

Asian Development Bank & Australia

FACT SHEET

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is dedicated to reducing poverty in the Asia and Pacific region through pro-poor sustainable economic growth, social development, and good governance. Established in 1966, it is owned by 67 member nations—48 from the region—who have committed \$155.94 billion 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.

Australia is the fifth largest shareholder and has contributed \$3.17 billion in capital subscription as of 31 December 2008. As of 31 December 2009, it has contributed \$1.37 billion to special funds since joining in 1966.

Australian companies and consultants have been awarded \$1.32 billion in procurement contracts (based on nationality of contractor) on ADB-financed projects since 1967.

In 2009, lending volume was \$13.23 billion (93 projects), with technical assistance at \$267.2 million (313 projects) and grant-financed projects at \$1.11 billion (64 projects). In addition, \$3.16 billion in direct value-added loan cofinancing was generated.

Over the last 5 years (2005–2009), ADB's annual lending volume averaged \$9.18 billion, with technical assistance averaging \$245.7 million and grant-financed projects \$855.4 million.

As of 31 December 2009, the cumulative totals were \$155.94 billion in loans for 2,206 projects in 41 countries, \$5.19 billion for 315 grant projects, and \$3.81 billion for 6,863 technical assistance projects.

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

With headquarters in Manila, ADB has 27 offices around the world with 2,600 staff from 58 members as of 31 December 2009.

Shareholding and Voting Power

Australia is the fourth largest shareholder in ADB among its regional members. Overall, Australia is the fifth largest shareholder.

Figures are as of 31 December 2008, before the fifth general capital increase process began. The process is ongoing, and the final figures are expected to be available by 31 December 2010. Current subscription levels are available from the Office of the Secretary.

Number of shares held:	204,740 (5.77% of total shares)
Votes:	217,972 (4.92% of total membership, 7.56% of total regional membership)
Overall capital subscription:	\$3.17 billion
Paid-in capital subscription:	\$221.93 million

In December 2009, Australia subscribed for its full allocation of shares under GCI V with effect from January 2010.

Contributions to Special Funds Resources

Australia has contributed to the Asian Development Fund (ADF), which is ADB's window for concessional lending to its borrowing members; to the Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF), which provides grants to borrowing members to help prepare projects and undertake technical or policy studies; to the Asian Tsunami Fund (ATF), which provides emergency grant financing to DMCs affected by the 2004 tsunami; and to the Pakistan Earthquake Fund (PEF).

Contributions to the ADF (committed):	\$1.98 billion
Contributions to the TASF (committed):	\$55.90 million
Contributions to the ATF (committed):	\$3.80 million
Contributions to the PEF (committed):	\$15.04 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, loans, and syndications. Cofinancing brings additional resources to ADB's project financing. In 2009, total direct value-added (DVA) cofinancing amounted to \$3.38 billion for 121 projects, of which \$3.32 billion was for 35 investment projects and \$64.1 million was for 86 technical assistance projects. Cumulative DVA cofinancing for the period 1970–2009 amounted to \$15.6 billion for 1,276 projects, of which \$14.7 billion was for 306 investment projects and \$835.1 million was for 970 technical assistance projects.

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As of 31 December 2009

Cofinancing with Australia from 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2009 comprised the following:

Investment Projects:	11 projects, cofinancing of \$116.83 million
Grants:	11 projects, cofinancing of \$116.83 million
Technical Assistance:	39 projects, cofinancing of \$62.43 million

Trust Fund Agreements

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 \$3.0 billion in grants to ADB operations. Initially, trust funds were established through single-donor channel financing agreements targeting numbers 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 Strategy 2020, such as water, clean energy, regional cooperation and integration, and urban sector financing.

