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51st ADB ANNUAL MEETING

3-6 MAY



Linking People and Economies
for Inclusive Development

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About the ADB Annual Meeting

The Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) holds an annual meeting to explore ways to reduce poverty and promote inclusive growth in the Asia and Pacific region. The meeting gathers about 3,000 participants and offers a unique platform for dialogue, networking, and partnerships.

When 3–6 May 2018

Where ADB Headquarters
Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines

Who Finance and development ministers, central bank governors, private sector and civil society organizations, media, academia, and development partners



Information for Participants

Send accreditation/registration requests by e-mail: annualmeeting@adb.org

The working language of the meeting is English. Interpretation may be available in some sessions.

For the list of accredited hotels and other information, visit our website: www.adb.org/annual-meeting/2018

About Manila—Economic Crossroads of Southeast Asia

Manila is the capital of the Philippines. Strategically located at the center of Southeast Asia, it was the first “global city” that connected Asia, the Americas, and Europe during the Manila-Acapulco galleon trade in the 1500s. Prior to this, it was a bustling trading outpost for goods from China and other Asian neighbors. Today, it is a cosmopolitan city with a rich history and unique fusion of East and West, meshed with modern and traditional influences. Cited as a “rising star” in foreign direct investments by UNESCAP,* the Philippines is a regional hub with a world-class workforce, stable democracy, sound financial fundamentals, and steady economic growth. Find out more why ADB has chosen Manila as its home for more than half a century.

*United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. 2017. *Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2017: Channelling Trade and Investment into Sustainable Development*.



**The ADB Annual Meeting is a sustainable and carbon-neutral event.
Some milestones during its 50th meeting in Yokohama include:**



3,000

tons of carbon emissions offset



100%

solid waste treated or recycled



energy efficient digital screens
were used



Events

The 4-day meeting provides an excellent opportunity for dialogue, networking, and exploring new partnerships in a wide range of events.

Official events

Meeting our shareholders. Comprising the business sessions and the opening session, these events are attended by the ADB Governors where they discuss governance matters and operational directions of ADB.

Host country events

Exploring the Philippines. Find out why the Philippines has been dubbed “Asia’s rare bright spot” by visiting exhibits and attending host country events that discuss its economic direction and showcase its business, trade, and investment prospects.

Institutional events

Gauging our performance. How is ADB doing against its targets? What are its areas of focus in years to come? How does it safeguard the welfare of stakeholders involved in its projects? Get acquainted with ADB’s operations by interacting with senior staff during “deep dive” presentations.

Networking events

Expanding your circle. Meet participants from different backgrounds over complimentary lunch or in evening receptions hosted by ADB and the host country. Join our networking lunches on 3 to 6 May.

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ADB seminar program

Connecting with thought leaders. The seminar program features hot topics of current interest to ADB stakeholders, such as: (i) technology, globalization, and job creation, (ii) managing and developing Asia's financial markets, (iii) women business startups and entrepreneurs, (iv) community-led climate and disaster resilience, and (v) aging and demographic change, among others.

Sponsored seminars

Leveraging new partnerships. Private sector partners hold knowledge sharing events, where experts discuss current global issues during lunchtime sessions.

Private sector day

Fostering private sector development. The private sector day gathers financing and other private sector partners for forums and networking opportunities.

Civil society organizations (CSO) program

Supporting participatory development. CSOs interact with ADB Management, share innovation and best practice in development work, and hold panel discussions that cover relevant topics related to ADB operations and of interest to CSOs. Live streaming will be available in selected ADB offices.

Media

Promoting dialogue and transparency. Regional and international media personalities moderate discussions and probe global and regional developments affecting Asia and Pacific economies.

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About the Asian Development Bank

ADB's vision is an Asia and Pacific region free of poverty. Its mission is to help its developing member countries reduce poverty and improve the quality of life of their people. Despite the region's many successes, it remains home to a large share of the world's poor. ADB is committed to reducing poverty through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration.

Based in Manila, ADB is owned by 67 members, including 48 from the region. Its main instruments for helping its developing member countries are policy dialogue, loans, equity investments, guarantees, grants, and technical assistance.



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