

Endnotes

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³ sustainabilityreport@adb.org

Part 1: ADB and How It Works

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Appendix

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3.1.	Reporting period	About	FR	www.adb.org/Environment/Sustainability-Report.asp

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3.2.	Date of most recent report	—	NA	—
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3.5.	Process for defining report content, including	About	PR	www.adb.org/Environment/Sustainability-Report.asp
3.5.a.	Materiality	About	PR	www.adb.org/Environment/Sustainability-Report.asp
3.5.b.	Prioritization of topics in the report	About	FR	www.adb.org/Environment/Sustainability-Report.asp
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3.8.	Basis for reporting on joint ventures, etc. that can significantly affect comparability between reporting periods	—	NA	—
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4.7.	Process for determining qualifications of members of the highest governance body	—	NA	www.adb.org/GOV/ , www.adb.org/Employment/wrkplace.asp
4.8.	Internally developed statements of values, codes of conduct, etc., and how these are applied and relate to internationally agreed standards	1, 3	PR	www.adb.org/Documents/Policies/Anticorruption/anticorrupt503.asp

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4.9.	Procedures of the highest governance body for overseeing the organization; frequency with which it assesses sustainability performance	1	PR	www.adb.org/GOV/default.asp , www.adb.org/BOD/default.asp
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4.11	Whether and how the precautionary approach is addressed	2	FR	www.adb.org/safeguards/
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4.17.	Key topics and concerns raised through stakeholder engagement, and how the organization has responded	1, 2	PR	www.adb.org/spf/www.adb.org/Accountability-Mechanism/
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EC1	Direct economic value generated and distributed, including revenues, employee compensation...	1	PR	www.adb.org/Finance/default.asp
EC2	Financial implications and other risks and opportunities due to climate change	2	PR	www.adb.org/Documents/news/2003/nr2003163.asp , www.adb.org/Clean-Energy/default.asp
EC3	Coverage of defined benefit plan obligations	—	N3	—
EC4	Significant financial assistance received from government	1	PR	www.adb.org/Documents/Reports/Annual_Report/2006/ , www.adb.org/OCO/default.asp
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EC6	Policy, practices, and proportion of spending on locally based suppliers	3	PR	www.adb.org/OAS/default.asp

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EC9	Understanding and describing significant indirect impacts	2	PR	www.adb.org/Documents/Reports/Annual_Report/2006/
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EN2	Percent of materials used that are recycled input materials	3	PR	www.adb.org/OAS/default.asp
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EN4	Indirect energy consumption by primary energy source	3	PR	www.adb.org/OAS/default.asp
EN5	Energy saved due to conservation and efficiency improvements	3	FR	www.adb.org/OAS/default.asp
EN6	Initiatives to provide energy efficient or renewable energy-based products and services, and resulting reductions in energy requirements	3	PR	www.adb.org/OAS/default.asp
EN7	Initiatives to reduce indirect energy consumption and reductions achieved	3	PR	www.adb.org/OAS/default.asp
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EN9	Water sources significantly affected by withdrawal by source	3	NA	www.adb.org/OAS/default.asp
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EN12	Significant impacts on biodiversity in protected areas and of high biodiversity value outside such areas	2	PR	www.adb.org/Environment/default.asp
EN13	Habitats protected or restored	2	PR	www.adb.org/Environment/default.asp
EN14	Strategies, actions, and plans for managing impacts on biodiversity	2	PR	www.adb.org/Environment/default.asp
EN15	Number of IUCN Red List species, etc. with habitats in areas affected by operations, and level of risk	2	PR	www.adb.org/Environment/default.asp

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EN17	Other relevant greenhouse gas emissions by weight	3	PR	www.adb.org/OAS/default.asp
EN18	Initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and reductions achieved	3	PR	www.adb.org/OAS/default.asp
EN19	Emissions of ozone-depleting substances by weight	3	PR	www.adb.org/OAS/default.asp
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Environmental performance indicators: Transport				
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Environmental performance indicators: Transport				
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LA2	Number and rate of turnover by age group, gender, and region	3	PR	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp
LA3	Benefits provided to full-time employees that are not provided to other employees	—	N3	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp
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LA5	Minimum notice periods regarding operational changes	—	NA	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp

