

GUIDE TO NGO/CIVIL SOCIETY PROGRAM

**40TH ANNUAL MEETING OF ADB'S
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**



4 to 7 May 2007

Kyoto International Conference Center

About this Guide

The NGO and Civil Society Center (NGOC) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has produced this publication to assist civil society organizations (CSOs) participating in events connected with the 40th Annual Meeting of the ADB Board of Governors. Through the NGO/Civil Society Program, ADB seeks to strengthen its ongoing dialogue with NGOs, labor unions, and civil society more broadly.

Fortieth Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors

The 40th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the ADB will be held at the Kyoto International Conference Center (KICC) and the Takaragaike Prince Hotel (Prince Hotel) in Kyoto, Japan, from Friday to Monday, 4-7 May 2007.

Seminars and member country presentations will be held from Friday to Monday, 4-7 May. The opening session will take place in the morning of Sunday, 6 May. Business sessions will be held in the afternoon of 6 May, and in the morning and afternoon of Monday, 7 May. The meeting will close at about 5:00 p.m., Monday, 7 May. The program of events will be made available in the registration envelope.

Participation of CSOs in the Annual Meeting

ADB welcomes the participation of CSOs in its 40th Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting provides a venue for CSOs to interact with ADB's Management and managers, as well as with government representatives on the Board of Directors and in country delegations.

About 200 CSO representatives from a dozen or more countries are expected to participate in this year's Annual Meeting. Starting on 4 May 2006, several sessions will be organized in the context of the NGO/Civil Society Program for accredited CSOs and for other interested delegates.

Travel to Kyoto, Japan

Reaching Kyoto through Kansai International Airport (KIX)

Participants are encouraged to arrive in Japan through the Kansai International Airport (KIX), which is directly connected to Kansai Airport Station, where there is a train (Japan Railways, [or JR] "Haruka" limited express) that will take passengers directly to JR Kyoto Station.

- ADB help desks will be set up at the KIX and an ADB ticket sales desk for ADB participants will be set up close to the JR ticket gates.
- The cost of a one-way train ticket from KIX to Kyoto station is JPY 3,690 (economy reserved seat) and JPY 2,980 (non-reserved seat).
- The trip from KIX to Kyoto takes 75 minutes by Haruka train and about 2 hours by car or bus. Participants may also take the airport limousine bus from KIX to Kyoto station which costs JPY 2,360.

Reaching Kyoto through Narita and Nagoya

- Kyoto is also accessible by train from Narita International Airport and Nagoya Central Japan International Airport.
- From Narita, it takes 1 hour by train (Narita Express, or N'EX) to reach Tokyo Central Station where you can take the bullet train (JR Shinkansen) to Kyoto, which takes 2 hours and 15 minutes.
- From Nagoya, it takes half an hour by train (Meitetsu airport express) to reach Nagoya Station where participants can take the bullet train (JR Shinkansen) to Kyoto, which takes 40 minutes.

Within Kyoto

- Upon arrival at the JR Kyoto Station, representatives from the Japan Organizing Committee (JOC) will guide all participants to the taxi stand and assist them in getting a taxi to reach their respective hotels. The JOC will shoulder the cost of taxi fares from JR Kyoto Station to the hotels upon arrival.
- Upon registration for the Annual Meeting at the Grand Prince Hotel, the following will be provided to participants:
 1. A convention pass, a pre-paid card to ride the subway during the period of the Meeting, and;
 2. A taxi voucher, to be used by participants upon departure (from their hotel to Kyoto Station)

Registration

Annual Meeting participants should present their passports and claim their Annual Meeting badges and other materials at the Registration Center located in the Prince Hotel, which is located across the road from the KICC. Local residents may present an officially issued photo ID.

