

# LUXEMBOURG

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is dedicated to reducing poverty in Asia and the Pacific through inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration.

Established in 1966, it is owned by 68 members—49 from the region—who have committed \$275.82 billion in loans to the vision of a region free of poverty.

Despite the region's many successes, it remains home to the majority of the world's poor.

Luxembourg has contributed \$502.35 million in capital subscription as of 31 December 2018. It has contributed and committed \$78.24 million to Special Funds since joining in 2003.

Companies and consultants have since gained a total of \$59.88 million in procurement contracts involving goods and services originating from Luxembourg on ADB-financed projects.

In 2018, the lending volume was \$19.88 billion (126 projects), with technical assistance at \$241.2 million (280 projects) and grant-financed projects at \$1.42 billion (44 projects). In addition, \$14 billion was generated in commitments from direct value-added cofinancing.

From 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2018, ADB's annual lending volume averaged \$15.99 billion. In addition, investment grants and technical assistance funded by ADB and Special Funds resources averaged \$583.95 million and \$184 million in technical assistance over the same period.

As of 31 December 2018, the cumulative totals excluding cofinancing were \$275.82 billion in loans for 3,090 projects in 44 countries, \$9.38 billion in 374 grants, and \$4.52 billion in technical assistance grants, including regional technical assistance grants.

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

With headquarters in Manila, ADB has 32 offices around the world with 3,381 staff from 60 members as of 31 December 2018.

# CONTRIBUTIONS TO SPECIAL FUNDS RESOURCES

Luxembourg has contributed to the Asian <u>Development Fund</u> (ADF), which was ADB's window for concessional lending to its borrowing members up to 31 December 2016 and retaining the ADF support as a grant-only operation from 1 January 2017; the Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF), which provides grants to borrowing members to help prepare projects and undertake technical or policy studies; the Asian Tsunami Fund (ATF), which provides emergency grant financing to developing member countries affected by the 2004 tsunami; and to the Financial Sector Development Partnership Special Fund (FSDPSF), which provides funds to strengthen regional, subregional, and national financial systems in Asia and the Pacific.

# **Contributions:**

ADF (committed): \$60.43 million
TASF (committed): \$3.17 million
ATF (committed): \$1.00 million
FSDPSF (committed): \$13.64 million



### **COFINANCING**

ADB arranges cofinancing from bilateral and multilateral sources, export credit agencies, and commercial sources in the form of official loans and grants, other concessional cofinancing, B loans, risk transfer arrangements, parallel loans and equity, guarantees, and cofinancing for transactions under ADB's Trade Finance Program. Cofinancing brings additional resources to ADB's project financing. In 2018, total direct value-added cofinancing commitments amounted to \$14 billion for 175 projects, of which \$13.87 billion was for 76 investment projects and \$129.89 million was for 99 technical assistance projects. Cumulative direct value-added cofinancing commitments for the period 1970-2018 amounted to \$97.97 billion for 2,697 projects, of which \$95.73 billion was for 914 investment projects and \$2.24 billion was for 1,783 technical assistance projects.

Cofinancing commitments with Luxembourg from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2018 comprised the following:

# **Technical Assistance**

 Official Grant: 1 project, cofinancing of \$0.07 million

# **Trust Funds**

Trust funds are key instruments to mobilize and channel external sources to finance technical assistance and components of investment projects. They play an important role in complementing ADB's own funding resources. Initially, trust funds were established through single-donor channel financing agreements targeting a number of specific sectors. 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 2030, such as water, clean energy, regional cooperation and integration, urban sector financing, and health.