Australia has contributed to the following trust funds:

Single-Donor Trust Fund

- Memorandum of Understanding on Channel Financing established in 1993
Cumulative commitment: A\$59.3 million
- Memorandum of Understanding on Channel Financing for the ADB–Australia South Asia Development Partnership Facility established in 2006 for enhanced governance, urban development, inclusive growth, human resource development and regional cooperation and integration for Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.
Cumulative commitment: A\$11.0 million

- Carbon Capture and Storage Fund established in 2009 under the Clean Energy Financing Partnership Facility established in 2008
Cumulative commitment: A\$21.5 million

Multidonor Trust Fund

- Cooperation Fund for Regional Trade and Financial Security established in 2004
Cumulative commitment: A\$1.5 million
- Water Financing Partnership Trust Fund established under the Water Financing Partnership Facility in 2006
Cumulative commitment: A\$10.0 million
- Clean Energy Financing Partnership Trust Fund under the Clean Energy Financing Partnership Facility established in 2007
Cumulative commitment: A\$7.0 million

Share of ADB's Procurement Contracts

Each year, ADB provides loans to fund projects and activities in its Asian and Pacific developing members and several billion US dollars' worth of contracts to procure goods and consulting services.

Procurement contracts for goods and works, and consulting services under loan and technical assistance operations totaled \$7.52 billion in 2008 and \$10.74 billion in 2009. Cumulative procurement as of 31 December 2009 was \$103.19 billion. Most contracts were awarded on the basis of international competition, which is open to firms and individuals from any ADB member country, regional or nonregional.

Australia's Share of Procurement Contracts, 2008–2009 Loans (Project and Program Loans Combined) and Technical Assistance Based on Nationality of Contractor

Item	2008		2009		Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2009)	
	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total
Goods and Works	3.57	0.05	1.21	0.01	663.48	0.69
Consulting Services	32.64	8.58	37.11	8.45	654.54	9.47

Investment Projects Cofinanced with Australia, 1 January 2005–31 December 2009

Country	Project	ADB Amount ^a (\$ million)	Cofinancing Amount (\$ million)	Type of Cofinancing ^b
Cambodia	Greater Mekong Subregion Southern Coastal Corridor	7.00	8.00	G
	Road Asset Management	6.00	4.80	G
	Greater Mekong Subregion Rehabilitation of the Railway in Cambodia	42.00	22.00	G
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Northern Greater Mekong Subregion Transport Network Improvement	27.00	14.50	G
Papua New Guinea	HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control in Rural Development Enclaves	15.00	3.50	G
Samoa	Education Sector II	8.06	8.60	G
	Power Sector Expansion	42.00	8.00	G
Solomon Islands	Post Conflict Emergency Rehabilitation (Supplementary)	11.56	2.00	G
	Road Improvement (Sector) (Supplementary)	0.35	8.65	G
	Second Road Improvement (Sector)	15.00	4.50	G
Sri Lanka	North East Community Restoration and Development II (Supplementary)		7.28	G
Viet Nam	Greater Mekong Subregion Southern Coastal Corridor	75.00	25.50	G

^a Loan, grant, or blend.

^b G = grant cofinancing.

Contractors/Suppliers Involved in ADB Projects

From 1 January 1968 to 31 December 2009, contractors and suppliers were involved in 186,281 contracts for ADB loan projects worth \$96.29 billion. During the same period, contractors and suppliers from Australia were involved in 999 contracts for ADB loan projects worth \$663.48 million.

Contractors/Suppliers from Australia Involved in ADB Loan Projects, 1 January 2005–31 December 2009

Contractor/Supplier	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
HSBC Bank Australia Ltd.	Transport and ICT	10.00
Infrastructure Constructions	Water Supply and Other Municipal Infrastructure and Services	3.19
Technology One Limited	Public Sector Management	2.77
Flinders University	Health and Social Protection	1.70
Janison-Gensoft Joint Venture	Education	1.51
La Trobe University	Education	1.43
Griffith University	Education	0.49
Education Queensland International	Education	0.44
TAFE Global Pte., Ltd.	Education	0.36
University of Canberra	Public Sector Management	0.34

ICT = information and communication technology.

Consultants Involved in ADB Projects

From 1 January 1968 to 31 December 2009, consultants were involved in 10,945 contracts for ADB loan projects worth \$4.38 billion. During the same period, consultants from Australia were involved in 442 contracts for ADB loan projects worth \$320.54 million.

