

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK & NORWAY

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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 66 member nations—47 from the region—who have committed \$116 billion to the vision of a region free of poverty.

Norway is the 29th largest shareholder. It has contributed \$172.1 million in capital subscription and \$202.8 million to special funds since joining in 1966. Despite many successes, the region is still home to two thirds of the world's poor: nearly 1.9 billion people who live on \$2 a day or less, with 620 million struggling on less than \$1 a day.

Norwegian companies and consultants have been awarded \$97.42 million in procurement contracts on ADB-financed projects since 1967.

In 2005, ADB approved \$6.95 billion in loans and grants for projects and technical assistance of \$198.7 million. This also generated \$7.4 billion in cofinancing from commercial financial organizations, official funding institutions, and export credit agencies, with \$6.7 million from Norwegian sources.

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

With headquarters in Manila, it has 26 offices around the world and more than 2,000 staff from over 50 countries.

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Shareholding and Voting Power

Norway is the ninth largest shareholder in ADB among 19 nonregional members, a position it shares with Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and Turkey. Overall, Norway is the 29th largest shareholder, a position it shares with Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Luxembourg, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, and Turkey.

Number of shares held:	12,040 (0.34% of total shares)
Votes:	25,427 (0.58% of total membership, 1.64% of total nonregional membership)
Overall capital subscription:	\$172.08 million*
Paid-in capital subscription:	\$12.05 million*

Contributions to Special Funds Resources

Norway has contributed to the original and all subsequent replenishments 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 ADF (committed): \$195.18 million

Contributions to the TASF (committed): \$7.59 million

Channel Financing/Administrative Agreements

Channel financing agreements (CFAs) between Norway and ADB were signed on 28 October 1991 for Norwegian kroner (Nkr)15 million (approximately \$2.4 million) and on 21 April 1999 for \$2.1 million for the social sector development, environment, energy, and financial sectors in countries with very low per capita gross national product and limited debt repayment capacity.

An administrative arrangement was signed between Norway and ADB on 5 December 2002 for its Nkr15 million (approximately \$2 million) contribution to the multidonor Governance Cooperation Fund. In 2003, three separate CFAs were signed with Norway for its contributions to three multidonor trust funds (a CFA signed on 29 July 2003 for Nkr15 million (approximately \$2 million) contribution to the Cooperation Fund for the Water Sector; a CFA signed on 13 June 2003 for Nkr15 million (approximately \$2 million) contribution to the Gender and Development Cooperation Fund; and a CFA signed on 13 October 2003 for Nkr17 million (approximately \$2.4 million) contribution to the Poverty and Environment Fund). On 27 June 2005, an administrative arrangement was signed for \$1.25 million contribution to the Cooperation Fund in Support of Managing for Development Results.

* As of 31 December 2005.

In this brochure, "\$" refers to US dollars.

Cofinancing

ADB arranges cofinancing from commercial and official sources as additional resources for project financing. Cofinancing arrangements in 2005 amounted to \$7.4 billion for 31 public and 3 private sector projects and \$77.9 million in untied grant financing for 95 technical assistance projects. At the end of 2005, cumulative cofinancing arrangements (beginning 1970) amounted to about \$49.5 billion for 692 loan projects and \$531.7 million in grants for 727 technical assistance projects.

Cofinancing with Norway from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2005 comprised the following.

Loans:	4 loan projects, cofinancing of \$56.70 million
Official:	1 loan project, cofinancing of \$10.00 million
Grants:	3 loan projects, cofinancing of \$46.70 million
Technical Assistance:	3 technical assistance projects, cofinancing of \$1.88 million

Loan projects cofinanced with Norway, 1 January 2001–31 December 2005.

