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The Global Infrastructure Forum (GI Forum), led by the multilateral development banks, was established by the Addis Ababa Action Agenda to improve alignment and coordination among infrastructure initiatives, encourage a greater range of voices to be heard, highlight opportunities for investment and cooperation, and work to ensure that investments are environmentally, socially and economically sustainable.

The briefing reviewed progress achieved since the inaugural GI Forum and informed Member States about the preparation for the 2018 GI Forum, which is hosted this year by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and held in Bali, Indonesia on 13 October 2018 under the overarching theme

This briefing is the latest in a series of meetings that aim not only to keep Member States abreast of the latest development regarding the GI Forum, but also to give Member States an opportunity to provide comments and suggestions in order to further improve the Forum.

Experts from five multi-lateral development banks (MDBs) contributed to this briefing (see agenda below). The first part of which aimed at taking stock of past achievements of the two previous forums respectively organized by the World Bank in 2016 and, IDB and EIB in 2017, the outcomes of which have been reported at the annual ECOSOC Financing for Development Forum.

MDBs representatives stressed that, to date, the Forum has succeeded in generating a collaboration amongst the MDBs at an unprecedented level. It brought the heads of all the MDBs (including the newly established ones) together for the first time to discuss how to move forward infrastructure development in developing countries. This collaboration has also resulted, for example,

move forward the goals of making the GI Forum even more inclusive and bringing additional voices to the discussions. The briefing ended with an interactive discussion with Member States delegates and other UN agencies on different topics, including climate change, social standards and governance issues in infrastructure projects.

Links mentioned at the briefing

<https://www.mainstreamingclimate.org/publication/2017-joint-report-on-multilateral-development->