

ADB'S LAW AND JUSTICE REFORM PUBLICATIONS

1. Regional technical assistance has funded studies, research and conferences on specific legal or policy issues related to legal and justice reforms. The results are published through a series of 'Law and Policy Reform at the Asian Development Bank' available as both printed documents on ADB's website. The following publications are located on the website.

- (i) Developing Mongolia's Legal Framework: A Needs Analysis (1995) – Provides an outline of the process and the state of Mongolia's legal reform during the transition to a market economy with an emphasis on the commercial laws and the institutions responsible for the economic development of the country.
- (ii) The Role of Law and Legal Institutions in Asian Economic Development 1960-1995 (1998) – Summarizes the findings of a regional technical assistance that tested competing theories about law and its relation to economic development against the experience of six Asian economies between 1960 and 1995.
- (iii) Legal Empowerment (2000) –
- (iv) Report on Insolvency Law Reforms in the Asian and Pacific Region (Volume I 2000) – Discusses the application of good practice standards and other policy considerations in operating and reforming the corporate insolvency law regime in ADB's developing countries
- (v) Report on Secured Transactions Law Reform in Asia: Unleashing the Potential of Collateral (Volume II 2000) – Presents policy questions and solutions in designing legal frameworks for secured transactions in developing countries.
- (vi) Judicial Independence Overview and Country Level Summaries (2003) – Summarizes the findings of an ADB study that describes the state of judicial independence and accountability in nine ADB developing member countries, and provides a method of assessing the level of judicial independence and accountability in countries.
- (vii) Report from the ADB Symposium on Challenges in Implementing Access to Justice Reforms (2005) – Discusses the social and economic costs of neglecting legal reforms, the challenges faced by persons engaged in judicial reform, and ideas to launch police reform.
- (viii) A Guide to Movables Registries – Provides policy options in the design of movables registries.
- (ix) Report: RETA on Legal Literacy for Supporting Governance and Poverty Reduction – Demonstrates that legal empowerment helps to advance good governance and reduce poverty, and proposes ways to integrate legal empowerment into mainstream socioeconomic development and legal reform projects.
- (x) Law and Development at the Asian Development Bank – Describes major developments and programs highlights in ADB's work in law and development in 1998, including the initial findings of a regional technical assistance on insolvency law in Asia and the Pacific.
- (xi) Strengthening the Criminal Justice System (2006) – Examines the reform efforts that have taken place within the judiciary, the public prosecution service and the police force in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, as well as the current state of access to laws in Bangladesh and efforts to strengthen legal education and training in the country.
- (xii) Governance and Regulatory Regimes for Private Sector Infrastructure – Development Discusses key issues in regulatory design, trends in regulatory governance and implications for private investment in ADB's developing member countries.

- (xiii) Strengthening the Legal Framework for Customs Administration – Recommendations to the People’s Republic of China Customs General Administration for strengthening customs administration in the areas of external audit, anti-commercial fraud measures, anti-dumping and countervailing duty measures, and in its legal information system.
- (xiv) Law and Development: An Asian Bibliography – A bibliography of resources useful to law and policy reform in Asia.

2. Other relevant publications

- (i) Seminar on Legal Aspects of Regional Cooperation (1996)
- (ii) Sociolegal Status of Women in Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand (2002)

3. Toolkits have been developed to make technical information available in a user-friendly format providing a resource for training and learning. The toolkits are available on line at

- (i) Gender, Law and Policy Toolkit
- (ii) Anti-money Laundering Toolkit
- (iii) Competition Toolkit
- (iv) Toolkit on the World Trade Organisation