

# Asian Development Bank & Australia

## FACT SHEET

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is dedicated to reducing poverty in the Asia and Pacific region through pro-poor sustainable economic growth, social development, and good governance. Established in 1966, it is owned by 67 member nations—48 from the region—who have committed \$143.53 billion to the vision of a region free of poverty.

Despite the region's many successes, it remains home to two thirds of the world's poor: 1.8 billion people who live on less than \$2 a day, with 903 million struggling on less than \$1.25 a day.

Australia is the fifth largest shareholder. It has contributed \$3.17 billion in capital subscription and \$1.37 billion to special funds since joining in 1966.

Australian companies and consultants have been awarded \$1.33 billion in procurement contracts (based on nationality of contractor) on ADB-financed projects since 1967.

In 2008, lending volume was \$10.49 billion (86 projects), with technical assistance at \$274.5 million (299 projects) and grant-financed projects at \$811.4 million (49 projects). This also generated \$1.65 billion in direct value-added cofinancing from financing partnerships operations.

Over the last 5 years (2004–2008), ADB's annual lending volume averaged \$7.70 billion, with technical assistance averaging \$231.5 million and grant-financed projects \$655.1 million.

As of 31 December 2008, the cumulative totals were \$143.53 billion in loans for 2,147 projects in 41 countries, \$4.08 billion for 263 grant projects, and \$3.55 billion for 6,599 technical assistance projects.

In addition to loans, grants, and technical assistance, ADB uses guarantees and equity investments to help its developing member countries.

With headquarters in Manila, it has 26 offices around the world and more than 2,000 staff from over 50 countries.

### Shareholding and Voting Power

Australia is the fourth largest shareholder in ADB among its regional members. Overall, Australia is the fifth largest shareholder.

Number of shares held:	204,740 (5.77% of total shares)
Votes:	217,972 (4.92% of total membership, 7.56% of total regional membership)
Overall capital subscription:	\$3.17 billion
Paid-in capital subscription:	\$221.93 million

### Contributions to Special Funds Resources

Australia has contributed to the Asian Development Fund (ADF), which is ADB's window for concessional lending to its borrowing members; to the Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF), which provides grants to borrowing members to help prepare projects and undertake technical or policy studies; to the Asian Tsunami Fund (ATF), which provides emergency grant financing to DMCs affected by the 2004 tsunami; and to the Pakistan Earthquake Fund (PEF).

Contributions to the ADF (committed):	\$1.32 billion
Contributions to the TASF (committed):	\$31.85 million
Contributions to the ATF (committed):	\$3.80 million
Contributions to the PEF (committed):	\$15.04 million

### Cofinancing

ADB arranges cofinancing from bilateral, multilateral, export credit agencies, and commercial sources, in the form of grants for technical assistance and components of loan projects, loans, and credit enhancement, such as guarantees and syndications. Cofinancing brings additional resources to ADB's project financing. In 2008, total direct value-added (DVA) cofinancing amounted to \$1.65 billion for 101 projects, of which \$1.57 billion was for 25 investment projects and \$84.2 million was for 76 technical assistance projects. Cumulative DVA cofinancing for the period 1970–2008 amounted to \$15.74 billion for 1,221 projects, of which \$14.97 billion was for 305 investment projects and \$772.65 million was for 916 technical assistance projects.

Cofinancing with Australia from 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2008 comprised the following.

Investment Projects:	11 projects, cofinancing of \$87.03 million
Commercial:	1 project, cofinancing of \$5.56 million
Grants:	10 projects, cofinancing of \$81.47 million
Technical Assistance:	35 projects, cofinancing of \$47.57 million

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## Trust Fund Agreements

Trust funds are key instruments to mobilize and channel grants from external sources to finance technical assistance and components of investment projects. They play an important role in complementing ADB's own grant resources. So far, bilateral, multilateral, and private sector partners have contributed more than \$2.0 billion in grants to ADB operations. Initially, trust funds were established through single-donor channel financing agreements targeting numbers of specific sectors. Over time, ADB has been increasingly switching to multidonor trust funds covering thematic issues. A more recent development is the establishment of trust funds under theme-focused umbrella initiatives called financing partnership facilities, which support priority areas in ADB Strategy 2020, such as water, clean energy, and regional cooperation and integration.

