

THE POVERTY ANALYSIS AND DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE IN ASIA (PADI)

In the aftermath of the Asian Financial Crisis, the World Bank Institute – in 2001 - founded the Poverty Analysis and Data Initiative ([PADI](#)). PADI was an informal network for capacity building on poverty and development indicators. PADI members met once a year and discussed especially statistical issues of poverty monitoring. In 2008, PADI members decided to formalize their work around the three pillars of policy influencing, research and statistics, and renamed itself as the Poverty Analysis and Development Initiative (PADI).

The “new” PADI will work to promote – at the regional and country levels - poverty research, data and poverty information, and policy influencing for East Asian countries (ASEAN+). PADI will emphasize stronger country ownership of national work and at the same time stronger policy influencing at the regional level. It will support activities more selectively and under a thematic cluster approach.

PADI's new institutional structure is comprised of:

- The Executive Board (Board of PADI Members) is PADI's highest level decision maker. It will comprise the country representatives and other members or affiliated institutions and bodies. The Executive Board will meet annually or bi-annually, preferably back-to-back to the respective annual PADI conferences in the 4th quarter. It will elect the Governing Council, confirm the Secretariat, and endorse the bi-annual workplan.
- The Governing Council is the key decision making body at the strategic level. It will develop and approve the work plan, supervise the work of the Secretariat, and endorse the country work as part of the PADI initiative. The Governing Board will represent technical experts from the participating countries representing the 3 PADI pillars, as well as other institutions as deemed necessary. Currently, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Thailand, as well as ADB and World Bank form the Governing Council.
- Country coordinators are responsible for the field work. They will focus on the new three PADI pillars (policy influencing, data and indicators, and research). Further formal arrangements at the country level to establish PADI coordinators will be left to the participating countries.
- The PADI Secretariat is responsible for coordinating the PADI initiative, implementing the regional activities, and supporting the national work. The Secretariat will work under the supervision of the Governing Council. A technical advisor (international consultant) and a regional coordinator will support the Secretariat's work. The PADI Secretariat is currently with the International Poverty Reduction Center in China ([IPRCC](#))

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PADI's new bi-annual work plan (2009-2010) focuses in the first year on "the poverty impact of the global economic slowdown". In 2010 PADI will mainly work on "climate change and the environments of the poor".

For more information, visit the PADI website under <http://www.iprcc.org.cn/sptype.php/en/17>.