

Challenges and Cooperation for Information Sharing in the Asia-Pacific Region – ADB Perspectives

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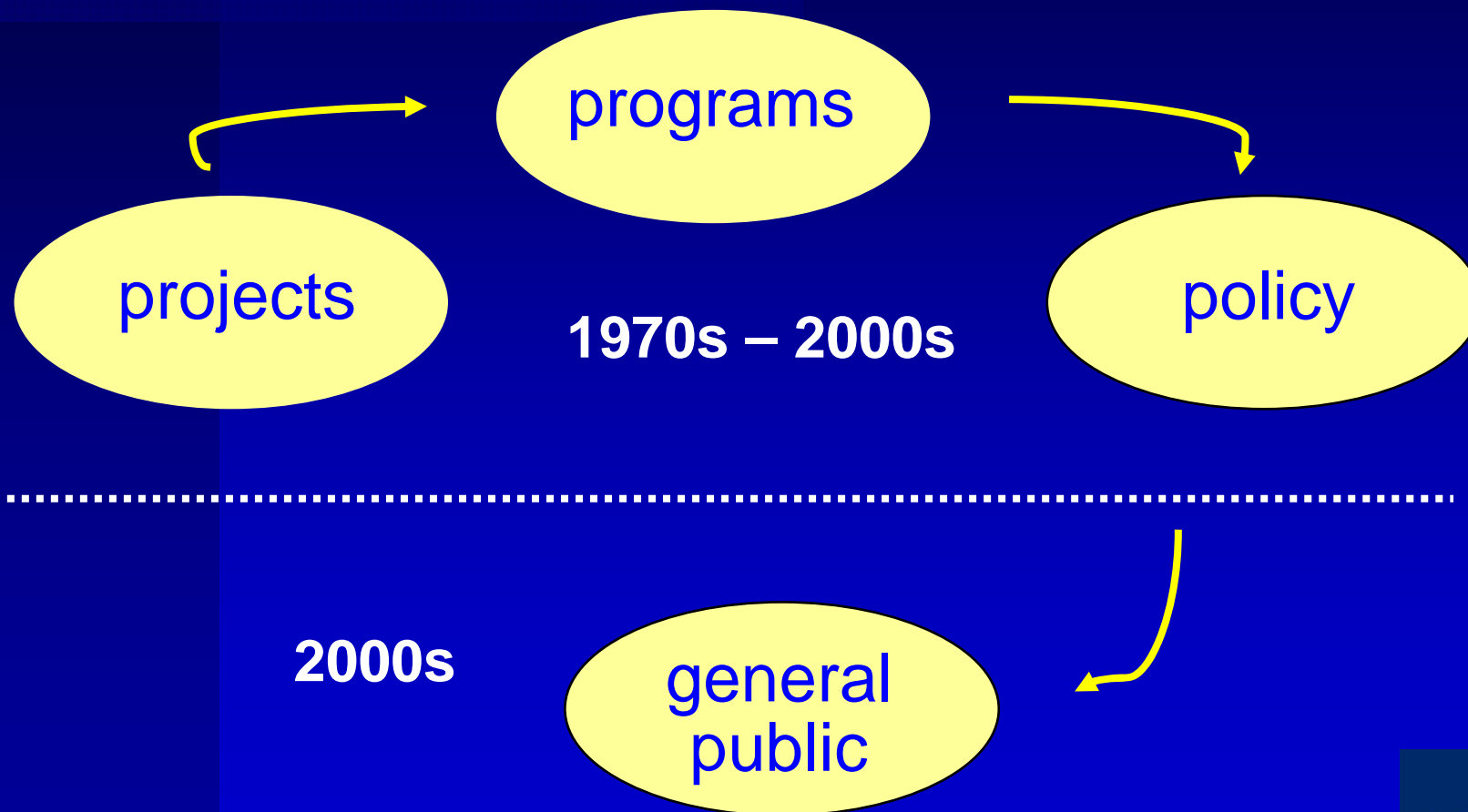


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Business Instruments

- Loans
- Technical Assistance
- Equity Investments
- Guarantees
- Grants
- Policy Dialogue

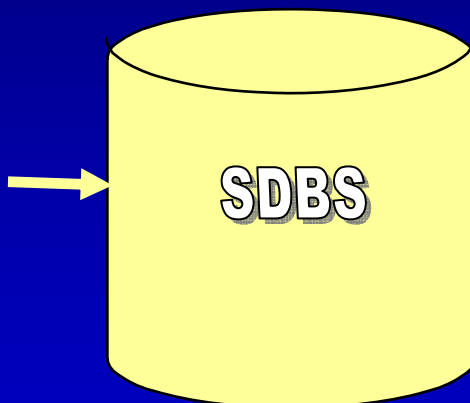
Data Collection in ADB



ADB Statistical Information System (SIS)

Data Collection

1. Publications, NSO, CB, MOF, Bank reports, international agencies
2. Questionnaire to statistical contacts
3. Electronic databases: IMF, WB, OECD, FAO, Web sites
4. Missions



Data Dissemination

- Key Indicators
- Basic Statistics
- Economics/Statistics Website
- On-line Query
- Generic Table Generation Module (GenTab)
- Ad-hoc requests

SDBS Data Coverage

- Macroeconomic and social indicators of DMCs (+3 developed members for 2008)
- Infrastructure and governance indicators (for 2008)
- Selected indicators of other member countries
- Annual data; some quarterly and monthly data from international sources

Key Indicators

Key Indicators 2007

- Theme Chapter
- MDGs
- 30 Regional Tables
(selected social and macroeconomic indicators)
- 45 Country Tables

Key Indicators 2008

- Theme Chapter
- MDGs, with commentary
- Regional Tables, with commentary
 - People
 - Economy and Output
 - Money, Finance & Prices
 - International Flows
 - Infrastructure, Energy & Environment
 - Government & Governance
- 48 Country Tables in CD version only

Building Statistical Capacities

- 73 statistical capacity building projects benefitting at least 38 DMCs, since 1970
- focused on building, strengthening and improving statistical systems and services

ADB's Approach to Statistical Capacity Building (SCB)

- Focused
 - Long-term SCB programs for statistically weak DMCs
- Systematic
 - Diagnostic studies
- Results-oriented
 - Built-in monitoring mechanism

Challenges in Information Sharing

- 1) Coping with statistical capacity of member countries
- 2) Availability of data
- 3) Ensuring timeliness of quality data
- 4) Adhering to standard definitions of indicators

Challenges in Information Sharing

- 5) Response burden to member countries
- 6) Not all national statistics websites are regularly updated
- 7) Lack of policy-relevant data

Cooperation for Information Sharing

A. Building a Network

- establish and maintain working relationships with statistical contacts
- data sharing agreement

Cooperation for Information Sharing

B. Collaborating with Other Partners

- data/resource sharing agreement
- coordinating efforts

C. Building Capacities

- identifying areas of assistance
- providing assistance

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