

# AIIB Q1 2019 Report on the Policy on Public Information

## 1. Introduction

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) began issuing a quarterly report on the Policy on Public Information (PPI) in Q4 2018 to strengthen the Bank's commitment to transparency. This is the second consecutive report on the PPI, covering the period Jan. 1-March 31, 2019. It summarizes AIIB's information disclosure practices as required by the PPI and its Directive.

During the reporting period, AIIB held three training sessions for AIIB staff (Jan. 15, Jan. 23 and March 8) to facilitate compliance with the PPI. Consultations were also conducted internally for the development of the Administrative Guidance on the PPI, which will clarify the responsibilities and procedures for information disclosure.

# 2. Proactive Disclosure

In this report, "proactive disclosure" is segregated into the disclosure of financial, institutional and operational information.

## 2.1 Financial Information

AIIB recognizes certain events as triggers for the required proactive public disclosure of information. The approval of the Board of Governors/President are the event triggers for the disclosure of audited/unaudited financial statements for both AIIB and the Special Fund. Such events did not occur in the reporting period. We expect to cover the disclosure of such information in the next PPI Quarterly Report.

### 2.2 Institutional Information

During the reporting period, AIIB published institutional information in line with the timelines set by the Directive on Public Information. Table 1 shows the disclosure of governance information. Table 2 shows the disclosure of Directives.

 Table 1: Proactive Disclosure: Governance

Event	Types of Information	Requirement under the Directive	Resulting Disclosure
Membership status changed.	Members of the Bank and the voting power of each.	Upon any effective change.	Information was disclosed on the Bank's
The Bank received appointment letters from the members.	Name and position of members of the Board of Governors.	Upon the formal appointment by the relevant Member.	website in compliance with the requirement.
The thematic program was approved.	Thematic program of the Annual Meeting of Board of Governors.	Within three working days after approval.	
The Board of Directors approved the Minutes.	Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting.	Three working days after approval of the minutes by the Board of Directors.	
The member notified the Bank of the joining of a constituency.	Composition of Bank constituencies.	After formal notification of changes to the Bank by the relevant Member.	
New directors were elected and new alternate directors were appointed.	Names and nationalities of Directors and Alternate Directors.	Upon effective nomination and appointment.	
The Board of Directors approved the Terms of Reference of the Committees of the Board of Directors.	Terms of Reference of the Committees of the Board of Directors.	Within three working days after approval of the terms of reference by the Board of Directors and after changes are made to the membership of the Committees of the Board of Directors.	
The Board of Directors approved the inclusion of new members in the Committees of the Board of Directors.	Membership of the Committees of the Board of Directors.	Within three working days after approval of the terms of reference by the Board of Directors and after changes are made to the membership of the Committees of the Board of Directors.	
The Chair of the Board of Directors confirmed the dates of the meetings in consultation with the Board of Directors.	Indicative Dates of Future Meetings of the Board of Directors.	Three working days after approval by the Chair of the Board of Directors.	

Table 2: Proactive Disclosure: Directives

Event Trigger	Documents	Disclosure Requirement under Directive	Disclosure Action
The President approved the following Directives.	Directive on Liquidity Risk Management.  Directive on Market Risk Management.  Directive on Operational Risk Management.  Directive on Ethical Standards of Conduct.  Directive on Protection Against Retaliation.  Directive on Environmental and Social Policy.	Within 10 working days after approval by the President.	The Directives were published on AIIB's website in compliance with the requirement. https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/role-of-law/directives.html

## 2.3 Operational Information

# 2.3.1 Project Summary Information (PSI), Project Document (PD) and Environmental and Social (E&S) Information

This report covers one approved project and three proposed projects.

The approved project was the Bangladesh Power System Upgrade and Expansion Project, which is a sovereign-backed financing (SBF) project. It is also the first AIIB financing approved under the Bank's Accountability Framework. This framework, which came into effect on Jan. 1, 2019, delegates authority to the President to approve projects that meet the predetermined criteria agreed with the Board.

The three proposed projects include two SBF projects that passed the Concept Decision (the Mumbai Urban Transport Project 3 and the Dhaka Sanitation Improvement Project) and one nonsovereign-backed financing (NSBF) (the Asia Investment Fund [AIF] project) that passed the Final Review.

In March, AIIB began publishing SBF Project Implementation Monitoring Reports on <u>aiib.org</u>. The reports show AIIB's project implementation status.

## 2.3.1.1 NSBF PSI

The initial PSI of the AIF project was disclosed one calendar day after the Final Review.

#### 2.3.1.2 SBF PSI

The initial PSI of the Bangladesh Power System Upgrade and Expansion project was disclosed 24 days after the Concept Decision and 180 days before the President's approval.

