

**DFID Management Response to the Independent Commission for Aid Impact recommendations on:**

**The Effectiveness of DFID's Engagement with the Asian Development Bank, July 2012**

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<p><b>Recommendation 1:</b> Where DFID is co-financing projects with ADB, it should be clear about the relative contributions of each partner, strengthen its initial risk assessment and resource accordingly and improve its real-time monitoring and evaluation.</p>	Accept	<p>1. DFID will provide country offices working with the ADB with specialist knowledge and advice on the relative contributions of ADB and DFID.</p>	April 2013	<p><b>On track</b> Have included this as part of UK and ADB country programming discussions, e.g. with DFID Bangladesh on the sensitive Padma Bridge project, and with DFID Burma on preparations for Burma to get access to ADB allocations as part of political and economic reforms.</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 2:</b> As a shareholder, DFID should concentrate its influence on improving the impact of ADB and ADF projects, in particular by strengthening project</p>	Accept	<p>2. The UK will use discussion of the ADB Results Framework (2013-2016) to ensure that the choice of indicators and the proposed targets stretch the bank to improve its performance and enable</p>	December 2012	<p><b>On track</b> DFID provided comments on the Bank's Results Framework, requesting clearer and more specific indicators on gender, climate change and</p>

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design, implementation and independent evaluation on the ground.		shareholders to assess progress.		inclusive growth, at European multi-shareholder meeting in Stockholm with ADB Results Team in early September. A formal UK response to the Results Framework revision will be forwarded in mid-September.
<p><b>Recommendation 3:</b> Ad-hoc discussions between DFID country offices, DFID HQ and the UK representative at ADB should be formalised in quarterly strategic reviews for the five DFID focus countries where ADB activity is significant.</p>	Accept	3. Quarterly policy and programme meetings will be established between IFID, the UK representative in Manila and Asia Division staff.	October 2012	<p><b>On track</b> The first quarterly meeting is planned to take place before 10 October 2012</p>
<p><b>Recommendation 4:</b> DFID needs to ensure that it always has the right information to make choices about when and how to work</p>	Accept	4. Future MAR assessment will have a greater focus on delivery on the ground in a range of countries, using evidence from regular DFID	April 2013	<p><b>On track</b> Preparations for MAR follow up in early 2013 ongoing. Second round of DFID country monitoring</p>

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<p>with ADB. If DFID wishes to use the MAR for this purpose, then future MARs should consider the capabilities of multilateral agencies on-the-ground across a range of countries, capabilities and project types.</p>		<p>office monitoring of multilateral performance and targeted country visits.</p>		<p>has recently been completed.</p>