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# GUIDE TO NGO/CIVIL SOCIETY PROGRAM

42<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF ADB'S  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS



2 to 5 May 2009  
Bali International Convention Centre (BICC)

## **About this Guide**

The NGO and Civil Society Center (NGOC) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has produced this guide to assist civil society organizations (CSOs) participating in events connected with the 42nd Annual Meeting of the ADB Board of Governors. Through the Civil Society Program, ADB will engage in dialogue with NGOs, labor unions, community-based organizations, and other civil society groups.

## **Forty-Second Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors**

The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the ADB will be held at the Bali International Convention Centre (BICC) in Bali, Indonesia, Saturday to Tuesday, 2-5 May 2009.

ADB will establish offices at BICC during the Annual Meeting. The offices and other Meeting services will be open from 2 to 5 May. Room and telephone numbers will be in the Meeting Handbook and Directory, which will be provided in your registration envelope.

The opening session will take place in the morning of 4 May. Business sessions will take place in the afternoon of 4 May, and in the morning and afternoon of 5 May. Seminars, member country presentations, privately sponsored seminars, and civil society discussion panels will be held from 2 to 5 May. The Annual Meeting will close at about 17.00 on 5 May.

## **Participation of CSOs in the Annual Meeting**

ADB welcomes the participation of accredited CSO representatives in its 42nd Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting provides a venue for CSOs to interact with ADB senior staff and management, as well as with government representatives on the Board of Directors and in country delegations.

At least 150 CSO representatives from more than 30 countries are expected to participate in this year's Annual Meeting. Starting on 2 May, several sessions will be organized in the context of the Civil Society Program for CSO representatives and other interested Annual Meeting participants.

## **Reaching the Annual Meeting Venue**

BICC is situated in the self-contained resort area of Nusa Dua, which is just 10 km from the Ngurah Rai International Airport. Daily shuttle service from hotels booked through Royalindo to the venue will be provided from 1 May to 5 May.

## **Local Transport**

Taxi charges in Bali start at 6,000 Rupiah, or around US\$0.50, then 4,000 Rupiah/kilometer. From the airport to the BICC, it will cost around 90,000 Rupiah (about US\$8). A taxi journey from the Nusa Dua area to Kuta or Legian area will cost around 100,000 Rupiah. It is advisable to carry small change as taxi drivers are often short of change. Guests, journalists and CSO representatives arriving at the Ngurah Rai International Airport should proceed to the official taxi counter located at the arrival terminal.

Taxis are operated from all major hotels and the airport, with rates varying according to the destination. Some of the airport taxis are Golden Bird and Bali Taxi. At all major terminals, inquiries about local transportation should be directed to the information counter. Car and motorcycle rentals are also available in Bali at negotiable rates.

## **Registration**

The Registration Center, situated at the Nusa Dua Beach Hotel, will be open 2-5 May to issue identification badges and other materials. It is assumed that all participants will have registered online prior to the 18 April deadline.

Participants must wear their identification badges at all times in the meeting areas and at official events, including social events. Participants should collect their identification badges in person, presenting their passports as proof of identity. Citizens of Indonesia may present other officially issued photographic identification documents (e.g., Kartu Tanda Penduduk [KTP]).

Unless The Secretary of ADB or the guest liaison officer is advised otherwise in writing, the name and position of all registered participants will be disclosed on the registration website to other accredited organizations to help them issue invitations to meeting functions.

## **Civil Society Room**

ADB will provide a spacious room, meeting facility, discussion tables, and administrative assistance to CSOs in the Santi Lounge of the Nusa Dua Beach Hotel, which is adjacent to the BICC. The private meeting facility can comfortably accommodate 18 persons and can be used for break-out discussions. If a CSO representative wishes to organize a meeting in this space, a request should first be made with Ms. Sari Aman-Wooster (sawooster@adb.org) of the NGOC. Reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

## **Internet Access**

The Civil Society Room is equipped with four computer terminals, as well as wi-fi internet access for those bringing their own laptops. A dedicated printer will also be provided for use by CSO participants.

## **Copying Services**

CSO representatives will have at their disposal a copier machine for limited quantities intended for use within the Annual Meeting venue only.

## **Access to Media**

The Annual Meeting Media Center is reserved for registered representatives of the media only. Meetings with journalists can be organized in the Civil Society Room (with reservations made with Ms. Sari Aman-Wooster).

Media-related queries should be directed to Ms. Omana Nair, Head, ADB Media and Communications Unit, at the Media Center, situated at the entrance to the BICC.

## **Meals**

Three meals a day (including food and drink) at local restaurants will cost around US\$15-20 per person. Food and drink at better hotels cost about the same as in the same category of hotels anywhere else in the world. Indonesian food is considered spicy by many foreigners. It is recommended that the restaurant or chef be advised of your taste preference. It is not recommended to drink tap water in Bali.