The initial PSI of the Mumbai Urban Transport Project 3 was disclosed on the same day as the Concept Decision.

The initial PSI of the Dhaka Sanitation Improvement Project was disclosed six calendar days after the Concept Decision.

On average, PSI were disclosed 10 calendar days after the Concept Decision.

### 2.3.1.3 SBF PD

The PD of the Bangladesh Power System Upgrade and Expansion project was disclosed one calendar day after the President's approval.

#### 2.3.1.4 NSBF E&S Documents

The AIF has established an Environmental, Social and Governance policy and appointed a senior manager to oversee its implementation. The Bank will help the AIF establish investment guidelines in line with requirements of AIIB's Environmental and Social Framework. The AIF is developing its Environmental

and Social Management System in accordance with AIIB's Environmental and Social Framework.

#### 2.3.1.5 SBF E&S Documents

The environmental and social information of the Bangladesh project was disclosed three days after the Appraisal Decision and 96 days before the President's approval. Of note is that the project's environmental and social impact assessment and executive summary (in English and Bengali) were disclosed on the client's (Power Grid Company of Bangladesh) website eight days before the Appraisal Decision. The documents were updated and reuploaded to the client's website on April 10, 2019. These in turn were uploaded to the AIIB website on the same day.

For the Bangladesh Dhaka Sanitation Improvement Project and Mumbai Urban Transport Project 3, the environmental and social documents will be disclosed once finalized and before Appraisal Decision.

Chart 1 illustrates the disclosure of SBF and NSBF information in relation with the project process.

Tables 3 and 4 show the disclosure of NSBF and SBF projects measured against the requirement of the Directive.

Table 5 shows the disclosure of approved projects measured before Board/President approval.

**NSBF** President's/Board Final Review Concept Decision Approval Initial PSI and draft E&S documents are disclosed on the working day following the final review meeting. SBF President's/Board Concept Decision Appraisal Approval PD is Initial PSI is Draft E&S disclosed disclosed documents after promptly are approval by after disclosed concept prior to President or decision appraisal Board. meeting. decision meeting.

Chart 1: Key project stages related to disclosure of project information\*

<sup>\*</sup>For details of the disclosure of project information, please refer to Annex A of the Directive on Public Information.

Table 3: NSBF Disclosure Measured Against the Directive

Type of Operational Information	NSBF PSI	NSBF E&S Information
Requirement under the Directive	On the working day immediately following the Final Review.	Simultaneous with the NSBF PSI.
Disclosure	Calendar days after the Final Review.	Calendar days after the Final Review.
Asia Investment Fund (000218)	1	NA*

<sup>\*</sup>Private equity funds adopt an E&S Policy and an E&S management system in line with AIIB's ESP and are required to disclose their investments (name, location, industry and an overview of the investee or a link to its website) at the latest 12 months after investing (if such delay is warranted by commercial needs).

Table 4: SBF Disclosure Measured Against the Directive

Type of Operational Information	SBF PSI	SBF E&S Information	SBF PD
Requirement under the Directive	Promptly after the Concept Decision.	Prior to Appraisal.	After Board/President approval.
Disclosure	Disclosure after Concept Decision (Calendar Days).	Disclosure before Appraisal Decision (Calendar Days).	Disclosure after President Approval (Calendar Days).
Bangladesh Power System Upgrade and Expansion (000088)	24	-3*	1
Mumbai Urban Transport Project 3 (000228)	0	NA	NA
Dhaka Sanitation Improvement Project (000240)	6	NA	NA

<sup>\*</sup>The project's environmental and social impact assessment and executive summary (in English and Bengali) were disclosed on the client's (Power Grid Company of Bangladesh) website eight days before the Appraisal Decision. The documents were updated and reuploaded to the client's website on April 10, 2019. These in turn were uploaded to the AIIB website on the same day.

**Table 5:** Disclosure Measured Against Board/President Approval Date\*

Types of Information	SBF PSI	SBF E&S Documents
Bangladesh Power System Upgrade and Expansion (000088)	180 calendar days before President's approval.	96 calendar days before President's approval.

<sup>\*</sup>This table covers approved projects. Only one was approved during the reporting period.

#### 2.3.2 Procurement

The technical proposal and oral presentation of three shortlisted vendors of the Project Procurement Portal have been reviewed and evaluated. The contract is expected to be in place in the coming months. The development and implementation of the portal is expected to be completed by Q4 2019. Once operational, the portal will track and collate information for all contracts awarded under International Open Competitive Tendering (IOCT) stand-alone SBF projects. For cofinanced projects, IOCT contract award detail would be captured either by information published on the cofinanciers' website or under the investment management information system currently under development. Until the systems are up and running, individual contract award notices for IOCT contracts will continue to be published individually in the relevant project section.

