

ADB's Value Proposition

Uniquely positioned in the climate change fight

As the only multilateral development bank based in Asia, ADB has been supporting its developing member countries (DMCs) in their environmental management efforts for more than two decades. During this time, we have also been promoting improved awareness about climate change and how it affects the region's development. "Environmental sustainability" is a proposed thematic priority in ADB's ongoing review of the Long-Term Strategic Framework.

Extending funding options to our DMCs

Projects with environmental components or objectives have averaged more than 10% of ADB's portfolio over the past decade. They have increased substantially in recent years—reaching 20% in 2006. ADB has the financial resources to facilitate high-quality investments in clean energy that are in the best interests of our DMCs. We can also access grant funds, and are one of only 10 executing agencies in the world administering grants from the Global Environment Facility (GEF).

An ability to leverage long-term relationships

Funding is important. But knowing how best to use it takes knowledge of the region and its people. Every DMC seeks a sustainable future. But each may define it differently. For one developing country, sustainability could mean increasing GDP. For another, it might mean having food or water security. For still another, it might be as fundamental as a wish to stay a single meter above sea level.

With 19 resident missions in the region, and more to come, ADB has strong presence on the ground. We have solid partnerships with DMC governments. We deal with development on every level. We think in long time horizons. We coordinate our efforts to ensure scalability and avoid working at cross-purposes.

ADB is actively moving forward

The developing countries of Asia and the Pacific are already working to understand specific climate change threats and the best way to cope. They are gradually developing strategies and programs for both their climate change and adaptation measures. ADB is strategically positioned to work with them to coordinate efforts for the greatest benefit and to promote initiatives that pay off in the long term—regionally, nationally, and locally.



Map of Projects