



ADA
Asia Development Alliance

Joint Message to G20's Five Asian Members:

Stop Corruption & Inequality, Ensure Accountability & Participation

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1. Subsequent to our participation in the G20 Civil Summit in Moscow, Russia on 13 – 14 June 2013, the members of the Asia Development Alliance Working Group on G20 (ADA – G20 WG) and the Global Call to Action Against Poverty - Asia (GCAP Asia) call on the G20's five Asian member governments to endorse the following five proposals as they formulate positions for the G20 Summit in St. Petersburg in September.
2. We believe that these five Asian governments -- China, India, Indonesia, Japan and South Korea -- can and should play a leading role to make the G20 process more relevant and responsive to the needs and rights of people in Asia and beyond.

I. Make 'Equity' a Pillar of the G20 Growth Agenda

We urge Asian governments to back the Civil 20 Proposal for a "St. Petersburg Initiative" affirming the values of "equality and inclusion along with economic growth and efficiency" in order to make the G20 approach more relevant and responsive to the challenge of rising inequality. To do this, the G20 should make 'Equitable' the fifth pillar of its existing model of "Strong, Sustainable, Balanced and Inclusive Growth'.

II. 'Reducing Inequality' as stand-alone Post-2015 Development Goal

Income inequality across the planet – and throughout Asia -- is rising sharply as the top 0.5 % of the global population holds over 35% of the wealth. We are deeply concerned that the recently released report of the UN High-level Panel on Post-2015 did not make Reducing Inequality a top priority and stand-alone goal. We urge Asian governments to address this deficiency at the G20 Summit, in the UN Open Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals and in UN discussions on the Post-2015 Development Agenda. For further information, please refer to the two ADA statements on Post-2015 Development Agenda (attached).

III. Innovative Sources for Financing for Development

We urge Asian governments to work more proactively to address adverse effects and structural causes of illicit financial flows, tax evasion and corruption as well as advocate for the global adoption of a Financial Transactions Tax (FTT), a portion of the proceeds of which should be used to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and fight climate change. The FTT was discussed at the 2012 G20 Summit in France and is currently being introduced in eleven European countries.

IV. More and institutionalized space for independent civil society participation

We urge Asian governments, in cooperation with other G20 members, to ensure more space for regular policy dialogue between civil society organizations and government negotiators (“sherpas”) at both national and international levels. Civil society plays an essential role to identify problems and work constructively to solve them. To make the G20 process more inclusive, accountable and effective, it is important to institutionalize a civil society channel like the Civil 20 (C20) to make sure that civil society proposals are directly presented to G20 leaders. Moreover, the private business sector – which already has its own forum, the B20 – should not be included in the C20, except as observers.

V. Global Partnership for Equitable Development

China, India, Indonesia, Japan and Korea engage in international development cooperation in forms of Official Development Assistance (ODA) or South-South Cooperation (SSC) and international processes like the G8, G20, BRICS, IBSA, APEC, ASEM, East Asia Summit (EAS) ASEAN, ASEAN+3 and SAARC. Regardless of the project or forum, we urge Asian governments to fully implement internationally-recognised agreements, such as the 2002 Monterrey Consensus for Financing for Development and the 2011 Busan Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation, and to fully respect, protect and fulfill international human rights norms including the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and the UN Declaration on the Right to Development.

3. We strongly urge Asian governments to give due consideration to the above-mentioned proposals so that people’s voices and aspirations are effectively communicated to all G20 leaders and are reflected in G20’s St. Petersburg outcome document in September 2013.
4. We look forward to further dialogue and engagement with Asia’s policy makers and political leaders in future.

The Asia Development Alliance (ADA) is an Asian regional forum of national and sub-national development NGO/CSO platforms to promote more effective communication, coordination and cooperation in the Post-2015 Development Agenda process. It was officially launched in Bangkok on 2 February 2013. www.facebook.com/groups/ADA2013 | ADA201322@gmail.com

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The above letter is being submitted to political leaders in each of the five mentioned Asian countries.

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China

1. China Association for NGO Cooperation (CANGO) www.cango.org
2. Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP) - China www.gcap-china.cn

India

3. Society for Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) www.pria.org
4. Voluntary Action Network India (VANI) www.vaniindia.org
5. Wada Na Todo Abyian (Don't Break Promise) in India (WNTA) (GCAP-India) www.wadanatodo.net/

Indonesia

6. [International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development](http://www.infid.org)(INFID) www.infid.org
7. GCAP Indonesia www.facebook.com/groups/GCAPIndonesia

Japan

8. Ugoku/Ugokasu (GCAP-Japan) www.ugokuugokasu.jp
9. Japan Association of Charitable Organizations (JACO) www.kohokyo.or.jp
10. Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC) www.janic.org

South Korea

11. Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP) – Korea www.mdgkorea.org
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