## 3. Requests for Information

From Jan. 1 to March 31, AIIB received 147 requests. Figure 1 shows the number of requests received monthly.

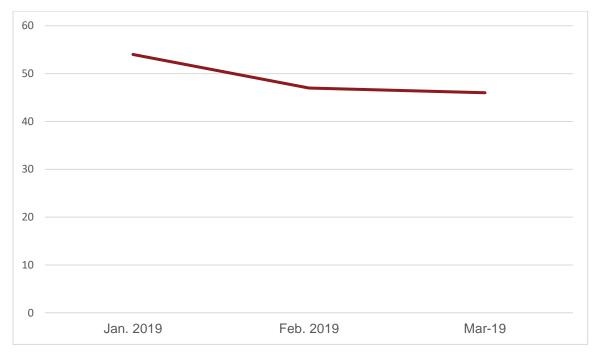


Figure 1: Number of Requests Received (Q1 2019)

Requests for project information continued to be the largest category, representing 38 percent of the total (See Figure 2). Inquiries on career opportunities took second place with 36 percent. Partnership and Treasury-related questions accounted for six percent and five percent of the total, respectively.

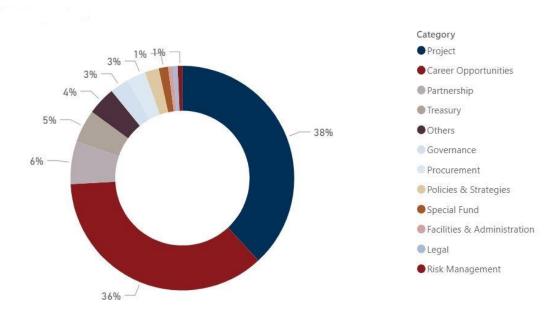


Figure 2: Request Categories

# 3.1. Requests Processed

We reopened one request that was declined in Q4 (Please refer to the Q4 2018 report for details). All requests received in Q1 2019 were processed within 30 working days following receipt. Table 6 shows the status of requests.

Table 6: Status of Requests

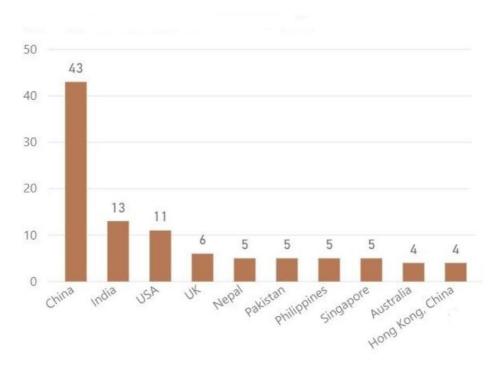
Number of requests	Number of requests	Number of requests	Percentage of requests
received from Oct. 1 to	remain open as of the	closed within 30 working	closed within 30 working
Dec. 31.	date of reporting.	days.	days.
147	1*	147	99%

<sup>\*</sup>One request was declined in Q4 2018 but reopened in Q1 2019.

# 3.2. Requesters' Profile

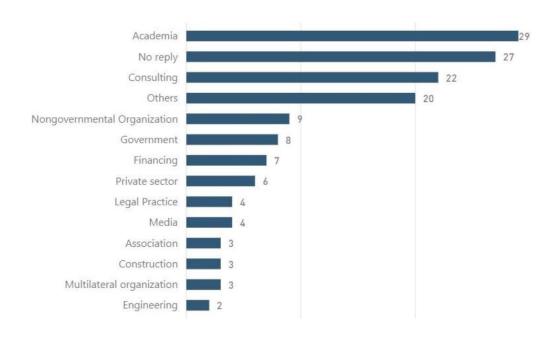
China, India, the United States and the United Kingdom were the top four origins of requests (See Figure 3).

Figure 3: Top 10 Locations of Requesters



Of the requesters that indicated their professional background, those from academia, consulting and nongovernmental organizations composed the top three largest groups. Figure 4 shows the professional background of requesters.

Figure 4: Requesters' Professional Background



# 4. Exceptions

None of the requests received during the reporting period were categorized as PPI Exceptions.

# 5. Appeals

There were no appeals during the reporting period.

## 6. Redaction

There were no cases of documents requiring redaction during the reporting period.

# 7. Next Steps

The Communications Department (COM) will continue to monitor proactive disclosure practices to ensure that required documents meet disclosure timelines.

Meanwhile, COM will continue to be customer-oriented in processing external information requests and improve the quality of responses to information.

COM will develop the Administrative Guidance on the PPI, strengthening accountability and specifying procedures.

COM will develop an e-learning platform for the PPI and continue to conduct internal training on the policy.