disclosed *upon request*

Presumed Disclosure Unless...

- Any document produced under the project cycle is disclosable (publicly available or upon request) unless it meets clear criteria for confidentiality
- PCP para 126 – 19 Exceptions

Exceptions to Presumed Disclosure

- 19 Exceptions – PCP para 126
- Staff work with government/project sponsor to identify parts of documents that meet criteria
- Redact rather than withhold

ADB's Operational Cycle



Country Partnership Strategies

- CPS assessments → web upon completion
- Draft CPS disseminated locally
- Final CPS (translated) → web after endorsement
- CPS Midterm review & Country Operational Business plans → web

Early Stages of Project Design & Before Appraisal

- Initial Poverty and Social Assessment
- TA Report
- Design and monitoring framework
- Environmental assessments
- Resettlement and indigenous peoples planning documents (draft and final)

Project Summaries (PIDs)

- PIDs posted after concept clearance & updated quarterly
- During implementation:
 - Implementation progress
 - Progress toward outcome
 - Financial status
 - Loan covenants

Other Project Documents

- Project Information Document (PID)
- TA Consultant Report
- Project Administration Memorandum
- Social/Environmental Monitoring Report
- Change of Scope
- Progress Report on Tranche Release
- Completion Report
- Evaluation reports

TA Consultants' Reports

- Disclosed in final form (not inception, mid-term, draft final)
- Government and staff discuss contents while document being drafted/completed
- Remove any information subject to PCP's exceptions

Other Documents Requested

- Ongoing project documents not mentioned in PCP → May ask government view
- Older documents issued before PCP → May request government review
- ADB must respond within 30 days

Requests Received

Technical Assistance Consultants' Reports

Choose a year: 2006

Below is a list of requests received and reviewed by ADB since the [public communications policy](#) took effect on 1 September 2005.

ID	Information/Document Requested	Requester's Country	Date Received	Date Responded
0119	TA 3225-LAO: Analyzing and Negotiating Financing Options for the Nam Leuk Hydropower Project Cost Overruns	Not indicated	24 Jan 2006	16 Mar 2006
0150	TA Consultant's Report for PNG: Improving Economic and Social Statistics	Afghanistan	7 Feb 2006	22 Feb 2006
0163	Study on Urban Violence in the Public Realm: Towards a More Effective Urban Upgrading	Thailand	13 Feb 2006	10 Mar 2006
0192	Further Information on TA 1430-INO: Biodiversity Conservation	United Kingdom	10 Mar 2006	10 Apr 2006
0193	Findings of RETA 6241: Socioeconomic Implications of HIV/AIDS in the Pacific	Not indicated	10 Mar 2006	13 Mar 2006
0195	Report on Assessment of Subregional Water Resources Management Issues in Central Asia	Afghanistan	13 Mar 2006	18 Apr 2006
0203	Outcome of TA 4552-PHI: Master Plan for the Agusan River Basin	Philippines	15 Mar 2006	17 Mar 2006
0208	Information on Third Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Project	Papua New Guinea	24 Feb 2006	2 Mar 2006
0210	TA 6242-REG: Developing New Paradigms for Sustainable Livelihoods Protection and Natural Resources Management among Ethnic Minorities of the GMS: A Study of Policies and Their Impacts, Strategies for Change	Australia	14 Feb 2006	10 Mar 2006
0211	Consultant's Report for North Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development Project	India	8 Mar 2006	14 Mar 2006
0306	Island Provinces Rural Water Supply Sector Project	Philippines	22 Mar 2006	12 Apr 2006
0307	TA 4227-PAK: Support for Poverty Reduction Initiatives	United States	22 Mar 2006	20 Apr 2006
0328	TA Consultant's Report for TA 4530-India: Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development Project III	India	27 Mar 2006	31 Mar 2006
0344	Final TA Consultant's Report on TA 2351-THA: Strengthening the Environmental Impact Assessment Review Process	Not indicated	12 Apr 2006	18 Apr 2006
0369	Final Report for TA 3965-TAJ: Hydropower Development Strategy	Kazakhstan	22 Apr 2006	25 Apr 2006
0376	Final Report for TA 5469-REG: Ho Chi Minh City to Phnom Penh Highway Improvement Project	Japan	28 Apr 2006	23 May 2006
0387	Feasibility Report on SME Risk Capital Fund in Pakistan	Pakistan	4 May 2006	10 May 2006
0388	TA Consultant's Report for TA 1881-PRC: Integrated Rural Development for Minority Areas	United Kingdom	8 May 2006	29 May 2006
0388	TA Consultant's Report for TA 2455-PRC: Strengthening the Department of Ethnic Minority Education	United Kingdom	8 May 2006	29 May 2006
0408	Copy of Report on Poverty Reduction Through Energy Projects	Australia	19 May 2006	8 Jun 2006
0416	Training Manuals Produced for TA 1367-TON: Strengthening the Management Function of Sea Star Fishing Co. Ltd.	Samoa	20 May 2006	16 Jun 2006
0475	Consultant's Report for TA 3298-CAM: Developing the Strategy for ADB's Involvement in Cambodia's Power Sector	Cambodia	21 Jun 2006	22 Jun 2006

Information to Affected People

- ADB works closely with government or project sponsor to ensure throughout project cycle:
 - information is provided to affected people
 - feedback on proposed design is sought
 - focal point for regular contact is designated
- Communication plans encouraged

Translation

- General information about ADB, and ADB in the DMC
- Key policies and strategies
- Country Partnership Strategy
- General, social and environmental information for projects

Projects on adb.org

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Country	Viet Nam, Socialist Republic of
Type/Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance: 36304-01 [Closed] TA-4194 VIE: Agriculture Science and Technology Japan Special Fund US\$900,000 Loan: 36304-01 [Approved] Loan-2283 VIE: Agriculture Science and Technology Asian Development Fund US\$30.0 million
Sector/Subsector	Agriculture & Natural Resources/Agriculture Production, Agroprocessing, & Agrobusiness
Responsible ADB Department	Southeast Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Agriculture, Environment & Natural Resources Division, SERD
PID creation date	8 Jun 2006
Last PID update by project officer	14 Mar 2008

Related Documents

- [Preparing the Agriculture Science and Technology Project \(JSF\)](#) (Technical Assistance Reports)
- [Agriculture Science and Technology Project](#) (Reports and Recommendations of the President)
 - [Loan Agreement for Agriculture Science and Technology Project between Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and ADB dated 14 March 2007](#)
- [Agriculture Science and Technology](#) (Consultants' Reports)
- [Agriculture Science and Technology Project](#) (Project Administration Memoranda)

Information about proposed projects is tentative and indicative. Requests for information may be directed to the InfoUnit at disclosure@adb.org or by using the [feedback form](#).