The hours of operation of the Registration Center are:

Thursday, 3 May	8:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Friday, 4 May	8:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, 5 May	7:30 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, 6 May	7:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Monday, 7 May	7:30 a.m.	12:00 noon

The NGO/Civil Society Room

ADB will provide a room and basic administrative assistance to CSOs at the Prince Hotel. The NGO/Civil Society Room features a large conference hall and an enclosed small meeting room. The conference hall (*Hiei Room*) is intended for NGO/Civil Society Program briefings, panel discussions, and other organized events, while the meeting room at the smaller *Kurama Room* may be reserved by CSO participants to hold meetings and informal discussions. If a CSO wishes to organize a meeting in this space, a request should be made with Suzanne Nazal of the NGOC. Reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Internet Access

Two computers with Internet access and a printer will be made available for CSO participants. In consideration of others, participants are requested to limit each use to 15 minutes. Delegates may also use the wireless Internet at the KICC Main Lobby at no cost.

Copying Services

CSOs will have at their disposal a copier machine for limited quantities intended for use within the Annual Meeting only. Those who wish to duplicate documents for external dissemination may use the copy services offered by the business center of Prince Hotel.

Access to Media

CSO representatives who wish to share information and views with journalists at the Annual Meeting are welcome to do so, but are expected to coordinate any briefings and other media events, such as press conferences, with the Media Center, managed by ADB's Department of External Relations. All such events should take place in the Media Center located in the Prince Hotel, unless otherwise arranged with Media Center staff. Media queries on the Annual Meeting may be addressed to Ms. Omana Nair, Head, ADB Media Relations, at the Media Center.

Schedule of Activities for the NGO/Civil Society Program of ADB's 40th Annual Meeting

Friday, 4 May 2007

8:00 - 10:00
Hiei Rm, Prince Hotel

Open Forum on ADB-Civil Society Cooperation: Requirements in the Development of ADB's Energy Strategy

This year, ADB's Operations Evaluation Department is evaluating ADB's Energy Policy, which was approved in 1995. Tremendous events and developments have taken place with respect to economics, environmental concerns, and social justice in the last twelve years which warrant serious consideration in a review of this policy. But is ADB giving the vital issues the weight and focus that it deserves? Does it recognize the dramatic impact that its policies have engendered in the last twelve years that have passed since its most recent issuance of its Energy Policy or, for that matter, its four decades of existence? This session will help determine what, from the civil society perspective, ADB's lens may be missing, and what it may need to dwell on and change.

MODERATOR:

- Mr. Michael Simon, [Oxfam Australia](#)

PANELISTS:

- Mr. Zhao Ang, Campaigner, [Greenpeace China](#)
- Mr. Carl Middleton, Southeast Asia Campaigner, [International Rivers Network](#), USA
- Mr. Bruce Murray, Director General, Operations Evaluation Department, [ADB](#)
- Ms. Ana Maria Nemenzo, President, [Freedom from Debt Coalition](#), Philippines
- Mr. Woonchong Um, Director, Energy, Transport and Water Division, [ADB](#)
- Ms. Mika Ohbayashi, Director, [Institute for Sustainable Energy Policy](#), Japan

Friday, 4 May 2007

10:30 – 11:30
KICC, Room B-2

President's Meeting with CSOs

ADB President Haruhiko Kuroda will hold his annual session with accredited CSOs. President Kuroda will make brief remarks and then field questions from CSO delegates. Given the large turn-out expected, those joining the meeting are asked to kindly arrive on time and, should they wish to make remarks, keep their interventions short to enable others to also participate.

13:30 – 15:15
KICC, B-2

**Panel Discussion:
Supporting the Core Labor Standards**

The ADB-ILO Core Labor Standards Handbook was launched in December 2006. The handbook aims to inform ADB staff of the four CLS and their application to the bank's operations. In this panel discussion, representatives of workers and employer federations, government, and ADB will explore how governmental and inter-governmental organizations can strengthen the application of the CLS in development projects.

