



# Asian Think Tanks Network (ATTN)

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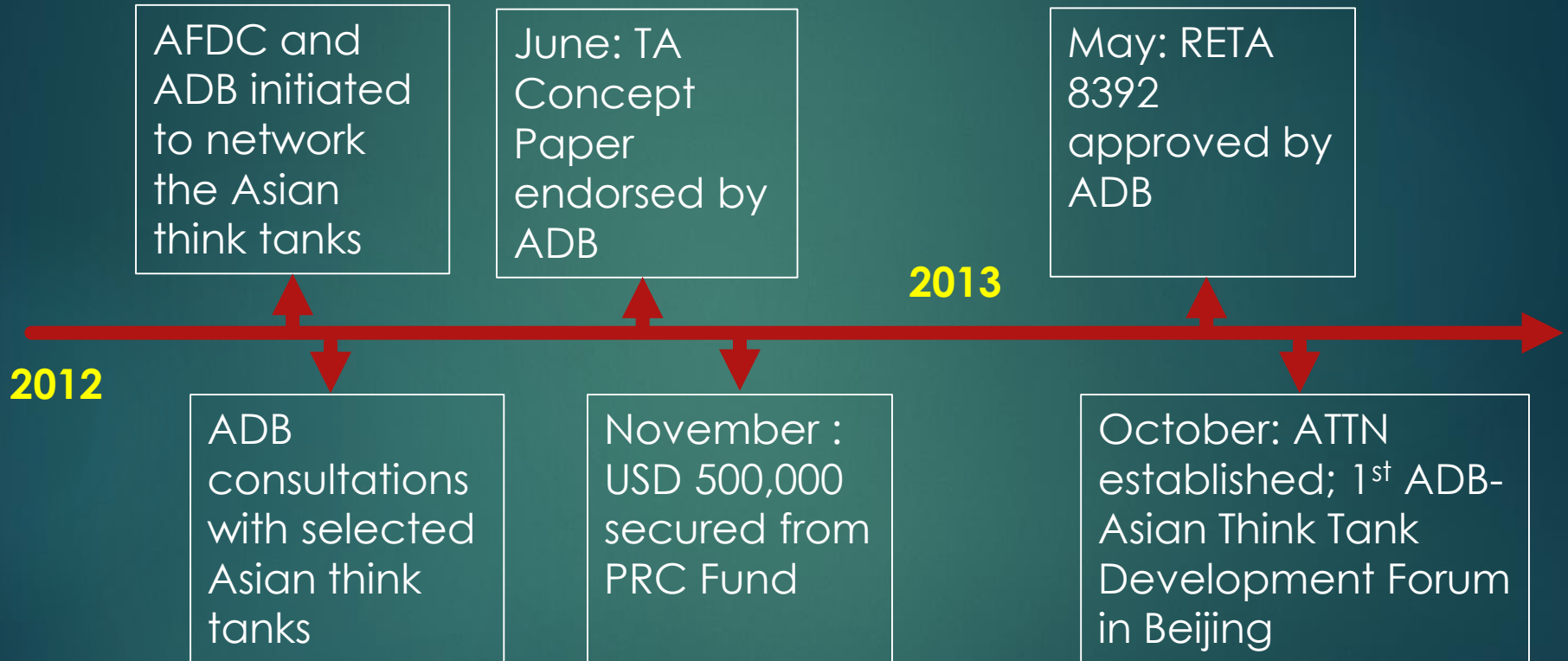
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# Timeline: ATTN



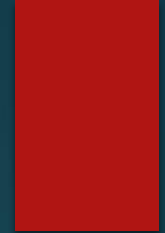
# Objectives of ATTN



ATTN: an institutionalized knowledge sharing platform among government-linked think tanks in Asia and Pacific

- Enhance systematic knowledge sharing, particularly S-S knowledge cooperation
- Enable better policy advising; bridge the gap between research and policy
- Strengthen the capacity of the Asian think tanks, particularly, those in low income DMCs
- Increase the voice of Asia and Pacific in international arenas

# Targeted Membership



Economic and development think tanks in the region, particularly those:

- under macroeconomic agencies, such as ministry of finance, economy, and development agencies;
- with close linkages with the government's macroeconomic agencies and assisting in development policy formulation and implementation; and
- from low income DMCs.

# Focus Areas



- Inclusion
- Innovation

# Networking Mode



- A joint initiative of ADB and think tanks
- At the initial stage, ADB acts as lead agency, co-financier, honest broker and secretariat; ADB will try to support ATTN through a few TAs
- In a long run, it is expected that a sustainable financing mechanism can be found and ATTN can be operated largely by the think tanks

# Networking Activities



- Flagship KS event: Annual ADB-Asian Think Tank Development Forum
- e-Newsletter: ATTN e-News
- Proceedings
- Webpage: [www.adb-asiathinktanks.org](http://www.adb-asiathinktanks.org)

# After the 1<sup>st</sup> Forum



- ❖ 1 issue of e-Newsletter released
- ❖ Survey conducted
- ❖ Proceedings published
- ❖ Website developed
- ❖ Additional financing of USD 150,000 secured
- ❖ More ATTs joined
- ❖ Preparation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Forum



# Discussion Questions



- How can we sustain ATTN?
- What roles you expect ADB to play?
- What roles can the think tanks assume in the operations of ATTN? How should they be organized for this?
- What financing mechanisms should we have to sustain ATTN?
- How can we make our networking and knowledge exchange more efficient and effective?
- What themes should we focus on for the 3<sup>rd</sup> forum?