

CALL TO ACTION!

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Wednesday - May 9, 2001

Organize a solidarity protest against the ADB on May 9 to coincide with the opening of the ADB Annual Meeting in Honolulu, May 9

No Aloha for the ADB !

Join the Global Movement for Justice!

Expose the Destructive Policies and Projects of the ADB!

The Asian Development Bank is holding its Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawai'i from May 9-11. ADBwatch Hawai'i, a broad coalition of people working for economic justice in Hawai'i, is organizing a series of parallel events from May 4-11, including a protest march and rally on May 9.

At last year's ADB Annual Meeting in Chiang Mai, Thailand, 5,000 Thai villagers and farmers protested for 3 days against water usage fees and a water treatment plant being imposed by the ADB. The protests had an enormous impact on the institution. We now need to keep the pressure on! Help to expose ADB's destructive policies and show the world there is No Aloha for the ADB!

We urge you to organize a solidarity protest in your country against the ADB on May 9, 2001, the opening day of the ADB Annual Meeting. Hundreds of people will be protesting against the Bank in Honolulu. We urge you to magnify their voices by speaking out against the ADB's destructive projects and policies. Denounce dams, water treatment plants, highways and other infrastructure projects. Speak out against privatization of basic services! Already groups in Thailand, the Philippines and Australia are planning to mobilize.

If you are interested in organizing an action on May 9, please let us know. Send your name, group, country and action to swong@irn.org. We will be issuing a press release and doing other publicity on the International Day of Action Against the ADB. We hope you will also use this as an opportunity for media and public awareness in your own countries. If you have any questions/comments, please contact Susanne Wong at International Rivers Network - swong@irn.org.

For more information on the many activities planned for Hawaii, join the listserv - send a message to adbwatch-international-subscribe@egroups.com.

Show the World that There is NO ALOHA FOR THE ADB!!

Endorsed by:

ADBWatch Hawaii

Cordillera Peoples' Alliance, Philippines

DAMAAN Organization/CRBIP-Affectees, Pakistan

Environmental Foundation Ltd, Sri Lanka

Forum For Protection of Public Interest (Pro Public), Nepal

Freedom from Debt Coalition (FDC), Philippines

International Rivers Network, USA

Movement for National Land, Agriculture and Agrarian Reform (MONLAR), Sri Lanka

NGO Forum on the ADB (International Committee)

Network of 38 Peoples Organizations, Thailand

Rivers Watch East and SE Asia (RWESA)

Southeast Asia Rivers Network (SEARIN), Thailand

SUNGI Development Foundation, Pakistan