Luxembourg has contributed to the following trust funds:

#### **Multi-Donor Trust Fund**

- Financial Sector Development
   <u>Partnership Fund</u>—established
   in 2006 to strengthen regional,
   subregional, or national financial
   systems of DMCs
  - Cumulative commitment:\$6.5 million
- Asia Pacific Carbon Fund—
   established in 2006 to provide an
   additional source of finance at an
   early stage of the project cycle for
   projects in DMCs that help and/or
   abate greenhouse gases
  - » Cumulative commitment:\$15 million
- Fourth High Level Forum (HLF4) on Aid Effectiveness Trust Fund established in 2011 to support the travel and related costs of HLF4 participants from 100 developing countries
  - » Cumulative commitment: €0.02 million

# NONSOVEREIGN OPERATIONS

As a catalyst for private investments, ADB provides financial assistance to nonsovereign projects and financial intermediaries. Total commitments from ADB's own funds (in equity and direct loans) in 2018 amounted to \$3.14 billion for 32 transactions in economic and social infrastructure, the finance sector, and agribusiness. ADB also actively mobilizes cofinancing from commercial and concessional sources. In 2018, ADB mobilized \$3.17 billion of long-term cofinancing and \$3.99 billion of cofinancing in trade finance, microfinance, and supply chain finance programs. Total outstanding balances and commitments of nonsovereign

transactions funded by ADB's own resources stood at \$12.7 billion as of 31 December 2018.

Various funds of responsAbility, Bamboo Financial Inclusion Fund S.C.A, Triodos Sicav II, and Ronoc Partners S.A.R.L. have invested in financial institutions in Georgia, India, Mongolia, and Pakistan, to which ADB had provided debt financing.

#### **PROCUREMENT**

Each year, ADB provides loans, grants, and technical assistance to fund projects and activities in its developing member countries; and several billion dollars in contracts to procure goods, works, and consulting services. Most contracts are awarded on the basis of international competition, which is open to firms and individuals from any ADB member, regional or nonregional.

#### **Share of ADB's Procurement Contracts**

#### Goods, Works, and Related Services

ADB's procurement contracts in Asia and the Pacific for goods, works, and related services under loan and grant operations totaled \$10.2 billion in 2017 and \$12.55 billion in 2018. Cumulative procurement since 1966 has been \$180.86 billion covering 215,461 contracts.

In Luxembourg, 177 contracts worth \$16.84 million have been awarded to contractors and suppliers since 2003.

# **Consulting Services**

ADB's procurement contracts in Asia and the Pacific for consulting services under loan, grant, and technical assistance operations totaled \$746.79 million in 2017 and \$696.18 million in 2018. Cumulative procurement since 1966 has been \$12.7 billion covering 59,248 contracts.

In Luxembourg, four contracts worth \$43.05 million have been awarded to consultants since 2003.

# Luxembourg's Share of Procurement Contracts for Loan, Grant, and Technical Assistance Projects, by Origin

	2017		2018		Cumulative (as of 31 Dec 2018)	
Item	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total	Amount (\$ million)	% of Total
Goods, Works, and Related Services	0.18	0.00	0.61	0.00	16.84	0.01
Consulting Services	-	-	-	-	43.05	0.34
Total Procurement	0.18	0.00	0.61	0.00	59.88	0.03



The Kandy-Mahiyangana national highway in central Sri Lanka was upgraded under the ADB-supported National Highways Sector Project.

#### **ADB GOVERNOR**

Pierre Gramegna is the Governor for Luxembourg in ADB.

#### **ADB ALTERNATE GOVERNOR**

Arsène Jacoby is the Alternate Governor for Luxembourg in ADB.

#### ADB DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR

**Helmut Fischer** (Germany) is the Director and **Burak Müezzinoğlu** (Turkey) is the Alternate Director representing Luxembourg on the ADB Board of Directors.

#### **ADB DIRECTOR'S ADVISORS**

**Philip Rose** (United Kingdom) and **Yves Weber** (Luxembourg), together with the Director and Alternate Director, also provide technical advice and assist interested parties of the constituency members in their contacts with ADB.

# **CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTED**

The constituency that Director Fischer and Alternate Director Talakaci represent on the ADB Board of Directors also includes Austria, Germany, Turkey, and the United Kingdom.

#### **ADB STAFF MEMBERS**

As of 31 December 2018, there was one male international staff from Luxembourg in ADB, which represents 0.08% of the total international staff.

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