

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
10TH MEETING OF THE EXTERNAL FORUM ON GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (EFG)
Auditorium Zone D, ADB Headquarters, Manila
14 - 17 July 2009

Background

The External Forum on Gender and Development (EFG) was established in 2001 to promote and facilitate dialogue between ADB and external experts and advocates on gender and development issues. To date, the EFG has met nine times at ADB headquarters. Background information on the EFG members, and outcome documents of their previous meetings, are posted on ADB's website (<http://www.adb.org/Gender/forum.asp>). The Poverty Reduction, Gender and Social Development Division (RSGS) of the Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD) hosts the EFG's meetings and serves as the organizational link between the EFG and other parts of ADB.

Expected Outcomes of the Meeting

The expected outcomes of the EFG's 10th session are:

- Recommendations to better engender ADB's response to the global economic crisis;
- Recommendations to strengthen gender mainstreaming in ADB's support for heavy infrastructure projects;
- Feedback on ADB's implementation of its GAD Plan of Action 2008-10 and gender equality results assessments; and
- Submission of an outcome document to the Vice President (Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development) through RSGS and RSDD.

Program

Tuesday, 14 July 2009

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| 9:00 am | <i>Welcome Remarks</i>
Ursula Schaefer-Preuss, Vice-President (Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development)
Xianbin Yao, Director General, Regional and Sustainable Development Department (RSDD) |
| 9:25 am | <i>Goals of Meeting and ADB's Response to EFG's 2008 Recommendations</i>
Sonomi Tanaka, RSGS |
| 9:40 am | <i>Proposed Agenda</i>
Eugenia McGill, Facilitator for EFG Meeting |
| 9:45 am | <i>Briefing and Discussion of Gender-Related Developments at ADB [2008 GAD Plan of Action Report; 2008 Development Effectiveness Review; updates on RM gender specialists and GAD Fund; ADB responses to global economic/financial crisis]</i>
Sonomi Tanaka, RSGS |
| 11:15 am | <i>EFG Internal Discussion</i> |
| 12:15 noon | <i>Welcome Lunch hosted by Ursula Schaefer-Preuss, Vice-President (Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development) (Private Dining Room 6)</i> |

- 1:30-2:15 *Meeting with Central and West Asia Department (Operations 1)* [discussion with each regional department will include integration of gender concerns in any new country partnership strategies; new loans, grants and technical assistance; implementation of ongoing projects; and any recent evaluations of completed projects]
Robert Siy Jr., Director, Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation Division
- 2:15-3:00 *Meeting with South Asia Department (Operations 1)*
Frederick Roche, Deputy Director General
Francesco Tornieri, Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Office of the Director General
- 3:00-3:45 *Meeting with Pacific Department (Operations 2)*
Sungsup Ra, Director, Pacific Operations Division
Sally Pedersen, Principal Public Management and Human Capacity Development Specialist, Pacific Operations Division
- 4:00 pm *Meeting with Rajat Nag, Managing Director General* (Exec. Conference Rm. 8733E)
- 6:30 pm *Departure from Hotel - Dinner at Aurora Javate De Dios' Residence*

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- 8:30 am *EFG Internal Discussion*
- 9:00 am *Meeting with Strategy and Policy Department*
[gender mainstreaming categories for projects; gender mainstreaming in 2008 Development Effectiveness Review; new streamlining of business processes and implications for gender mainstreaming]
Indu Bhushan, Director, Strategy, Policy and Interagency Relations Division
Noriko Ogawa, Advisor, Strategy and Policy Department, concurrently Head, Results Management Unit
Shigeko Hattori, Principal Planning and Policy Specialist
- 10:00-10:40 *Meeting with East Asia Department (Operations 2)*
Amy S.P. Leung, Director, Urban and Social Sectors Division
Edgar Cua, Advisor, Office of the Director General
- 10:40-11:10 *Update on ADB's Accountability Mechanism*
Dewi Utami, Associate Secretary, Office of the Compliance Review Panel
Karin Oswald, Principal Project Facilitation Specialist, Office of the Special Project Facilitator
- 11:20-12:00 *Meeting with Xiaoyu Zhao, Vice-President (Operations 1)* (VPO1's Office, 8149N)
- 12:15 pm *EFG Lunch Seminar: Gender Dimensions of the Economic/Financial Crisis in Asia* (Auditorium D)
Drs. Caren Grown, EFG; Yasuko Muramatsu, EFG; and Marina Durano, DAWN
[open to ADB staff]
- 2:30-3.00 pm *Meeting with Haruhiko Kuroda, President* (President Kuroda's Office, 8104E)
- 3:15 pm *Meeting with GAP III Committee* [gender issues related to staff recruitment, promotion and retention, and work/life balance initiatives]

4:15 pm *Briefing and Discussion of Issues Related to Human Resource Strategy* [staff learning and development on gender mainstreaming; gender specialist staffing; GAP III and professional women staffing]
Hyong-Jong Yu, Deputy Director General, Budget, Personnel and Management Systems Department

5:15 pm *Group Photo Session* (ADB Courtyard)

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8:30 am *Update on ADB's Safeguard Policy Review*
Xiaoying Ma, Principal Environment Specialist, Environment and Safeguards Division, RSDD

9:00-9:40 am *Meeting with Southeast Asia Department (Operations 2)*
Arjun Thapan, Director General
Shireen Lateef, Director, Social Sectors Division

10:00 am *Briefing and Discussion of Second Rapid Gender Assessments (RGAs) of Selected Loan and Grant Projects*
Juliet Hunt, RGA Consultant, and Resident Mission Gender Specialists (Oyunbileg Baasanjav, Mongolia Resident Mission, and Nelun Gunasekera, Sri Lanka Resident Mission) **[open to ADB staff]**

12:00 noon *Lunch with RGA Consultant, RM Gender Specialists, and Members of ADB's Gender and Social Development Committee* (Private Dining Room 6)

2:00 pm *Technical Working Session on Gender Mainstreaming in Infrastructure Projects*
Drs. Govind Kelkar, ENERGIA (Energy Sector), and Kyoko Kusakabe, Asian Institute of Technology (Transport Sector)
[open to ADB staff]

4:00 pm *Meeting with C. Lawrence Greenwood, Jr., Vice President (Operations 2)* (Exec. Conference Rm. 8733E)

6:45 pm *Departure from Hotel - Dinner at Sonomi Tanaka's Residence*

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8:30 am *Meeting with Representatives of Professional Women's Committee (PWC)*
[gender issues related to staff recruitment, promotion and retention, and work/life balance initiatives]

9:15 am *EFG Working Session*

12:00 pm *Working Lunch*

2:00 pm *EFG Feedback and Wrap-up Discussion with Ursula Schaefer-Preuss, Vice President (Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development)*

3:00 pm *Closing*