

## **JOINT STATEMENT OF INTENT**

**between**

**ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK (ADB)**

**and**

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE (IDRC)**

1. Representatives of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), led by President Maureen O'Neil, visited the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in November 1999 and discussed with representatives of ADB, led by President Tadao Chino, their respective activities in applied research for international development and possible areas of future cooperation.
2. ADB and IDRC agreed that forward-looking applied research was a critical prerequisite to intellectual leadership and effective, relevant policies and programming in international development. In this respect, they noted the significant research already carried out to date by the Economics and Development Resource Center in ADB, and by the IDRC, as well as the work being started by the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI).
3. ADB and IDRC concluded that collaboration between ADB and IDRC to support applied research would benefit ADB's Developing Member Countries and IDRC's Asian Partners. Furthermore, such collaboration would strengthen institutional capabilities in both organizations and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness in the use of their respective resources.
4. ADB and IDRC concluded that they would explore possible collaboration with respect to the following development challenges.
  - i) poverty alleviation;
  - ii) trade and industry;
  - iii) economic policy: efficiency and equity;
  - iv) governance and local capacity building;
  - v) human resources development;
  - vi) natural resource management and environment;
  - vii) information and communication technologies; and
  - viii) project and policy evaluation.
5. ADB and IDRC concluded they should collaborate in applied research and related activities in areas of mutual interest.
6. ADB and IDRC agreed that there was a need to strengthen regional networks for knowledge generation and dissemination of applied research.

7. ADB agreed to establish an ADB depository library within IDRC's library. IDRC agreed to send copies of all its publications to the ADB's main library in Manila. Both institutions agreed to set up hyperlinks to each other's websites.
8. ADB and IDRC agreed to consider support for projects which are jointly identified and/or developed, and endeavor to mobilize human, financial and information resources for such projects and activities. ADB and IDRC may provide co-financing to either organization when such arrangement is considered mutually beneficial and feasible.
9. ADB and IDRC agreed to consider, from time to time, an exchange of professional staff of both organizations to each other's Headquarters or representative/regional offices.
10. ADB and IDRC agreed to review collaborative activities through:
  - 10.1 periodic review meetings in Manila and Ottawa; or their representative/regional offices;
  - 10.2 regular exchange of information; and
  - 10.3 establishment of a focal point at each organization.
11. ADB and IDRC agreed to plan to follow up on this Joint Statement of Intent within six months of its signing to consider further modalities to facilitate its implementation.

Made this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 1999 at Manila, Philippines.

**Asian Development Bank**

**International Development  
Research Centre**

Tadao Chino  
President

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