

## Comment on ADB's 1994 Disclosure and Information Policies

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### **Submission regarding the ADB Information and Disclosure policy review.**

In general the ADB must adhere to an Information and Disclosure policy which truly indicates its openness in sharing information to all member country citizens, and especially affected persons.

The overall parameter for comparison is that any organisations conditional openness and transparency denotes its continued "**Secretiveness**". The WB in its Policy reviewed in September 2001 decided, that despite the Client Government anywhere in the world not agreeing to release certain important documents such as the Implementation Completion Reports and Accountability reports, etc. The citizens are not in any way lesser than a client government.

The ADB should have a clear idea of the power of the web not reaching everybody, especially the poorer sections of society. The ADB has to ensure the official nature of all translations of documents pertaining to the activities of affected persons.

The ADB must also have a view to decreasing the corruption in projects and the profit taking from projects and the way that NGOs and others CBOs can be brought in to monitor the activities such as social audits etc.

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