Top Consulting Firms from Australia Involved in ADB Loan Projects, 1 January 2005–31 December 2009

Consultant	Number of Times Contracted	Contract Amount (\$ million)
SMEC International Pty., Ltd.	24	47.91
Cardno International Pty., Ltd.	3	5.16
GHD Pty., Ltd.	4	3.40
HSA Systems Pty., Ltd.	1	3.34
Uniquist Pty., Ltd.	1	2.97
Sinclair Knight Merz Pty., Ltd.	5	2.86
Hassall and Associates Pty., Ltd. (Australia)	2	2.08
PDP Australia Pty., Ltd.	3	1.75
Australian ITA Consortium	1	0.90
Australian Marine Science and Technology Ltd.	1	0.69

From 1 January 1968 to 31 December 2009, consultants were involved in 20,087 contracts for ADB technical assistance projects worth \$2.52 billion. During the same period, consultants from Australia were involved in 1,849 contracts for ADB technical assistance projects worth \$335.12 million.

Top Consultants (Individual Consultants and Consulting Firms) from Australia Involved in ADB Technical Assistance Projects, 1 January 2005–31 December 2009

Consultant	Number of Times Contracted	Contract Amount (\$ million)
GHD Pty., Ltd.	21	15.49
SMEC International Pty., Ltd.	16	14.52
Sinclair Knight Merz Pty., Ltd. (AUS)	4	12.88
Kellogg Brown and Root Pty., Ltd.	11	8.14
PDP Australia Pty., Ltd.	11	7.82
CARDNO International Pty., Ltd.	7	3.66
Illawarra Technology Corporation Ltd.	6	2.75
Anu Enterprise Pty., Ltd.	5	2.04
World Vision Australia	3	1.65
International Development Support Services	3	1.44
Individual Consultants	563	32.16

Depository Libraries

ADB's Depository Library Program was established in response to increasing public interest in the activities of multilateral development institutions. Many ADB documents available to the public are stored in 155 depository libraries worldwide.

ADB Depository Libraries in Australia

Host Institution	Contact Information
National Library of Australia	Janice Duckworth Parkes Place Gift and Exchange Unit (G5/1) Canberra, ACT 2600 Australia Tel +61 2 6262 1701 Fax +61 2 6273 4322 giftexch@nla.gov.au jduckwor@nla.gov.au
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State Library of Queensland	Margery Barnes Serials Unit, Acquisitions Branch P.O. Box 3488 South Brisbane, QLD 4101 Australia srinquiries@slq.qld.gov.au
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ADB Governor

The Honorable Wayne Swan, MP, Treasurer of Australia, is the Governor for Australia in ADB.

ADB Alternate Governor

The Honorable Bob McMullan, MP, Parliamentary Secretary for International Development Assistance, is the Alternate Governor for Australia in ADB.

ADB Executive Director

Mr. Phil Bowen is the ADB Executive Director for Australia. Mr. Bowen, who is from Australia, was Deputy Secretary and Head of the Budget Group of the Department of Finance and Administration before joining ADB.

ADB Alternate Executive Director

Mr. Dereck Rooker-Smith is the ADB Alternate Executive Director for Australia. Mr. Rooker-Smith, who is from Australia, was previously an Assistant Director General of the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).

ADB Executive Director's Advisors

Mr. Rhinehart Silas (who is from Palau) and **Ms. Agnes Cheung** (who is from Hong Kong, China), together with the Executive Director and Alternate Executive Director, also provide technical advice and assist interested parties of the constituency member countries in their contacts with ADB.

Constituency Represented

The constituency that Executive Director Bowen and Alternate Executive Director Rooker-Smith represent on ADB's Board of Directors also includes Azerbaijan; Cambodia; Georgia; Hong Kong, China; Kiribati; the Federated States of Micronesia; Nauru; Palau; Solomon Islands; and Tuvalu.

ADB Staff Members

As of 31 December 2009, there were 52 professional staff members from Australia in ADB (36 men and 16 women), which represents 5.61% of the total professional staff, including seven senior staff members.

Commercial Liaison to ADB

The Australian Trade Commission (Austrade) at the Australian Embassy in Manila provides technical advice and assists Australian firms in pursuing business opportunities resulting from ADB activities. The Australian Embassy is located at Level 23-Tower 2, RCBC Plaza, 6819 Ayala Avenue, Makati City, Philippines.

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Annual Meeting

ADB's second Annual Meeting was held in Sydney on 10–12 April 1969.

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