



# The Advisory Group on APEC Financial System Capacity-Building

**A Public-Private Sector Initiative**

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**Second Meeting 2007**  
30 May 2007, 4:00 – 6:00 pm  
Sakura (B2 Floor), The Prince Park Tower  
Tokyo, Japan

## **AGENDA ITEM 5**

### **PAPER 5-B**

#### **Activity Profile:**

### **PPP for Infrastructure Development**

*Asian Development Bank Institute*

## **ACTIVITY PROFILE: PPP for Infrastructure Development**

<b>Title</b>	Strengthening Private Sector Participation and Investment in Physical Infrastructure
<b>Dates</b>	11-14 September 2007 (4 days)
<b>Venue</b>	Tokyo, Japan

### **Purpose**

This course is designed to improve the understanding of policy makers of the main challenges to greater private sector participation and investment in infrastructure projects in the region and facilitate accelerated development of policy reform programs that will strengthen the enabling environment and legal and governance frameworks.

### **Background**

Access, quality and price of infrastructure are important drivers of regional competitiveness, economic growth and poverty reduction. Governments in the Asia-Pacific region increasingly recognize that lack of adequate infrastructure is limiting gains in productivity, raise the cost of production and reduce profitability, as well as constrain growth and poverty reduction measures. While investment in infrastructure has risen, the financing gap is widening because it has not kept pace with growing demand. With growing fiscal constraints governments look to the private sector for investment and greater participation in order to better meet the infrastructure challenges they face.

### **Scope and coverage**

This workshop will analyze constraints, outline policy approaches, and highlight regional and international best practices, as well as review concessional financing and other development support activities that are targeted to accelerate private sector participation and investment to infrastructure sectors in the region. Through the involvement of international and regional investment bankers and credit agencies the workshop will explore what it takes to attract private sector financing and make a deal 'bankable', and outline alternative approaches to risk-sharing which can make a deal and terms of financing more attractive to private sector investors. The workshop will provide an interactive setting to enable participants to critically assess and strengthen country strategies and proposals for infrastructure 'deals' they bring to the workshop.

### **Outputs**

- ◆ a compendium of issue papers (prepared by each speaker) for publication
- ◆ country strategic approaches for priority policy/regulatory reforms necessary to enable acceleration of PPPs and timebound action plans
- ◆ a list of potential bankable deals for the region (for IFI/financing agency circulation)
- ◆ a workshop report and CDs of workshop proceedings and presentations

### **Target Participants**

20–25 senior and mid-level government officials from key national infrastructure ministries (transport, energy, water) and local government, as well as senior and mid-level managers from regulatory authorities and/or state-owned authorities involved in infrastructure development and service delivery