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"Financing Village-Level Energy for Development in Asia-Pacific"

**The Foundation for Development Cooperation
Asian Development Bank
GVEP International**

**Workshop 10-11 April 2008
Field Visits 9 April 2008**

Host and venue:

Asian Development Bank headquarters, Manila, The Philippines.

The Foundation for Development Cooperation (FDC), with its partners Asian Development Bank and GVEP International, invite all key stakeholders to a high-level workshop in Manila on 10-11 April 2008, entitled 'Financing Village-Level Energy for Development in Asia-Pacific'. The agenda will focus on the methodologies and options available for financing and implementing sustainable energy supply initiatives, including microfinance and/or SME finance in the Asia Pacific region.

FDC, ADB and GVEP International will also explore potential successor initiatives in partnership with others such as the World Business Council on Sustainable Development, World Liquefied Petroleum Gas Association (WLPGA) and others.

The workshop is considered an important early step in gathering key decision-makers and practitioners in the Asia Pacific region who are interested and involved in expanding access at the village level in developing countries to clean/cleaner/renewable/cheaper forms of energy.

It is expected the workshop will serve as a stimulant for a number of follow-up activities, including for example:

- FDC is planning a two year multi-level work programme on 'Energy Lending: creating vital linkages across the microfinance and energy sectors', for which the workshop would act as a 'soft launch'.
- The Asian Development Bank is establishing an 'Energy for All' initiative.
- GVEP International is expanding its activities in the region, seeking new partners and sponsors.



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The workshop, and its associated project field visits, will engage a wide range of stakeholders to participate and contribute to the beginnings of a platform of learning and exchange on innovations in financing the provision of village level sustainable energy, including suitable microfinance initiatives across the region.

Recognising that public sector provision of centralized energy is insufficient to meet the growing demands of economies world-wide, engaging the private sector is a necessity. Attracting private sector financing, including at the village level, is essential in increasing outreach and portfolio diversity by leveraging economic impact. While the IFC, World Bank, ADB and other international financial institutions provide large-scale funding, this too has often been in the form of end-user subsidies and has focused on centralised energy provision.

In terms of village level and microfinance programs in support of greater energy access, fewer obstacles now exist for communities to attract financing from various sources such as carbon or clean energy investment funds, which have the flexibility to fund reduced scale, decentralised and renewable energy projects. Indeed, there are growing opportunities for intermediaries and MFIs that might not be so readily accessible from other sources. Also, engaging with commercial and development banks can help overcome limitations to the start-up funding, research and development to mobilise and leverage energy lending.

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INTERIM PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 9 April **FIELD VISIT**

12.30 – 17.00 **Field Visits**

Thursday, 10 April **WORKSHOP**

9.00-9.10

Welcome

9.10 - 9.30

Opening

9.30 – 11.00

Financing Approaches and Opportunities

11.00 - 11.30

Break

11.30 - 13.00

Development Finance and Energy Lending Overview

13.00 - 14.00

Lunch

14.00 - 15.30

New Market Opportunities: Carbon Financing and CDM

15.30 - 16.00

Break

16.00 – 17.30

Energy for Sustainable Development and Access to Modern Energy Options



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Friday, 11 April

WORKSHOP

9.00 – 10.30

Public and Private Partnerships

11.00 – 11.30

Break

11.30 – 13.00

Microfinance: Energy Lending Case Studies

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch

14.00 – 15.30

Implementation: challenges, product development and marketing

15.30 – 16.00

Break

16.00 – 17.30

Panel Session: Review and next steps

The Foundation for Development Cooperation – FDC – www.fdc.org.au

Formed in 1990, FDC is an independent, not-for-profit international development organisation. The mandate of FDC calls for it to conduct policy-oriented research, foster public awareness, mobilise broader Australian and overseas development cooperation, and support non-governmental development efforts. Through partnerships and alliances, FDC undertakes a range of initiatives which seek to improve the lives of poor people in developing countries, foster innovative approaches to development, and connect policy work to self-help efforts at the grass roots level. FDC's work includes economic development and assessment, policy analysis, grass-roots community-based initiatives, strategic research, partnerships and leverage, advocacy, consulting and advisory services.

GVEP International - Global Village Energy Partnership - www.gvepinternational.org

Launched at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002, GVEP International is a global partnership of major international development agencies, developed and developing country governments, non-governmental organisations, the private sector and academia. GVEP International is a UK-registered NGO with its head office in London, which mobilises and supports in-country partners and implementers (non-profit and for-profit) that are closest to poor communities that need access to modern and sustainable energy services. GVEP International is supported by a variety of donors, multi-lateral agencies, multi-national companies and business organisations. Through a range of mechanisms, GVEP International provides financial support, capacity building and technical assistance to energy SMEs in developing countries, and works with its Partners to support the development of sustainable energy service suppliers, and enhance their impact by scaling and replicating their activities. GVEP Partners promote the development and use of modern energy services as a means to reduce poverty.

Asian Development Bank – www.adb.org

ADB aims to improve the welfare of the people in the Asia and Pacific region, particularly the nearly 1.9 billion who live on less than \$2 a day. Despite many success stories, the region remains home to two thirds of the world's poor. ADB is a multilateral development finance institution owned by 67 members, 48 from the region and 19 from other parts of the globe. ADB's vision is a region free of poverty. Its mission is to help its developing member countries reduce poverty and improve their quality of life. ADB's main instruments for helping its developing member countries are policy dialogue, loans, equity investments, guarantees, grants and technical assistance. ADB's annual lending volume is typically about \$6 billion, with technical assistance usually totaling about \$180 million a year. ADB's headquarters is in Manila. It has 26 offices around the world and more than 2,000 employees from over 50 countries.