MODERATOR:

- Ms. Annie Geron, Vice President, Public Services International, Philippines

PANELISTS:

- Mr. Noburo Inokuchi, Director of International Department, JICHIRO (PSI Japan affiliate)
- Mr. Coen Kompier, Specialist on International Labor Standards, ILO Subregional Office for South Asia, India
- Mr. Masaki Omura, Executive Director (Japan), ADB
- Mr. Woonchong Um, Director, Energy, Transport and Water Division, ADB
- Ms. Marie Apostol, Regional Representative, Verité, Philippines

Saturday, 5 May 2007

08:30-10:00
Hiei Room, Prince Hotel

CSO Forum on ADB's Water Policy & its Implementation

Approved in 2001, ADB's Water Policy promotes the concept of water as a "socially vital economic good" which needs integrated management in a participatory manner to sustain equitable economic growth and poverty reduction. The policy aims to: (a) promote focus on water sector reforms across the ADB's Developing Member Countries; (b) foster integrated management of water resources; and (c) improve and expand delivery of water services through autonomous & accountable service providers, private sector participation in public-private partnerships. In 2005, the ADB conducted a comprehensive review of policy implementation of its Water Policy to gauge progress and set a course for the future. ADB's new Water Financing Program (WFP) 2006-2010 aims to catalyze some \$20 billion in water investments, making water "a core business area of ADB's operations." What is current thinking behind the WFP?

Panel participants:

MODERATOR:

- Ms. Violeta Corral, Public Services International Research Unit (PSIRU Asia-Pacific)

PANELISTS:

- Mr. Victor Chiong, President, Alliance of Government Workers in the Water Sector (PSI Philippine affiliate)

- Mr. Hemantha Withanage, Executive Director, NGO Forum on ADB, Philippines
- Ms. Lidy B. Nacpil, Global Coordinator, Jubilee South, Philippines
- Ms. Vidya Dinker, Coordinator, NGO Task Force on ADB - Mangalore, Karnataka, India

10:00-12:00
KICC, B-1

**Panel Discussion:
ADB's Revision of Environmental, Indigenous, Resettlement Policies:
Is Social and Environmental Security at Stake?**

The ADB has initiated a major overhaul of its three Safeguard Policies (Environment Policy, Involuntary Resettlement Policy, Indigenous Peoples Policy). This panel will discuss the strengths and weaknesses of ADB's existing safeguards policies in light of project level experiences and international standards and best practice.

Panel participants:

MODERATOR:

- Ms. Shefali Sharma, South Asia Regional Coordinator, Bank Information Center, India

PANELISTS:

- Ms. Joanna Levitt, Director of Programs, International Accountability Project, UK
- Mr. Ramananda Wangkheirakpam, North East Peoples Alliance on Trade, Finance and Development, India
- Ms. Stephanie Fried, Senior Scientist, Environmental Defense, United States
- Mr. N.J. Ahmad, Director, Environmental and Social Safeguard Division, ADB
- Ms. Helen Leake, Policy Advisor, Forest People's Program, UK
- Mr. Rezaul Haque, Uttaran, Bangladesh
- Ms. Sin Chhin, Kampong Seung Community Leader, Cambodia

Monday, 7 May 2007

11:30 – 13:30
Hiei Room, Prince Hotel

Briefing on ADB's Accountability Mechanism and Anticorruption Measures

Mr. Robert C. May, Special Project Facilitator; Mr. Peter Egens Pedersen, Auditor General; and Mr. Augustinus Rumansara, Chair, Compliance Review Panel, will brief CSO delegates on ADB's anticorruption measures and Accountability Mechanism. Sandwiches will be served.

ADB Offices in Kyoto

ADB will establish offices at ICC Kyoto and Prince Hotel during the Annual Meeting. The offices will be open, and other Meeting services available, from Friday to Monday, 4-7 May. Room and telephone numbers will be in the meeting handbook, to be provided in the registration envelope.

Medical Facilities

A permanent medical team will be stationed at ICC Kyoto during the Meeting. Ambulances will transfer emergency cases to the nearest hospital. Most major hotels have a list of physicians on call.

Climate

The temperature in May usually ranges from 8.7°C to 29.7°C (47.7°F to 85.5°F).

Attire

The suggested attire for the Annual Meeting is business or national dress.

NGO and Civil Society Center

Staff from ADB's NGO and Civil Society Center will be available throughout the Annual Meeting to address questions about the NGO/Civil Society Program or other aspects of the Annual Meeting.

Bart W. Édes, Head, NGOC

Suzanne M. Nazal, Civil Society Cooperation Officer, NGOC

More Information

For additional details on ADB's 40th Annual Meeting, please refer to the Annual Meeting website at: <http://www.adb.org/AnnualMeeting/2007/default.asp>