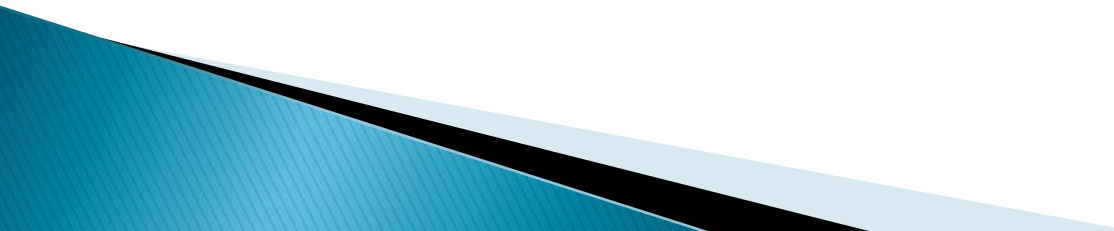


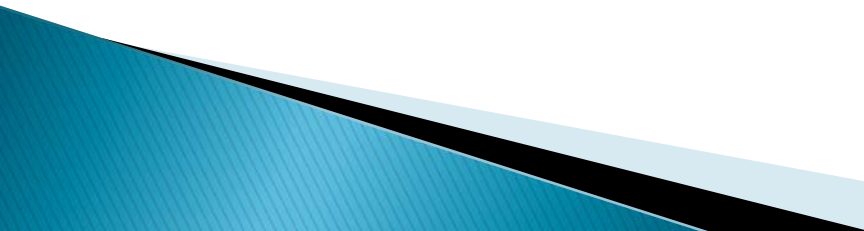
Asian Development Bank Engagement/Project Analysis

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Background

- ▶ Regular dialogue with PSI on poverty reduction, QPS and CLS
 - ▶ Create a labor desk at ADB
 - ▶ Build Union capacities to engage in meaningful social dialogue
 - ▶ Joint PSI–ADB research studies
 - ▶ Work with other networks and groups
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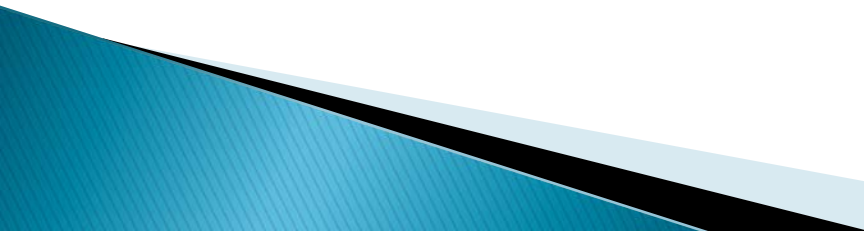
Milestones

- ▶ Recognition of PSI as Trade Union Representative by ADB
 - ▶ Increasing the unions strength to engage with ADB at the national level
 - ▶ Connecting and networking amongst GUs and TUSOs
 - ▶ Linking with other NGOs
 - ▶ Using ADB-related campaigns to organize workers and involving local leaders (“grass roots”)
 - ▶ Involving ILO (India)
 - ▶ Continued expanding number of TU delegates in ADB Annual Governors Meeting (ADB AGM)
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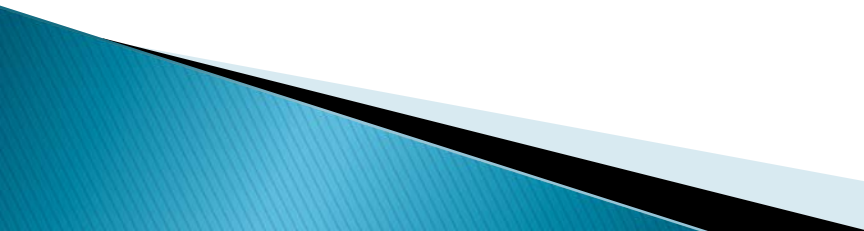
Challenges and Difficulties

- ▶ The means to achieve goals e.g. Labor Desk; Case Filing
 - ▶ Coordination among GUs (regional/national)
 - ▶ Sustained joint dialogue/program/lobbying
 - ▶ Undertaking joint research
 - ▶ Lack of specific strategies for action points and observable indicators
 - ▶ Building on convergences – CLS, QPS, energy, water, infrastructure, pensions
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Insights Gained

- ▶ Opposition to ADB projects can be effectively done with good preparations (e.g. studies on the impact of a project)
 - ▶ Evidence is important in filing complaints with ADB
 - ▶ ADB ‘non-compliance’ can be exposed at the local level via concrete/actual cases
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Insights Gained

- ▶ Importance of alliance with other CSOs
 - ▶ Local unions must monitor ADB projects
 - ▶ Insisting on ADB accountability is necessary, even if they say they “only provide loans”
 - ▶ Involve local governments in the dialogue
 - ▶ ADB policies/mechanisms are not designed to meet TU demands or promote labor rights
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Future Actions / Direction

- ▶ Joint research
 - ▶ Case filing
 - ▶ TU networking & coordination
 - ▶ Policy review
 - ▶ Capacity Building (part of all future directions)
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