Our mission

Founded in 2011 the International Development Club (IDFC) is a global network of 26 leading national, regional and international development banks from all over the world. IDFC members are working together to implement the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Climate Agreement and the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework agendas.

Our goals

- Knowledge sharing and capacity building on measuring and mainstreaming climate and SDG finance among members
- Pursuing advocacy on the role of public development banks (PDBs) and the redirection and alignment of financial flows towards the SDGs as well as Paris Agreement’s objectives
- Increasing cooperation between members and easing access to project preparation and project financing
- Fostering cooperation with partners within the financial ecosystem
**IDFC MAIN HISTORIC MILESTONES**

### The Club’s current working groups and activities:

**CLIMATE FINANCE**

The Climate Finance Working Group is echoing with the Club genesis and its commitment to implement the Paris Agreement. The Green Finance Mapping, a report initiated with the creation of the Club in 2011, is one of IDFC’s most important and renowned publications. It illustrates the contributions that IDFC members provide to green and climate finance.

**IDFC FACILITY**

In November 2019, IDFC launched a Technical Assistance Facility (the IDFC Facility). It constitutes its first operational and innovative tool to strengthen knowledge and leverage resources in the field of climate change mitigation and adaptation. The main objectives of the IDFC Facility are to:

1. strengthen climate finance expertise and capacities of IDFC members,
2. originate and develop joint climate mitigation and adaptation projects,
3. institutionalize and facilitate collaborative work among members on climate change.

The IDFC Facility is steered by a Coordination Unit (CU) hosted by AFD, comprising secondees from IDFC members.

Since July 2023, the IDFC Facility is open to biodiversity-related activities.

**MAKING FINANCE WORK FOR NATURE**

Resource mobilization and alignment of financial flows are key to build inclusive and equitable transformative changes that will halt biodiversity loss. Ensuring effective support of PDBs to Global Biodiversity Framework objectives and nature positive overall impact is a potential game changer and an on-going effort that needs strengthening, shared commitments, visibility and accountability. IDFC members are working on biodiversity finance tracking methodologies, biodiversity mainstreaming as well as on climate-biodiversity nexus to reach holistic solutions for the planet.

**SDG ALIGNMENT**

The SDG alignment working group is advocating on the catalytic role that Public Development Banks (PDBs) play to reach the objectives set in the 2030 Agenda. The group is also developing conceptual framework as well as guidance, tools and processes to help IDFC members operationalize the SDGs in their practices. In parallel, the group is promoting a dialogue with other stakeholders of the ecosystem as the private investors in order to develop a common language around the definition, tracking and accounting of climate and SDG-aligned finance and investment.

**GENDER EQUALITY**

The Gender Equality Working Group is focusing on eliminating gender-based inequalities (pay gaps, women’s role in decision-making processes, work-life balance, access to non-traditional jobs, and sexual harassment at work) both within Members’ internal institutional practices and external operations.

The Working Group has been committed to mainstream Gender Equality in all Members’ activities, to seek solutions on how to address the ongoing challenges that they are facing and to increase impact on women employment in public or private sector.

**COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT**

The Cooperation for Development Working Group has 3 main objectives: (i) to share knowledge and experiences (as a laboratory); (ii) to map existing cooperation between IDFC members (technical cooperation as knowledge sharing, capacity building, technical assistance and financial cooperation); (iii) to identify new area of cooperation, to explore synergies and to foster co-financing within the Club.