Country	Project	ADB Loan (\$ million)	Cofinancing (\$ million)	Type of Cofinancing ^a
Bangladesh	Gas Transmission and Development	230.00	5.00	G
Bangladesh	Second Primary Education Development Program (Sector Loan)	100.00	40.00	G
Bangladesh	Grameen Phone Telecommunications Expansion	20.00	10.00	O
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Northern and Central Regions Water Supply and Sanitation Sector	10.00 ^b	1.70	G

^a G = grant cofinancing, O = official cofinancing.

^b Financed with \$10 million grant from the Asian Development Fund.

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.

From 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2005, ADB approved about \$28.12 billion in loans for 323 projects and \$892.1 million in technical assistance for 1,509 projects. As of 31 December 2005, the cumulative totals were \$116 billion in loans for 1,940 projects in 39 countries and \$2.78 billion for 5,923 technical assistance projects, including regional technical assistance projects.

Procurement contracts for goods and related services, civil works, and consulting services under loan and technical assistance operations totaled \$3.5 billion in 2004 and \$5.7 billion in 2005. Cumulative procurement as of 31 December 2005 was \$80.6 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.

Norway's share of procurement contracts, 2004–2005.

Item	2004		2005		Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2005)	
	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total
Goods and Related Services, and Civil Works	0.26	0.01	1.43	0.03	66.80	0.09
Consulting Services	4.30	1.45	1.21	0.30	30.61	0.51

Contractors/Suppliers Involved in ADB Projects

Contractor/supplier from Norway involved in ADB loan projects,
1 January 2001–31 December 2005.

Contractor/Supplier	Sector	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Nexans Norway (Alcatel Kabel)	Energy	6.18

Consultants Involved in ADB Projects

From 1 January 1985 to 31 December 2005, consultants were involved in 5,169 contracts for ADB loan projects worth \$2.7 billion. During the same period, consultants from Norway were involved in 29 contracts for ADB loan projects worth \$7.7 million.

Top consultants (individual consultants and consulting firm) from Norway involved in ADB loan projects, 1 January 2001–31 December 2005.

Consultant	Contract (No.)	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Norplan A.S.	1	0.48
Norwegian Individual Consultants	3	0.33

From 1 January 1985 to 31 December 2005, consultants were involved in 13,129 contracts for ADB technical assistance projects worth \$1.9 billion. During the same period, consultants from Norway were involved in 40 contracts for ADB technical assistance projects worth \$13.4 million.

Top consultants (individual consultants and consulting firms) from Norway involved in ADB technical assistance projects, 1 January 2001–31 December 2005.

Consultant	Contract (No.)	Contract Amount (\$ million)
Sweco Groner A.S.	2	4.01
Norway Registers Development A.S.	1	0.74
Norwegian Individual Consultants	12	0.62
Norplan A.S.	2	0.55
Econ Analysis	1	0.45

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 170 depository libraries worldwide.

ADB depository library in Norway.

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ADB Alternate Governor

Mr. Henrik Harboe, Deputy Director General, Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is the Alternate Governor for Norway in ADB.

ADB Executive Director

Mr. Émile Gauvreau is the ADB Executive Director for Norway. Mr. Gauvreau, who is from Canada, was the Canadian Ambassador to Ivory Coast, Benin, Nigeria, and Liberia prior to his first election as ADB Executive Director in 2003.

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Mr. Pasi Hellman is the ADB Alternate Executive Director for Norway. Mr. Hellman, who is from Finland, was Director, Unit for Development Financing Institutions, Ministry for Foreign Affairs prior to joining ADB in 2004.

ADB Executive Director's Advisors

Mr. Patrick Brandt, who is from the Netherlands, was Head of Development Assistance at the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Bangkok, Thailand, prior to joining ADB in 2005.

Mr. Jean Couturier, who is from Canada, was Senior Programme Manager, International Financial Institutions, Multilateral Programmes Branch, Canadian International Development Agency, prior to joining ADB in 2005.

Constituency Represented

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

ADB Staff Members

As of 31 December 2005, there were five professional staff members from Norway in ADB (0.57% of the total professional staff), including one senior staff member.

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