Asian Think Tanks Network (ATTN)

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Timeline: ATTN

2012
- ADB consultations with selected Asian think tanks
- AFDC and ADB initiated to network the Asian think tanks

2013
- May: RETA 8392 approved by ADB
- June: TA Concept Paper endorsed by ADB
- November: USD 500,000 secured from PRC Fund
- October: ATTN established; 1st ADB-Asian Think Tank Development Forum in Beijing
Objectives of ATTN

ATTN: an institutionalized knowledge sharing platform among government-linked think tanks in Asia and Pacific

- Enhance systematic knowledge sharing, particularly S-S knowledge cooperation
- Enable better policy advising; bridge the gap between research and policy
- Strengthen the capacity of the Asian think tanks, particularly, those in low income DMCs
- Increase the voice of Asia and Pacific in international arenas
Targeted Membership

Economic and development think tanks in the region, particularly those:

- under macroeconomic agencies, such as ministry of finance, economy, and development agencies;
- with close linkages with the government’s macroeconomic agencies and assisting in development policy formulation and implementation; and
- from low income DMCs.
Focus Areas

- Inclusion
- Innovation
Networking Mode

- A joint initiative of ADB and think tanks
- At the initial stage, ADB acts as lead agency, co-financier, honest broker and secretariat; ADB will try to support ATTN through a few TAs
- In a long run, it is expected that a sustainable financing mechanism can be found and ATTN can be operated largely by the think tanks
Networking Activities

- Flagship KS event: Annual ADB-Asian Think Tank Development Forum
- e-Newsletter: ATTN e-News
- Proceedings
- Webpage: www.adb-asianthinktanks.org
After the 1\textsuperscript{st} Forum

- 1 issue of e-Newsletter released
- Survey conducted
- Proceedings published
- Website developed
- Additional financing of USD 150,0000 secured
- More ATTs joined
- Preparation for the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Forum
Discussion Questions

- How can we sustain ATTN?
- What roles you expect ADB to play?
- What roles can the think tanks assume in the operations of ATTN? How should they be organized for this?
- What financing mechanisms should we have to sustain ATTN?
- How can we make our networking and knowledge exchange more efficient and effective?
- What themes should we focus on for the 3rd forum?