## **Health Recommendations**

Indonesia does not require the international yellow fever vaccination certificate for entry to the country. Delegates are encouraged to obtain medical travel insurance from a reputable organization prior to arriving in Bali.

In addition to Bali's traditional tropical conditions, some cases of rabies have been reported recently. Caution is advised, particularly when traveling outside the BICC and Nusa Dua complex. Rabies is usually transmitted through animal bites (e.g., from dogs, cats, bats, monkeys, or squirrels). Participants are cautioned not to touch or feed these animals, and they may wish to take safety measures against rabies, such as vaccination, which is 100% effective in preventing infection.

We provide emergency medical transportation from the venue to the closest appropriate health facility. International standard clinics are available in Bali, including: Bali International Medical Center, Nusa Dua Medical Service, Kuta Clinic, Ubud Clinic and SOS Medika. We also provide paramedics and facilities for minor treatment at the venue and official hotels.

## **Climate**

May is in the early part of Bali's dry season, when temperatures often stay above 30°C (86°F), peaking at more than 35°C (95°F) or more.

## **Attire**

The attire for the Annual Meeting is business or national dress.

## **Additional Information**

More details on the Annual Meeting and on the host city and country are available on ADB's website at: <http://www.adb.org/annualmeeting/2009/>.

# Schedule of Activities for the Civil Society Program of ADB's 42nd Annual Meeting

*Except where noted, all events take place at the BICC, and  
are open to any registered participant in the Annual Meeting*

## **Saturday, 2 May 2009**

8:00 – 10:00

*Bougainville & Orchid Rooms*

### **ADB-WWF Discussion Panel on "Greening Asia's Footprint: From Global Crisis to Sustainability"**

This discussion panel, prompted by the partnership between ADB and the World Wildlife fund for Nature (WWF), will provide an opportunity to raise awareness of the growing operational and strategic challenges and opportunities for environmental management as a key factor for sustainable development.

#### **OPENING ADDRESS:**

- Ms. Ursula Schaefer-Preuss, Vice President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB

**INTRODUCTION:** What is "Footprint" and its Associated Dynamics?

- Mr. Timothy Geer, Director, Government and Aid Agency Relations, WWF International

#### **MODERATOR:**

- Mr. Daniel Rembeth, Executive Director, Jakarta Post

#### **PANELISTS:**

"Low Carbon Growth Strategies in the People's Republic of China"

- Mr. Professor Jiang Yi, Vice Dean, Tsinghua University

"Current Land Use Practices, Spatial Planning, and Future Implications"

- Ms. Erna Witoelar, Co-Chair, Partnership for Governance Program; Board Member, Indonesian Biodiversity Foundation

"Biodiversity, Off-sets, and Scenario Planning"

- Pierre Jacquet, Chief Economist, Agence Française de Développement

"The Private Sector Role in Addressing Climate Change"

- Mr. Donald Kanak, Chairman, Prudential Corporation, Asia

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10:30 – 11:30  
*Hibiscus and Frangipani Rooms*

### **ADB Management Meeting with CSOs**

A representative of ADB's Management team will meet exclusively with CSO representatives and field questions. Given the large turn-out expected, those joining the meeting are asked to kindly arrive on time and, should they wish to pose a question, keep their interventions short to enable others to also participate. This meeting is for ADB and CSO representatives only.

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14:00 – 16:00  
*Bandung Room*

### **Civil Society Panel Discussion on ADB's Public Communications Policy**

Three years after the PCP's implementation, it is important that public interest be sustained in ADB's disclosure of information, particularly in light of the impending review of PCP policy by the ADB in terms of its substantive and practical effectiveness and responsiveness. The panel discussion hopes to surface issues that deal with the question of the right approaches to issues related to information and community needs, the strength and areas that require improvement in current policy, as well as issues unresolved since the prior review.

#### **MODERATOR:**

- Mr. Hemantha Withanage, Center for Environmental Justice, Sri Lanka

#### **PANELISTS:**

- Ms. Maya Eralieva, Central Asia and Caucasus Coordinator, NGO Forum on ADB
- Mr. Kay Leak, Executive Director, Conservation and Development on Cambodia
- Mr. Nepomuceno Malaluan, Global Transparency Initiative
- Ms. Ann Quon, Senior Director, ADB Department of External Relations

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18:45 – 19:30  
*Civil Society Room, Santi Lounge, Nusa Dua Beach Hotel*

### **CSO Meeting with ADB's Auditor General**

ADB's Auditor General, Mr. Philip Daltrop, will brief CSO participants on developments in the work of the Office of the Auditor General (OAG). There will be a short introductory presentation by Mr. Daltrop, followed by a discussion. Mr. Daltrop is responsible for the work of ADB's audit and integrity divisions. The audit division conducts independent appraisals and audits of ADB's operations, information systems and financial, accounting and administrative processes to ensure effective internal control and improve efficiency. The integrity division is the focal point of ADB's drive against corruption and for dealing with alleged incidents of fraud and corruption in its projects or by its staff. This meeting is for ADB and CSO representatives only.

