

 Early Warning System

AIIB-000778

Multicountry: Supporting Trade Facilitation in Emerging Markets



Quick Facts

Financial Institutions	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-04-29
Borrower	Standard Chartered Bank (SCB)
Sectors	Finance, Industry and Trade
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, the objective of this project is to enhance trade flow and connectivity among AIIB members by providing trade facilitation support for infrastructure equipment and related capital goods sectors.

The project proposes to support the financing of infrastructure equipment and related capital goods trade by providing risk mitigation in emerging and frontier markets. The project intends to facilitate more risk taking on emerging markets and on emerging market Issuing Banks (IBs) by proposing to offer Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) Credit Guarantees (CG) or Unfunded Risk Participation (URP) covering nonpayment risk on IBs in emerging markets for trade-related letters of credit.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The project is categorized as a Financial Intermediary (FI), as the financing structure involves providing CG or URP to SCB to support Letters of Credit issued by the IBs.

Environmental and Social Aspect. AIIB's E&S risk assessment of the project is restricted to the transactions (LC Confirmation/Discounting) to be executed by SCB to facilitate cross-border flows of infrastructure equipment and related capital goods. As the CG or URP facility is to facilitate only cross-border trade transactions, the project is anticipated to have minimal or no adverse E&S impacts. Given the nature of the underlying LC transactions, the project is also anticipated to not adversely contribute to climate change or Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).



Investment Description

- Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Investment amount not available at the time of disclosure.

Financial Intermediary

Financial Intermediary: A commercial bank or financial institution that receives funds from a development bank. A financial intermediary then lends these funds to their clients (private actors) in the form of loans, bonds, guarantees and equity shares. Financial intermediaries include insurance, pension and equity funds. The direct financial relationship is between the development bank and the financial intermediary.

- [Standard Chartered Bank](#) (Financial Intermediary)



Private Actors Description

Standard Chartered PLC is a British multinational bank with operations in wealth management, corporate and investment banking, and treasury services. Despite being headquartered in the United Kingdom, it does not conduct retail banking in the UK, and around 90% of its profits come from Asia, Africa, and the Middle East.



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ACCESS TO INFORMATION

You can submit an information request for project information at: <https://www.aiib.org/en/contact/information-request/index.html>

ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISM OF AIIB

The AIIB has established the Accountability Mechanism for Project-Affected People (PPM). The PPM provides an opportunity for an independent and impartial review of submissions from Project-affected people who believe they have been or are likely to be adversely affected by AIIB's failure to implement the ESP in situations when their concerns cannot be addressed satisfactorily through Project level GRMs or AIIB Management processes. Two or more project-affected people can file a complaint. Under the current AIIB policy, when the bank co-finances a project with another development bank, it may apply the other bank's standards. You can refer to the Project Summary Information document to find out which standards apply. You can learn more about the PPM and how to file a complaint at: <https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/how-we-assist-you/index.html>

The complaint submission form can be accessed in Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Bengali, Chinese, English, Tagalog, Hindi, Nepali, Russian, Turkish, or Urdu. The submission form can be found at: <https://www.aiib.org/en/about-aiib/who-we-are/project-affected-peoples-mechanism/submission/index.html>



Bank Documents

- [Project Summary \(January 22, 2025\)](#) [\[Original Source\]](#)
- [Project Summary \(May 7, 2025\)](#)