



## New kid on the block: AIIB after 7 years of operation

The Seven Year Itch – a good time to look back and ahead. Since the AIIB became operational in 2016, membership and lending have grown enormously. The AIIB is the first multilateral bank with major Chinese shareholding.

Where do we stand after 7 years of experience?

The bank advertises itself as more innovative than the World Bank and as able to create “sustainable infrastructure for tomorrow”. But how sustainable are the funded projects? How accountable? And where is the innovation? We want to debate these and other issues of relevance to both civil society organizations from Asia and European decision-makers.

**Date:** September 20, 2023 - 9.00 am–7.30 pm

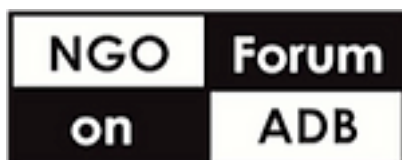
**Place:** Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Haus, Berlin, Germany.

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You will get a confirmation of registration some days after you have registered. The conference is free of charge, meals and drinks will be provided. The organizers are not able to support travel or accommodation. In due time before the conference you will get the more detailed final program, which will also include logistical advice on how to reach the venue, some options for accommodation and some background papers.

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# Conference Program

Time	Topic
9.00-9.30	Arrival, Registration, Coffee
9.30-9.40	Welcome and opening remarks by DIMR and Urgewald
9.40-10.00	Innovation „Made in China“? AIIB – where do you go? Keynote speech by Felix Lee (Journalist)
10.00-10.30	Safeguards and their implementation: The Environmental and Social Framework
10.30-11.00	Reality check of AIIB's accountability mechanism: The case of the Bhola gas power plant in Bangladesh
11.00-11.15	Coffee break
11.15-12.15	Indonesia as AIIB's potentially largest borrower: What do AIIB projects in Indonesia tell us about the use of country systems? (Tbc)
12.15-13.00	Infrastructure and resettlement
13.00-14.00	Lunch break
14.00-15.00	Round table with German Finance Ministry, Executive Directors and CSOs
15.00-16.00	AIIB energy strategy: Climate protection and Paris alignment
16.00-16.45	Energy cases: Voices from Asia
16.45-17.15	Coffee break
17.15-17.45	Fish bowl talk with representatives of Finance Ministry, AIIB shareholders (Moderator: Prof. Arna Hartmann)
18.00-19.30	Parliamentary panel with German MPs: Bernhard Daldrup (SPD), Dr. Hermann-Josef Tebroke (CDU), Deborah Düring (B'90/Grüne), Till Mannsmann (FDP), N.N. (Die Linke)
Afterwards	Drinks, snacks, opportunity to meet, greet and talk

*The conference will be held in English. Only the parliamentary panel will be in German. Simultaneous translation will be provided for this part.*

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