Australia has contributed to the following trust funds:

### Single-Donor Trust Fund

- Memorandum of Understanding on Channel Financing established in 1993  
Cumulative commitment: A\$59.3 million
- Memorandum of Understanding on Channel Financing for the ADB–Australia South Asia Development Partnership Facility established in 2006 for enhanced governance, urban development, inclusive growth, human resource development and regional cooperation and integration for Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.  
Cumulative commitment: A\$11.0 million

### Multidonor Trust Fund

- Cooperation Fund for Regional Trade and Financial Security established in 2004  
Cumulative commitment: A\$1.5 million
- Water Financing Partnership Trust Fund established under the Water Financing Partnership Facility in 2006  
Cumulative commitment: A\$10.0 million
- Clean Energy Financing Partnership Trust Fund under the Clean Energy Financing Partnership Facility established in 2007  
Cumulative commitment: A\$7.0 million

## Share of ADB's Procurement Contracts

Each year, ADB provides loans to fund projects and activities in its Asian and Pacific developing members and several billion US dollars' worth of contracts to procure goods and consulting services.

Procurement contracts for goods and works, and consulting services under loan and technical assistance operations totaled \$6.97 billion in 2007 and \$7.52 billion in 2008. Cumulative procurement, as of 31 December 2008, was \$92.83 billion. Most contracts were awarded on the basis of international competition, which is open to firms and individuals from any ADB member country, regional or nonregional.

### Australia's share of procurement contracts, 2007–2008 Loans (project and program loans combined) and technical assistance based on nationality of contractor

Item	2007		2008		Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2008)	
	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total
Goods and Works	4.29	0.06	3.57	0.05	662.09	0.77
Consulting Services	45.59	13.81	32.64	8.58	664.99	9.59

## Contractors/Suppliers Involved in ADB Projects

### Contractors/suppliers from Australia involved in ADB loan projects, 1 January 2004–31 December 2008

Contractor/Supplier	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
HSBC Bank Australia Ltd.	Transport and Communications	10.00
Infrastructure Contructions	Multisector	2.91
Technology One Limited	Law, Economic Management, and Public Policy	2.77
Flinders University	Health, Nutrition, and Social Protection	1.72
Janison-Gensoft Joint Venture	Education	1.51
La Trobe University	Education	1.43
University of Wollongong	Education	0.86
Education Queensland International	Education	0.49
Australian Individual Consultants	Multisector	0.42
TAFE Global Pte., Ltd.	Education	0.36
Sagic International Pty., Ltd.	Transport and Communications	0.34

### Investment projects cofinanced with Australia, 1 January 2004–31 December 2008

Country	Project	ADB Amount <sup>a</sup> (\$ million)	Cofinancing Amount (\$ million)	Type of Cofinancing <sup>b</sup>
Cambodia	GMS Southern Coastal Corridor	7.00	8.00	G
	Road Asset Management	6.00	4.80	G
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Nam Theun 2 Power Co. Ltd for the GMS Nam Theun 2 Hydroelectric Project	50.00	5.56	C
	Northern GMS Transport Network Improvement	27.00	14.50	G
Papua New Guinea	HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control in Rural Development Enclaves	15.00	3.50	G
Samoa	Education Sector II	8.06	8.60	G
	Power Sector Expansion	42.00	8.00	G
Solomon Islands	Post Conflict Emergency Rehabilitation (Supplementary)	10.00	2.00	G
	Road Improvement (Sector)	350.00	6.10	G
	Road Improvement (Sector) (Supplementary)	–	0.47	G
Viet Nam	GMS Southern Coastal Corridor	75.00	25.50	G

– = nil.

<sup>a</sup> Loan, grant, or blend.

<sup>b</sup> C = commercial cofinancing, G = grant cofinancing.

## Consultants Involved in ADB Projects

As of 31 December 2008, 10,330 consultant contracts were awarded under ADB loan projects worth \$4.17 billion, of which 433 contracts were awarded to Australian consultants worth \$311.5 million.

