

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

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.

The policy of access to information is very good and admirable. Because better suggestions concerning management, good governance and better utility of resources can be achieved from people working at grass root level. For example: Grass Root Assistance schemes; Infrastructure development; Need Assessment; Impacts of the interventions.

- B. What is your view of ADB regarding transparency? Why? Please provide examples

Transparency is necessary for success of a program and to maintain the public confidence with institutional reputation. For example: Financial Record; Implementation of policies; Strategic approach.

- C. What can ADB do to strengthen public participation and communication with people living in project areas?

ADB can do followings, to strengthen public participation and communication with people living in project areas: Invitation to the civil society organizations; Building the capacity of the participants to share their knowledge; Encourage the views of the participants through including in overall policy.

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?

Identification & Implementation.

- What kind of information? **Physibility and impacts.**
- What do you need the information for? **Results of the projects experienced in past.**

- B. Please give examples (if any) where failure to disclose information has decreased program or project effectiveness, or cost time and resources? Why? **No example.**

- C. Have you requested a document/information about a project while it is being designed or implemented? If so, what kind of document/information? **No.**

- Why did you want the document? **No.**
- From which ADB office did you request the document? **No.**
- Did you receive it? If not, why not? How long did you wait? **Not Applicable.**

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- 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?
- The date and time of contributing informations
 - Procedure to send recommendations
 - Date of meeting and the procedure to join it to share informations physically
 - Now and at the starting of the year.
- 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?
It is possible even at this time because local staff is working in Resident Mission office. Civil society organizations can help ADB.
- What should be the criteria for translation? (i.e., what kind of documents, at what stage, etc.)
Introduction to ADB and its programs; Forms for Questionnaire; Informations/policies to be discussed at grass root level.

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.

1. How well is ADB known in your country?
In Pakistan it is said to be playing major role in uplifting the infrastructure development.
2. Do you think ADB should be doing more to raise its profile in your country? If so, why? And how? Yes.
 - General public knows nothing about its activities in the country.
 - It should make easier to access the NGO's working at grass root level.
 - 25 % financial resources should be utilized through local NGO's.
3. 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):
Posters; Printed Material; Films; Wall Chalking; NGO's/CBO's.

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?

To update the website of ADB with latest sanctioned policies. To evaluate the results after every 3 months.

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