

IDFC - The International Development Finance Club

The International Development Finance Club is a network of 19 development finance institutions¹ with mandates for national, sub - regional, regional and international activities around the world. Each institution has a critical role in bridging critical funding gaps, codeveloping with governments enabling regulatory and policy environments, building technical competencies, strengthening institutions and catalyzing investment in new economic, social and environment sectors. The members of the IDFC are key players in collaborating with the governments, private sector and civil society and towards advancing the sustainable development agenda.

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Gearing up for Sustainable Development, “Beyond Countercyclical Roles, Beyond Finance”...

Global economic downturn and the mitigating role of development finance institutions

The global economy is under the threat of downturn over the next two or three years, which may have an impact on many developing countries. The weakening of bank's financial assets in times of economic turmoil and a reluctance of the private sector to engage strongly in long-term funding may further add to the difficulties. This scenario highlights the strategic role to be played by development financial institutions in order to foster development economies' performance in a sustainable manner.

The International Development Finance Club (IDFC) has established itself as a leading network of 19 development finance institutions with mandates for regional, national, and international activities around the world.

IDFC member institutions are renowned for their robust risk-mitigating approaches to long term financing. Their importance has grown steadily since the 1990s, helping to foster growth and sustainable development in times of economic turmoil.

The IDFC: members, mission and workings

IDFC member institutions, all leaders in their designated field, traditionally adopt an anticyclical, catalytic role in the public financial sector, taking advantage of their specific mandates and diverse activities. Key parts of their expertise include fostering development in areas beneficial to society, addressing higher risks, being customer-oriented and ensuring targeted impact.

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The IDFC's main purpose is to (i) facilitate societal development, (ii) emphasize the development agenda of economic and political leaders, (iii) contribute to the mitigation of environmental and social risks, and (iv) maximize sustainable development. Joining its regional and international expertise with its continuously improving instruments, the Club actively addresses issues of economic development including climate finance.

IDFC 2012: First operational year proved to be a success, setting a strong basis for even more robust achievements in 2013

Following up on the successful 2012 work program, which resulted in the "IDFC Green Finance Mapping Report" and the "Position Paper on Leverage Private and Public Funds", the IDFC members have agreed on a new work program for 2013. The IDFC will highlight its activities on the overarching theme of Sustainable Development with special focus on Green Development and Social Development. Green Development comprises, but is not limited to the sectors of (Green) Infrastructure, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency. SME Development and Social Inclusion through Poverty Reduction are principal channels of the Club's activities in the field of Social Development.

IDFC member institutions have a successful and measurable track record of integrating Sustainable Development pillars into their mandates. Pertinent activities aimed at enriching the above outlined thematic fields will not only include the identification and sharing of best practices but also co-financing and common implementation of flagship projects. They will also make substantial contribution to existing knowledge through comprehensive common research.