

# Asian Development Bank & Ireland

## FACT SHEET

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through pro-poor sustainable economic growth, social development, and good governance.

Established in 1966, it is owned by 67 members—48 from the region—who have committed \$179.7 billion in loans to the vision of a region free of poverty.

Despite the region's many successes, it remains home to two-thirds of the world's poor: 1.8 billion people who live on less than \$2 a day, with 903 million struggling on less than \$1.25 a day.

Ireland has contributed \$554.54 million in capital subscription as of 31 December 2011. It has contributed and committed the equivalent of \$70.22 million to special funds since joining in 2006.

Ireland's companies and consultants have been awarded \$3.51 million in procurement contracts (based on nationality of contractor) on ADB-financed projects since 2006.

In 2011, lending volume was \$12.61 billion (104 projects), with technical assistance (TA) at \$148 million (212 projects) and grant-financed projects at \$614 million (23 projects). In addition, \$7.7 billion was generated in direct value-added cofinancing in the form of official loans and grants and commercial cofinancing such as B loans, risk transfer arrangements, parallel loans, and cofinancing for transactions under ADB's Trade Finance Program.

From 1 January 2007 to 31 December 2011, ADB's annual lending volume averaged \$11.34 billion. In addition, TA and investment grants funded by ADB and special funds resources averaged \$755.3 million and \$175.0 million in TA over the same period.

As of 31 December 2011, the cumulative totals excluding cofinancing were \$179.7 billion in loans for 2,423 projects in 42 countries, \$5.0 billion in 186 grants, and \$3.3 billion in TA grants, including regional TA grants.

In addition to loans, grants, and TA, ADB uses guarantees and equity investments to help its developing member countries.

With headquarters in Manila, ADB has 30 offices around the world with 2,958 staff from 61 members as of 31 December 2011.

### Shareholding and Voting Power

Number of shares held:	36,120 (0.34% of total shares)
Votes:	75,610 (0.57% of total membership, 1.64% of total nonregional membership)
Overall capital subscription:	\$554.54 million
Paid-in capital subscription:	\$27.79 million

### Contributions to Special Funds Resources

Ireland has contributed to the Asian Development Fund (ADF), which is ADB's window for concessional lending to its borrowing members, and to the Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF), which provides grants to borrowing members to help prepare projects and undertake technical or policy studies.

Contributions to the <u>ADF</u> (committed):	\$66.58 million
Contributions to the <u>TASF</u> (committed):	\$3.64 million

### Cofinancing

ADB arranges cofinancing from bilateral, multilateral, export credit agencies, and commercial sources in the form of grants for technical assistance and components of investment projects, B loans, risk transfer arrangements, parallel loans, and cofinancing for transactions under ADB's Trade Finance Program. Cofinancing brings additional resources to ADB's project financing. In 2011, total direct value-added cofinancing amounted to \$7.7 billion for 180 projects of which \$7.5 billion was for 47 investment projects and \$211.4 million for 133 technical assistance projects. Cumulative direct value-added cofinancing for the period 1970–2011 amounted to \$30.7 billion for 1,854 projects, of which \$29.5 billion was for 549 investment projects and \$1.2 billion was for 1,305 technical assistance projects.

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## Trust Funds

Trust funds are key instruments to mobilize and channel grants from external sources to finance technical assistance and components of investment projects. They play an important role in complementing ADB's own grant resources. So far, bilateral, multilateral, and private sector partners have contributed about \$4.3 billion in grants, including trust funds, to ADB operations. Initially, trust funds were established through single-donor channel financing agreements targeting a number of specific sectors. Over time, ADB has been increasingly switching to multidonor trust funds covering thematic issues. A more recent development is the establishment of trust funds under theme-focused umbrella initiatives, called financing partnership facilities, which support priority areas in ADB's long-term strategic framework, Strategy 2020 such as water, clean energy, regional cooperation and integration, and urban sector financing.

