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**PARTICIPATION OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT BANKS AS OBSERVERS IN THE  
DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE**

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1. The African Development Bank (AfDB), the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) have recently expressed interest in becoming observers to the Development Assistance Committee. Three multilateral organisations (the International Monetary Fund, the UN Development Programme and the World Bank) currently participate in the DAC in this manner, and extending the invitation to regional development banks can contribute to ensure greater relevance and inclusiveness of the DAC.

2. Enhancing participation of AfDB, ADB and IDB in the Committee will have great value because they are important providers of development finance in their regions and share areas of common interest with the DAC. In 2009, the three banks together disbursed almost USD 7 billion in concessional flows and USD 23 billion in non-concessional flows.

**Development finance from regional development banks (gross disbursements, USD millions)**

<b>Regional Development Bank</b>	<b>Concessional Flows</b>	<b>Non-Concessional Flows</b>
African Development Bank (AfDB)	167.2	3,626.5
African Development Fund (AfDF)	3,008.1	
Asian Development Bank (AsDB)		7,897.7
Asian Development Fund (AsDF)	2,789.7	
Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)		11,415.4
Inter-American Development Bank Special Fund (IADB SF)	1,024.7	

Note: Based on 2010 Reporting on 2009 flows. Source: DAC database, OECD

3. The three regional banks are actively involved in many of the DAC's working areas, such as aid effectiveness, aid for trade, evaluation, gender equality, governance, and conflict and fragility. They are observers to the DAC Network on Development Evaluation (EVALNET), the DAC Network on Gender Equality (GENDERNET), the DAC Network on Governance (GOVNET), the DAC Working Party on Aid Effectiveness (WP-EFF), and the joint DAC-Working Party of the Trade Committee (WPTC) meetings on aid for trade. AfDB is also a member of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding. Finally, AfDB and ADB have participated in the DAC Network on Environment and Development Co-operation (ENVIRONET).

4. Among various collaboration activities, the three regional banks report their concessional and non-concessional flows to the DAC and have participated in several statistical exercises (e.g. the Survey on Forward Spending Plans). They also officially supported the three previous editions of the High Level Fora on Aid Effectiveness (Rome-2003, Paris-2005, and Accra-2008), and recently produced three joint publications with the DAC-WPTC on aid for trade in Africa, in the Asia-Pacific and in Latin America and the Caribbean. They are active in a number of DAC subsidiary bodies workstreams, such as in ENVIRONET (e.g. strategic environmental assessment, climate change financing and aid effectiveness) and in GOVNET (e.g. aid and domestic accountability, anti-corruption work).

5. Inviting AfDB, ADB and IDB to become observers to the DAC will foster collaboration, information exchange, and mutual learning on development co-operation and other policies that contribute to sustainable development. As observers, these organisations will fully participate in DAC meetings and will be expected to continue reporting statistics on their development finance flows. Participation in the DAC subsidiary bodies will be possible on an ad hoc basis, upon agreement of the respective body. DAC subsidiary bodies can also invite the regional development banks to become regular observers.

### **Proposed action**

6. In the light of the preceding, the Development Assistance Committee is invited to agree, in accordance with the DAC mandate [C(2010)123], to invite AfDB, ADB and IDB to participate as observers in the work of the Committee.