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**Sunday, 3 May 2009**

12:00 – 14:00

Civil Society Room, Santi Lounge, Nusa Dua Beach Hotel

**ActionAid Launch of Report and  
Discussion on Crises (Food, Economic and Climate) and ADB**

ActionAid states that the number of hungry and food insecure people in Asia is on the rise due to three-pronged crises - economic, food and climate change. The financial crisis is fuelling falling income and rising unemployment, though it brought down prices of food items in recent months from an all time high. The farmers are under-planting due to tight credit situation and falling prices of agriculture production. The lives and livelihood of the marginalized, which hover over the thin line of extreme poverty, have further slipped into volatility due to climatic shock as *fait accompli* receiving end of climate injustice, perpetuated by the industrial North and its corporation.

ActionAid states that the response to the financial crisis must be grounded in new models of growth and national development, regulation of markets, corporate accountability and the ability of public institutions to fulfill their mission to provide public goods. Multilateral banks like ADB should overhaul their funding facilities to align with nationally defined model of development.

In ActionAid's view, governments must focus on how to protect the hundreds of millions of small holding farmers, the millions of retrenched urban workers and the rural poor, particularly the women. They must enable farmers to adapt to suitable approaches such as regenerative agriculture and appropriate technologies in the face of changed climate. There must be a statutory social security and protection system and a complete transformation in asset ownership.

The report launch will include case studies on Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Nepal and Viet Nam.

Moderator: Rashid Al Mahmud Titumir, Regional Policy Coordinator Asia, ActionAid International.

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16:00 – 18:00

Surabaya Room

**Addressing Impacts on Workers of the Global Economic and Financial Crisis  
Forum Organized by Global Labor Unions**

The forum aims to focus attention to the plight of workers in the current global economic slowdown, and the need for recovery plans to emphasize job creation that reflects the needs of working families, and where working people are valued and their rights respected. The forum will feature discussants from the global unions, ADB and ILO.

**MODERATOR:**

- Mr. Ambet Yuson, Asia-Pacific Regional Secretary, BWI

**PANELISTS:**

- Mr. Sharan Burrow, President, ITUC (taped message)
- Mr. Noboru Inokuchi, Public Services International
- Sen. Nick Sherry, Minister for Superannuation and Corporate Law, Government of Australia
- Ms. Halimah Yacob, Member, ILO Governing Body; Deputy Secretary General, Singapore NTUC
- Mr. Xianbin Yao, Director General, Regional and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

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**Monday, 4 May 2009**

*08:00 – 09:30*

*Hibiscus Room*

**Civil Society Discussion Panel on ADB's Draft Energy Policy and Energy Efficiency Initiative**

ADB has gradually developed sustainable initiatives in its energy portfolio, most recently the Sustainable Transport Initiative. ADB's Energy Efficiency Initiative (EEI) has generated interesting results that have leveraged praise, criticism and many questions. Is the EEI a reflection of the changing priorities of the ADB? How much of the EEI is truly driven by the plethora of urgencies that the Bank has outlined in its pronouncements regarding the climate crisis? Is the EEI and ADB's draft Energy Policy commensurate to the challenges actually facing developing Asia in the face of rapidly deteriorating, fluctuating climatic conditions? Are new instruments drawn up by the ADB to address the crisis truly relevant to generating developing member country ambitions with regard to low-carbon pathways? This panel will attempt to answer these questions and more.

**MODERATOR:**

- Mr. Red Constantino, Executive Director, NGO Forum on ADB

**PANELISTS:**

- Ms. Taslima Ismail, Bangladesh Environmental Lawyers Association
- Ms. Athena Ballesteros, Manager, International Financial Flows and the Environment Project, WRI
- Ms. Stephanie Fried, Environmental Defense
- Mr. Woonchong Um, Director, Sustainable Infrastructure Division, ADB

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*14:30 – 16:30*

*Surabaya Room*

**ADB Dialogue with NGO Forum on ADB on the Safeguards Policy Update**

ADB Management and staff will meet with representatives of the NGO Forum on ADB to discuss the Forum's eight key concerns on the W-Paper of the ADB Safeguard Policy Statement. Attendance in this event is by invitation only.

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## **NGO and Civil Society Center in Bali**

The NGOC will maintain an office in the Santi Lounge of the Nusa Dua Beach Hotel 1–5 May, and staff will be available to respond to queries from CSO representatives about the Annual Meeting.

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