

Asian Development Bank-World Bank  
Regional Consultation with Middle-Income Countries  
7 April 2006, Auditoriums A and B, ADB Headquarters, Manila

Agenda

**Participants Registration (8:15-8:30)**

**Introduction (8:30-9:00)**

- Welcome Remarks (VP Lawrence Greenwood, Jr., ADB )
- Consultation Objective/Overview (Mr. James Adams, World Bank and Mr. Kazu Sakai, ADB)
- Brief Introduction of Participants

**Session I: Enhancing the Relevance of MDBs in MICs – Rationale (9:00-10:30)**

Co-Chairs: Mr. Yang Yingming, Ministry of Finance, PRC  
Mr. Kazu Sakai, ADB

Lead Discussants: Mr. Suwit Rojanavanich, Ministry of Finance, Thailand  
Mr. John Uware, Department of Treasury, Papua New Guinea

- This session will discuss the reasons why MDB support for MIC in the region is warranted.
- Presentation by Amar Bhattacharya, World Bank (15min).
- MIC Government Counterparts Feedback: What is the value to MICs of external support from MDBs and what are the needs for such support? Discussion may also include the role of MICs in the MDBs

**Coffee Break (10:30-11.00)**

**Session II: Policy and Procedural Reforms Undertaken and Ongoing by MDBs and Impediments to the Implementation of Reforms (11.00-12:30)**

Co-Chairs: Ms. Nora Oliveros, Department of Budget and Management, Philippines  
Mr. James W. Adams, World Bank

Lead Discussants: Mr. Sudjaswikno, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia  
Mr. Azim Akhmedkhadjaev, Ministry of Economy, Uzbekistan

- This session will cover reforms that have been put in place to enhance the engagement of MDBs in MICs. Assess whether the reforms that have been introduced are known and understood by MICs, and will identify constraints to their implementation both at the MIC and MDB levels.
- Presentation by Valerie Reppelin-Hill, ADB (15min)
- Presentation by Pablo Guerrero, World Bank (15min)
- MIC Government Counterparts Feedback.

## **Lunch (12:30-2.00pm)**

### **Session III: Additional MDB Reforms Needed (2.00-3:00)**

Co-Chairs: Mr. Arvind Mayaram, Ministry of Finance, India  
Ms. Nozirah Bahari, Ministry of Finance, Malaysia

Lead Discussants: Mr. Wu Guoqi, Ministry of Finance, PRC  
Mr. Aisake Taito, Ministry of Finance and National Planning, Fiji Islands

- This session will discuss other reforms and new ideas about how MDBs can play a more effective role in MICs.
- MIC Government Counterparts Feedback. What else should MDBs do in the next two years and what will MICs be asking of MDBs? Are there additional knowledge and financial considerations that need to be addressed?

## **Coffee Break (3:00-3:30)**

### **Session IV: Summary Conclusions and Next Steps (3:30-5:00)**

Co-chairs: Mr. James Adams, World Bank  
Mr. Kazu Sakai, ADB

- This session will help to take stock of the feedback received and try to draw the key elements of a new partnership for supporting MICs, including better define the scope for collaboration among MDBs in MICs.
- Summary of key points from discussion by ADB and WB rapporteurs (Makoto Kubota, ADB and Amar Bhattacharya, WB, 15min.)
- MIC Government Counterparts Feedback.
- Closing remarks (Mr. James Adams, Mr. Kazu Sakai)