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Information Brief on ADFIAP’s Work and Advocacy on Infrastructure Finance

Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific

PURPOSE
For information.

ISSUE
Information on ADFIAP’s work and advocacy on infrastructure finance

BACKGROUND
ADFIAP is currently assisting in the build-up of a DFI (development finance institution) network database to facilitate infrastructure project preparation and financing in the region for the National Infrastructure Information Systems (NIIS), a web-based information platform developed with support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Republic of Korea

PROPOSAL
N.A.

DECISION POINT
Note the information brief.
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1. ADFIAP\footnote{The Association of Development Financing Institutions in Asia and the Pacific (ADFIAP) is the focal point of all development banks and other financial institutions engaged in the financing of sustainable development in the Asia-Pacific region. Founded in 1976, ADFIAP currently has 131 member-institutions in 45 countries and territories. ADFIAP is also currently the Secretariat and founding member of the 328-member, 154-country World Federation of Development Financing Institutions (WFDFI) composed of similar regional associations in Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. ADFIAP is a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the United Nation's Economic and Social Council. ADFIAP is a non-stock, not-for-profit international organization with permanent Secretariat in Manila, Philippines.} www.adfiap.org is currently assisting in the build-up of a DFI (development finance institution) network database to facilitate infrastructure project preparation and financing in the region for the National Infrastructure Information Systems (NIIS), a web-based information platform developed with support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Republic of Korea through the ADB’s Regional Technical Assistance 7379: “Establishment of e-Systems to Support Infrastructure Financing in Asia”.

2. The NIIS http://www.infrastructure-system.info/index.htm is particularly useful in the initial and early development stages of infrastructure project finance by providing a series of tools to: (a) capture key project data in a systematic and consistent way across multiple locations and multiple sectors (b) identify and fill any gaps in project planning and preparation (c) identify and mitigate project risks and (d) guide a project towards PPP structuring and private-sector institutional and commercial investment by providing links to marketing and funding resources.

3. NIIS users include project developers such as government and government agencies; project advisors and developers; and financiers such as banks, investment funds, DFIs and other financial institutions.

4. NIIS facilitates information gathering, reporting and exchange in three platforms: (a) Open Site, a publicly-accessible website that provides overall information and news feed on infrastructure projects (b) Knowledge Hub, a moderated social network platform for NIIS users to communicate to each other, and access resources and news on infrastructure development and (c) Project Platform, a unique web-accessible relational database application which allows users to create and manage complex data and documents regarding infrastructure and climate projects.

5. As of July 2012, ADFIAP has developed a NIIS Master Trainer’s Program whose successful participants will be deployed to roll out certificate training programs for those intending to use and propagate the NIIS platform.