

## Completed Questionnaire on the Review of ADB's Disclosure and Information Policies

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### Policy on Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information

ADB's policy is to provide the greatest possible degree of transparency and disclosure in all areas of operations, subject to practical and legal constraints.

#### 1. Public Perception of ADB in Implementing the Policy

- A. What is your view of ADB regarding access to information? Why? Please provide examples.

It is very fair policy. We had very little chance to know update information from ADB in the past, even though we feel that we are stakeholders of ADB together with our government body.

- B. What is your view of ADB regarding transparency? Why? Please provide examples
- ADB is committed to transparency in all areas of its operations, including programs related to NGOs.

- C. What can ADB do to strengthen public participation and communication with people living in project areas?
- ADB can use all means of communication which appropriate to its diverse groups of public, including this type of electronic communication.

#### 2. Disclosure of Documents to the Public during the Operational Cycle

- A. At what stage in the project cycle (identification, design, implementation and monitoring and evaluation) would it be most appropriate for ADB to share information? At what stage would the information be most useful to your organization or affected communities in project areas?

At all stages in the project cycle or as ADB sees appropriate (case by case basis).

- What kind of information?  
Policy/guidelines on ADB grant applications/request and Case-studies or stories on best practices implementation from the Mekong Watershed region.
- What do you need the information for?  
To share the information with my colleagues and co-workers in the region.

- B. Please give examples (if any) where failure to disclose information has decreased program or project effectiveness, or cost time and resources? Why?

- C. Have you requested a document/information about a project while it is being designed or implemented? If so, what kind of document/information?

Yes, I have requested ADB documents/information about the regional issues and/or projects being designed or implemented in fields of natural resource management, agro-ecological programs, capacity building of human resources to enhance regional collaboration, etc.

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- Why did you want the document?  
Because my organization is coordinating for a regional collaboration towards environmentally sound and economically viable community development program for the Mekong watershed people.
  - From which ADB office did you request the document?  
At the NGO/GO Consultation Workshop been held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in May 2002.
  - Did you receive it? If not, why not? How long did you wait?  
Not yet. I don't know why? Still waiting for those types of documents/information.
- D. ADB's Country Strategy and Program (CSP) process requires consultation with external stakeholders, including civil society. What information do you need about the CSP and its process to contribute to your country's strategy and program? When do you need it?  
I need information on NGO related ADB policies, regulations, strategies, etc. when they are available.
- E. English is the working language of ADB. However, in your opinion, when would it be most useful for ADB to translate documents into other languages in your country?
- What should be the criteria for translation? (i.e., what kind of documents, at what stage, etc.)  
English is OK for my office. However, I do hope that ADB has already (or will be) translated important documents into major languages in the Mekong Sub-region, i.e. Thai, Khmer, Vietnamese, Chinese, Laos and Myanmar(?)

### **Information Policy and Strategy**

ADB's information policy supports its strategic agenda and objectives, and the information strategy is based on the messages ADB intends to convey, the target audiences, and the modes of delivery it deems relevant to use.

- A. How well is ADB known in your country?  
ADB is well known in our country, except rural farmers in some remote areas.
- B. Do you think ADB should be doing more to raise its profile in your country? If so, why? And how?  
Yes, should raise ADB's profile in all levels of public as much as possible as the organization is growing rapidly.
- C. What are the most important channels in your country for ADB to communicate information about its mission, objectives and operations? Print media? Radio/TV? Internet? Community presentations? Others (please specify):  
Should be considered to also use local radio broadcasting channels (including tribal language programs) to reach out more grassroots people in all corners of the Mekong Sub-region along with using other media, i.e. TV, newspapers and internet to reach to diverse groups of people.

### **Other Recommendations**

What should be done to strengthen the Policy on Confidentiality and Disclosure of Information and the Information Policy and Strategy or make them more relevant? N/A

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