Ireland has contributed to the following trust funds:

### Multidonor Trust Fund

- Gender and Development Cooperation Fund – established in 2003  
Cumulative commitment: €0.80 million
- Governance Cooperation Fund – established in 2001  
Cumulative commitment: €0.80 million
- Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness Trust Fund – established in 2011  
Cumulative commitment: €0.10 million

## Share of ADB's Procurement Contracts

Each year, ADB provides loans to fund projects and activities in its developing member countries and several billion dollars in contracts to procure goods and consulting services.

Procurement contracts for goods and related services, civil works, and consulting services under loan and technical assistance operations totaled \$6.92 billion in 2010 and \$7.56 billion in 2011. Cumulative procurement, as of 31 December 2011, was \$117.97 billion. Most contracts were awarded on the basis of international competition, which is open to firms and individuals from any ADB member, regional or nonregional.

### Ireland's Share of Procurement Contracts, 2010–2011 Loans (Project and Program Loans Combined) and Technical Assistance Based on Nationality of Contractor

Item	2010		2011		Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2011)	
	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total
Goods and Works	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.25	0.00
Consulting Services	0.55	0.13	0.98	0.23	3.26	0.04

0.00 = less than 0.01%.

## Contractors/Suppliers Involved in ADB Projects

From 1 January 1968 to 31 December 2011, contractors and suppliers were involved in 197,337 contracts for ADB loan projects worth \$109.78 billion. During the same period, contractors and suppliers from Ireland were involved in three contracts for ADB loan projects worth \$0.25 million.

## Consultants Involved in ADB Projects

From 1 January 1968 to 31 December 2011, consultants were involved in 24,484 contracts for ADB technical assistance projects worth \$3.42 billion. During the same period, consultants from Ireland were involved in 28 contracts for ADB technical assistance projects worth \$3.26 million.

### Top Consultants (Individual Consultants and Consulting Firms) from Ireland Involved in ADB Technical Assistance Projects, 1 January 2007–31 December 2011

Consultant	Number of Times Contracted	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Project Management Group	1	0.58
AARC Limited	1	0.22
Individual consultants	26	1.71

## ADB Governor

**The Honorable Michael Noonan T.D.**, Minister for Finance, Department of Finance, is the Governor for Ireland in ADB.

## ADB Alternate Governor

**Mr. Michael McGrath**, Assistant Secretary, Budget, Taxation and Economic Division 2, Department of Finance, is the Alternate Governor for Ireland in ADB, as of 31 December 2011.

As of 16 January 2012, **Mr. Paul Ryan**, Director, Finance and Corporate Directorate, Department of Finance, has succeeded Mr. McGrath as the Alternate Governor for Ireland in ADB.

## ADB Executive Director

**Ms. Micheline Aucoin** is the ADB Executive Director for Ireland. Ms. Aucoin, who is from Canada, worked 25 years in Canada's public service, mainly in the International Branch of the Department of Finance, before joining ADB in October 2011.

## ADB Alternate Executive Director

**Mr. Jacob Rooimans** is the ADB Alternate Executive Director for Ireland. Mr. Rooimans, who is from the Netherlands, served initially as Director's Advisor for the same constituency office for 2 years. He was the Senior Policy Advisor, Financial Planning and Control Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands, before joining ADB in 2008.

## ADB Executive Director's Advisors

**Mr. Björn Gustavsson**, who is from Sweden, was the Desk Officer in the Division for Multilateral Development Banks, Department for Multilateral Development Cooperation, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden, before joining ADB in 2010.

**Mr. Max von Bonsdorff**, who is from Finland, was a Counsellor at the Embassy of Finland in Viet Nam, before joining ADB in September 2011.

## Constituency Represented

The constituency that Executive Director Aucoin and Alternate Executive Director Rooimans represent on ADB's Board of Directors also includes Canada, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden.

## ADB Staff Members

As of 31 December 2011, there were three international staff from Ireland in ADB (2 men and 1 woman), which represents 0.28% of the total international staff, including one senior staff member.

## Commercial Liaison to ADB

The ADB Liaison Office at the Enterprise Ireland in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia provides technical advice and assists Irish firms in pursuing business opportunities resulting from ADB activities. The Enterprise Ireland is located at the Ireland House, 5.01 South Block, The Amp Walk, 218 Jalan Ampang, 50450 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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