### Top consultants (individual consultants and consulting firms) from Australia involved in ADB loan projects, 1 January 2004–31 December 2008

Consultant	Number of Times Contracted	Contract Amount (\$ million)
SMEC International Pty., Ltd.	23	47.50
GHD Pty., Ltd.	6	9.38
Cardno International Pty., Ltd.	3	4.20
HSA Systems Pty., Ltd.	1	3.34
Sinclair Knight Merz Pty., Ltd.	5	2.97
Uniquist Pty., Ltd.	1	2.97
Hassall and Associates Pty., Ltd. (Australia)	2	2.04
PDP Australia Pty., Ltd.	2	1.81
Australian Individual Consultants*	22	1.77
Australian ITA Consortium	1	0.91
Maski Consulting	1	0.83

\* Consultant may have one or more contracts within the period covered.

From 1 January 1985 to 31 December 2008, 18,104 consultant contracts were awarded under ADB technical assistance projects worth \$2.33 billion, of which 1,1682 contracts were awarded to Australian consultants worth \$304.4 million.

### Top consultants (individual consultants and consulting firms) from Australia involved in ADB technical assistance projects, 1 January 2004–31 December 2008

Consultant	Number of Times Contracted	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Australian Individual Consultants*	522	30.55
Sinclair Knight Merz Pty., Ltd.	5	13.77
SMEC International Pty., Ltd.	10	11.04
GHD Pty., Ltd.	15	10.09
Kellogg Brown & Root Pty., Ltd.	9	6.15
PDP Australia Pty., Ltd.	9	5.72
Cardno International Pty., Ltd.	8	4.16
Illawarra Technology Corporation, Ltd.	6	2.75
Newsouth Global Pty., Ltd.	3	2.11
International Development Support Services	3	1.44
Anu Enterprise Pty., Ltd.	4	1.19

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## Depository Libraries

ADB's Depository Library Program was established in response to increasing public interest in the activities of multilateral development institutions. Many ADB documents available to the public are stored in 157 depository libraries worldwide.

### ADB depository libraries in Australia

Host Institution	Contact Information
National Library of Australia	Janice Duckworth Parkes Place Gift and Exchange Unit (IG5/1) Canberra, ACT 2600 Australia Tel +61 2 6262 1701 Fax +61 2 6273 4322 giftexch@nla.gov.au jduckwor@nla.gov.au
State Library of New South Wales	Macquarie Street Sydney, NSW 2000 Australia Tel +61 3 9669 9888 library@sl.nsw.gov.au
State Library of Queensland	Margery Barnes Serials Unit, Acquisitions Branch P.O. Box 3488 South Brisbane, QLD 4101 Australia srinqueries@slq.qld.gov.au
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## ADB Governor

**The Honorable Wayne Swan, MP**, Treasurer of Australia, is the Governor for Australia in ADB.

## ADB Alternate Governor

**The Honorable Bob McMullan, MP**, Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance, is the Alternate Governor for Australia in ADB.

## ADB Executive Director

**Mr. Phil Bowen** is the ADB Executive Director for Australia. Mr. Bowen, who is from Australia, was Deputy Secretary and Head of the Budget Group of the Department of Finance and Administration before joining ADB.

## ADB Alternate Executive Director

**Mr. Dereck Rooker-Smith** is the ADB Alternate Executive Director for Australia. Mr. Rooker-Smith, who is from Australia, was previously an Assistant Director General of the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).

## ADB Executive Director's Advisors

**Mr. Harry Kuma** (who is from the Solomon Islands) and **Ms. Agnes Cheung** (who is from Hong Kong, China), together with the Executive Director and Alternate Executive Director, also provide technical advice and assist interested parties of the constituency member countries in their contacts with ADB.

## Constituency Represented

The constituency that Executive Director Bowen and Alternate Executive Director Rooker-Smith represent on ADB's Board of Directors also includes Azerbaijan; Cambodia; Georgia; Hong Kong, China; Kiribati; Federated States of Micronesia; Nauru; Palau; Solomon Islands; and Tuvalu.

## ADB Staff Members

As of 31 December 2008, there were 49 professional staff members from Australia in ADB (35 men and 14 women), which represents 5.61% of the total professional staff, including seven senior staff members.

## Commercial Liaison to ADB

The Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) at the Australian Embassy in Manila provides technical advice and assists Australian firms in pursuing business opportunities resulting from ADB activities. The Australian Embassy is located at Level 23-Tower 2, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, Philippines.

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## Annual Meeting

ADB's second Annual Meeting was held in Sydney on 10–12 April 1969.

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