

Board of Directors**Asian Development Bank**

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Dear ADB Board of Directors,

We are writing to express our deep concern over the direction of the Asian Development Bank's ongoing Energy Policy Review, particularly the inclusion of false solutions, problematic reforms to the Energy Transition Mechanism (ETM), and continued support for Carbon Capture, Utilization and Storage (CCUS). These approaches risk prolonging fossil fuel dependence, locking communities into unsustainable pathways, and undermining ADB's commitments to the Paris Agreement and climate justice.

False solutions such as retrofitting coal and gas plants for hydrogen, ammonia, or biofuel co-firing do not represent real climate action. They extend the life of fossil fuel infrastructure, drive deforestation, waste scarce resources, and generate new social and environmental risks. Supporting these technologies would delay the urgent phase-out of coal, oil, and gas, while diverting resources away from renewable, decentralized, and community-led energy alternatives.

Similarly, the current trajectory of the ETM risks transforming it into a mechanism that enables fossil fuel expansion rather than a tool for just transition. Without transparency, debt safeguards, community participation, and enforceable phase-out plans, the ETM could entrench inequities and create new financial and social burdens on affected communities.

Finally, CCUS has consistently failed to deliver meaningful emission reductions. Continued financing, whether for technical assistance, piloting, or project development, would waste public resources, prolong fossil fuel operations, and expose communities to severe social and environmental risks.

We therefore urge the ADB Board of Directors to:

- Remove all provisions in the Energy Policy Review that support false solutions such as fossil fuel retrofits for hydrogen, ammonia, or biofuels.
- Reject current model of ETM supporting fossil fuel expansionists and failure to provide a solid proof of concept. Stop expanding its scope to other fossil fuel plants without addressing its systemic flaws.
- End all financing for CCUS, including technical assistance, pilots, and projects, given its repeated failures and harmful impacts.

This Energy Policy Review is a critical moment for ADB to show genuine leadership in advancing a just and equitable energy transition. We urge you to stand with communities and ensure that the Bank's policies reject false solutions, close the door on fossil fuel lock-in, and prioritize people-centered, sustainable pathways to a zero-emissions future.

You can also access our collective submission [here](#).

Thank you very much and we look forward to your commitment.

Sincerely,

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