

GUIDE TO NGO PROGRAM



About this Guide

The NGO Center (NGOC) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has produced this publication to assist civil society organizations participating in events connected with the 38th Annual Meeting of the ADB Board of Governors. Through the NGO Program, ADB seeks to strengthen its ongoing dialogue with NGOs and other civil society groups.

Thirty-Eighth Annual Meeting of ADB's Board of Governors

The Annual Meeting will be held in Lutfi Kirdar Istanbul Convention and Exhibition Centre (ICEC) in Istanbul, Turkey, 4-6 May 2005, with seminars, panels, and briefings taking place during those days and earlier in the week.

- Opening Session: Wednesday, 4 May 2005
- Business Sessions: Thursday, 5 May 2005 and Friday, 6 May 2005
- Seminars: Monday, 2 May 2005 to Friday, 6 May 2005
- Closure: 12:00 noon, Friday 6 May 2005

Participation of NGOs in the Annual Meeting

NGO representatives have participated in ADB Annual Meetings for over a decade, and once again are welcome to attend the 38th Annual Meeting in Istanbul. The Annual Meeting presents a venue for NGOs to interact with ADB's Management and senior staff, as well as with government representatives on the Board of Directors and in country delegations.

About 70 NGO representatives from 23 member countries are expected to participate in this year's Annual Meeting. Starting on 2 May 2005, several sessions will be organized in the context of the NGO Program for accredited NGOs and for other interested delegates.

Registration

All Annual Meeting participants should present their passports and claim their Annual Meeting badges and other materials at the Registration Center located in the Ahmet Fethi Pasha Hall, which is part of the Military Museum complex located opposite the ICEC. Local residents may present an officially issued photo ID.

The NGO Room

ADB will provide an NGO Room and basic administrative assistance to NGOs at the ICEC. The NGO Room is situated in the **Ahmet Fethi Pasha Hall** and features a large conference hall and an enclosed small meeting room. The conference hall is intended for NGO Program seminars and other organized events, while the meeting room may be reserved by NGO participants to hold small meetings and informal discussions. If an NGO wishes to organize a meeting in this space, a request should be made with NGOC staff. Reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

A computer with Internet access and a printer will be made available for participants. In consideration of others, participants are requested to limit each use to 20 minutes. NGO publications and informational materials may be displayed in a designated area in the NGO Room.

NGO Program of ADB's 38th Annual Meeting

Lutfi Kirdar Istanbul Convention and Exhibition Centre (ICEC) Istanbul, Turkey

All meetings will be held in the NGO Room in the Ahmet Fethi Pasha Hall unless otherwise indicated.

Monday, 2 May

14.00-16.00 Open Forum on ADB-NGO Cooperation

Location: Topkapi B

The Open Forum has become a regular fixture at the ADB Annual Meeting. At this year's meeting, ADB's NGO Center will brief delegates on implementation of the ADB-Government-NGO Cooperation Framework, and on the development of a new action plan for ADB engagement of civil society organizations through 2010. Participants will be invited to offer comments on the Framework, and present suggestions for developing the new medium-term action plan.

Tuesday, 3 May

11.00-12.00 Meeting with ADB Senior Staff

NGOs will have an opportunity to share their views on ADB operations and topical development issues with a senior ADB official.

13.45-15.45 Panel Discussion on Anticorruption and Governance

ADB is now in the process of reviewing the implementation of Board-approved policies on anticorruption and governance. Panelists will offer perspectives on how implementation of these two policies is progressing and, in particular, how ADB works to prevent corruption in its assisted activities, and how it encourages good governance in its developing member countries.

Participants:

Ms. Natalia Ablova, Director, Bureau on Human Rights and Rule of Law, Biskek, Kyrgyz Republic

Mr. Jak Jabes, Director, Governance and Regional Cooperation Division, RSDD, ADB

Mr. Peter Pedersen, Auditor General, ADB

Mr. Hemantha Withanage, Executive Director, NGO Forum on ADB, Philippines

16.00-17.00 Briefing on the Review of Implementation of ADB's Water Policy

Mr. Robert J. Dobias, Director, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Social Sectors Division, RSDD, ADB, will brief delegates and welcome questions on the ongoing review of the implementation of ADB's Water Policy.

Wednesday, 4 May

10.00-10.30 **Opening Event of the Annual Meeting: "Sound of Istanbul"**
Location to be announced

10.30–12.00 **Opening Session of the Board of Governors**
Location to be announced

13.45-15.15 **Panel Discussion on Development Effectiveness and Poverty Reduction**

ADB is working to improve its development effectiveness by introducing techniques to manage better for development results. Through its reform agenda, ADB aims to improve development results on the ground; enhance openness, accountability, and responsiveness; and strengthen organizational capability. This panel will explore ADB's efforts to strengthen its development effectiveness and how such efforts relate to the institution's overarching objective of reducing poverty.

Participants:

Mr. Marcus Heinz, Governor (Alternate), ADB Board of Governors
Mr. Bruce Murray, Director General, Operations Evaluation Department, ADB
Mr. Isagani Serrano, Sr. Vice President, Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement
Mr. Gopal Siwatoki, Water and Energy Users' Federation (WAFED), Nepal

Thursday, 5 May

10.00-11.30 **Panel Discussion on ADB Safeguard Policies**

This panel will explore the application of ADB safeguard policies concerning indigenous peoples, involuntary resettlement, and the environment. NGO representatives will provide information on perceived problems in applying the safeguards, and offer recommendations for borrowing governments and ADB. Views expressed will be taken into consideration during the forthcoming update of ADB's safeguards.

Participants:

Ms. Cinnamon Dornsife, Former ADB Executive Director (USA) and Adjunct Professor, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, USA
Mr. Mushtaq Gadi, SUNGI Development Foundation, Pakistan
Mr. Bindu Lohani, Director General, Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD), ADB
Mr. Renato Redentor "Red" Constantino, Greenpeace Southeast Asia, Philippines

14.30-16.30 **Panel Discussion on NGO-Business Partnerships in Delivering on Sustainable Development**

Representatives of ADB, NGOs, and the private sector will discuss corporate social responsibility in Asia and the Pacific. The session will use examples from around the world to explore opportunities and challenges of NGOs and businesses partnering together to promote sustainable development.

Participants:

Mr. Robert J. Dobias, Director, Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Social Sectors
Division, RSDD, ADB

Mr. Ferdi Ekmekcioglu, Environment Manager, Tetrapak, Turkey

Ms. Yesim Erkan, Director, International Relations, Tema Foundation, Turkey

Mr. Longgena Ginting, Campaign Coordinator, International Financial Institutions,
Friends of the Earth International, The Netherlands (to be confirmed)

Mr. Jean-Paul Jeanrenaud, Director of Business and Industry Unit, WWF International,
Switzerland

Ms. Elvan Oktar, Assistant Director General, Procon Gfk Turkey

Moderator:

Ms. Veronica John, Sr. Structured Finance Specialist, Private Sector Operations
Department, ADB

ADB Offices in Istanbul

ADB will establish temporary offices at the ICEC for the duration of the Meeting. The offices will be open from Monday, 2 May to Friday, 6 May 2005, inclusive. Office and telephone numbers will be listed in the Directory, which will be available at the Meeting venue.

Medical Facilities

A doctor and a nurse will be available for all participants at the first-aid room of ICEC during the Meeting. In case of emergency, transfer to the nearest hospital will be provided by ambulance. Most major hotels also have medical centers.

NGO Center

Staff from ADB's NGO Center will be available throughout the Annual Meeting and between regularly scheduled events to address questions about the NGO Program or other aspects of the Annual Meeting.

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