



ADB Commissioned a Panel to Review the Implementation of its 'Water for All' Policy

Background. In 2001, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) outlined its vision for integrated water management in the region in its "Water for All" water policy. The policy has seven elements:

- Focusing on national water sector reform
- Managing water resources
- Delivering water services
- Conserving water
- Promoting regional cooperation
- Fostering participation and communication
- Improving water governance

In 2005, ADB is conducting a comprehensive review of water policy implementation to gauge progress and set a course for the future. What works? What doesn't? What to improve? The review will provide ADB's Management, Board of Directors, clients, development partners, interested stakeholders and the general public with an assessment of progress, challenges, investment requirements and trends in the region, and opportunities and recommendations for ADB to strengthen its work and position itself to better help its clients achieve the vision of Water for All.

Review Process. The review will be conducted in a manner that ensures broad stakeholder participation, transparent proceedings and reporting, and wide dissemination of results and recommendations. The review process will be led by an expert Review Panel commissioned by ADB. The work of the panel will be informed by in-country and regional consultations, workshops with ADB staff, and feedback obtained through other events and surveys. ADB's water website www.adb.org/water will serve as a clearinghouse for information and

comments during the review process. ADB's Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD) will organize the review process and support the panel.

Review Panel. The review panel includes representatives from clients, partners, and ADB. It is comprised of three leading experts from ADB's developing member countries (DMCs), one senior representative from an international nongovernmental organization, one senior expert from the private sector and one senior representative of a bilateral development partner. In the selection of the leading experts from the DMCs, ADB sought candidates with national and city-level policy and decision-making experience in the water sector. Selection of panel members also considered the desirable range of expertise and experience across regional perspectives, gender, and key areas targeted in ADB's Water Policy.

Expectations. The review panel is expected to conduct its work within a period of 9 months, starting in April 2005. The panel will be assisted by a Lead Facilitator engaged by ADB. Panel members are expected to (i) participate in review panel meetings (three panel meetings of one week duration are planned, respectively for inception, mid-term, and report preparation); (ii) attend one or more of the in-country or regional consultations; and (iii) contribute to the preparation of the panel's report for submission to ADB Management through the Director General of RSDD. ADB will offer review panel members an honorarium for their service and reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with ADB's guidelines and procedures.

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