

**RIS/UN-ESCAP**

**High-level Policy Dialogue on  
Regional Cooperation for Infrastructure  
Development and Financing in Asia-Pacific**

21-22 March 2007.  
India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India

**Tentative Programme**

**DAY 1—21 March 2007**

09:00-10:00 **REGISTRATION**

10:00-11:00 **INAUGURAL SESSION**

*Opening Remarks:*

*Welcome Remarks:*

*Observations by:*

*Inaugural Address:*

11:00-11:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:30-13:15 **SESSION I: REGIONAL COOPERATION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE  
FINANCING IN ASIA**

This session will focus on the key findings of the study by India on “Regional cooperation for Infrastructure Financing in Asia”. The panelists will discuss, in particular the proposals of the study on innovative financial mechanisms for financing infrastructure, their relevance and applicability to Asia-Pacific region.

**Open Discussion**

13:15-14:15 **LUNCH**

**14:15-15:15 SESSION II: INVESTMENT NEEDS AND PRIORITIES IN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC**

This session will present the key findings of the “Survey on needs and priorities of member States in infrastructure development” conducted by UNESCAP.

**Open Discussion**

**15:15-15:30 COFFEE BREAK**

**15:30-17:30 SESSION III PANEL DISCUSSION ON FINANCING INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT: Lessons from Asia-Pacific Experiences**

This session will include presentations (10 minutes each) by 6 experts on financing infrastructure. The Panelists will focus on issues such as an enabling policy environment for infrastructure development and financing; constraints on private investment in infrastructure, public-private partnerships; challenges and opportunities; fixing remunerative tariffs; mitigating risks, and innovative ways of structuring and financing infrastructure projects.

**Open Discussion**

**DAY 2—22 March 2007**

**10.00-11:15 SESSION IV: EXPERIENCES IN INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING IN ASIA-PACIFIC**

The objective of this session is to draw lessons from the experiences of two major players in infrastructure development and financing in the region. While ADB will present its experiences as a regional lender, JBIC will make its observations as a bilateral lender. The focus will be on policy issues and constraints and how they could be addressed.

***Financing Infrastructure in Asia and the Pacific: A regional lender's perspective***

***Financing Infrastructure in Asia and the Pacific: a bilateral donor's perspective***

**Open Discussion**

11:15-11:45 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:45-13:00 **SESSION V: GLOBAL EXPERIENCES IN INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCING**

This session would focus on global experiences. In particular, it will focus on the experiences of EIB and the World Bank on how to make infrastructure financing a success, mobilization of resources, issues and challenges and what lessons Asia-Pacific could learn to avoid mistakes and failures.

***Financing Infrastructure in EU: Lessons from EIB***

***Financing Infrastructure: A global perspective***

**Open Discussion**

13:00-14:00 **LUNCH**

14:00-16:00 **SESSION VI: INNOVATIVE REGIONAL MECHANISMS FOR FINANCING INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT**

The main objective of this session is to explore innovative regional mechanisms for financing infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region. The discussion will be based on an outcome document to be presented at the meeting which will briefly outline the modalities and way forward. Panelists will comment on the proposals, their feasibility and the best strategies to implement them.

**Valedictory Address**

*Vote of Thanks:*

16:00-16:30 **COFFEE BREAK**

16:30-17:30 **PRESS CONFERENCE**

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