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LA9	Health and safety topics covered in formal agreements with trade unions	—	NA	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp
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LA11	Programs for skills management, lifelong learning, and support for continued employability	3	PR	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp
LA12	Percentage of employees receiving regular performance and career development reviews	3	PR	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp
Labor practices and decent work: Diversity and equal opportunity				
LA13	Composition of governance bodies and breakdown of employees per category by age, gender, minority group membership, etc.	1, 3	PR	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp
LA14	Ratio of basic salary of men to women by employee category	—	N3	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp
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HR2	Percentage of significant suppliers and contractors that have undergone screening on human rights and actions taken	3	PR	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp , www.adb.org/Environment/
HR3	Hours of employee training on human rights relevant to operations, and percentage of employees trained	—	N3	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp
Human rights: Nondiscrimination				
HR4	Number of incidents of discrimination and action taken	—	N3	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp
Human rights: Freedom of association and collective bargaining				
HR5	Operations identified in which this right might be significantly at risk, and actions taken to support this right	—	N4	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp

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HR6	Operations identified in which this right might be significantly at risk, and actions taken to support elimination of child labor	—	N4	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp
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HR7	Operations identified in which this right might be significantly at risk, and actions taken to support elimination of child labor	—	N4	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp
	Human rights: Security practices			
HR8	Percentage of security personnel trained in the organization's human rights policies relevant to operations	—	N3	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp
	Human rights: Security practices			
HR9	Number of incidents involving rights of indigenous people and actions taken	2	N4	www.adb.org/Documents/Policies/Indigenous_Peoples/default.asp
	Society: Community			
SO1	Nature, scope, and effectiveness of programs that assess and manage impacts of operations on communities	3	PR	www.adb.org/Safeguards/policy.asp
	Society: Corruption			
SO2	Percentage and number of business units analyzed for risks related to corruption	2	PR	www.adb.org/OAG/default.asp
SO3	Percentage of employees trained in the organization's anticorruption policies and procedures	—	N3	www.adb.org/BPMSD/default.asp
SO4	Actions taken in response to incidents of corruption	2	FR	www.adb.org/OAG/default.asp www.adb.org/Accountability-Mechanism/
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SO5	Public policy positions and lobbying	—	NA	—
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	Society: Anticompetitive behavior			
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Product responsibility: Customer health and safety				
PR1	Life cycle stages at which health and safety impacts of products and services are assessed for improvement	2	NA	www.adb.org/Environment/Sustainability-Report.asp
PR2	Number of incidences of noncompliance with regulations and voluntary codes	2	NA	www.adb.org/OAG/default.asp
Product responsibility: Product and service labeling				
PR3	Type of information required	—	NA	—
PR4	Incidents of noncompliance	—	NA	—
PR5	Practices related to customer satisfaction, including results of surveys	—	NA	www.adb.org/Documents/Reports/ADB-Perceptions-Survey/2006/ADB-Report.pdf
Product responsibility: Marketing communications				
PR6	Programs for adherence to laws, etc. related to marketing	—	NA	—
PR7	Incidents of noncompliance	—	NA	www.adb.org/Accountability=Mechanism/
Product responsibility: Customer privacy				
PR8	Number of substantiated complaints regarding breach of customer privacy	—	NA	—
PR9	Product responsibility: Compliance Monetary value of significant fines for noncompliance with laws and regulations concerning products	—	N4	—

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3R	reduce, reuse, and recycle
ADB	Asian Development Bank
ADF	Asian Development Fund
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CAI-Asia	Clean Air Initiative for Asian Cities
CO ₂ -e	carbon dioxide equivalent
CPS	country partnership strategy
CSO	civil society organization
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
GMS	Greater Mekong Subregion
GRI	Global Reporting Initiative
HIV/AIDS	human immunodeficiency virus/acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ICT	information and communications technology
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
MDG	millennium development goal
NGO	nongovernment organization
OCR	ordinary capital resources
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OHSAS	Occupational Health and Safety Advisory Services
PM	particulate matter
SARS	severe acute respiratory syndrome
SCF	Staff Community Fund
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNESCAP	United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
WHO	World Health Organization

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