

China's AIIB to offer loans with fewer strings attached

REUTERS, Beijing

China's new international development bank will offer loans with fewer strings attached than the World Bank, sources said, as Beijing seeks to change the unwritten rules of global development finance.

The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) will require projects to be legally transparent and protect social and environmental interests, but will not ask borrowers to privatise or deregulate businesses for loans, four sources with knowledge of the matter said.

By not insisting on some free market economic policies recommended by the World Bank, the AIIB is likely to avoid criticism levelled against its rivals, who some say impose unreasonable demands on borrowers.

It could also help Beijing stamp its mark on a bank regarded by some in the government as a political as much as an economic project, and reflects scepticism in China about the virtues of free market policies advocated in the West.

"Privatisation will not become a

conditionality for loans," said a source familiar with internal AIIB discussions, but who declined to be named because he is not authorised to speak publicly on the matter.

"Deregulation is also not likely to be a condition," he added. "The AIIB will follow the local conditions of each country. It will not force others to do this and do that from the outside."

The AIIB was not available to comment for this article.

A reduced focus on the free market could give the AIIB greater freedom to run projects, said a banker at a development bank who declined to be named.

For example, development banks that finance a water treatment plant may require the price of treated water to be raised to recoup costs, even if local conditions are not conducive to higher prices.

The AIIB, on the other hand, could avoid hiking prices and rely instead on other sources of financing, such as government subsidies, to defray costs, he said.

The bank, to which some 50 countries have signed up to join, also aims to have a simpler internal

review and risk assessment system for projects compared with its peers to hold down costs and cut red tape, sources said.

For one, the AIIB is not expected to delay some project approvals by months to allow all parties to do due diligence, a practice in place at other development banks, said a source familiar with the matter.

The bank will also minimise expenditure by having only a handful of field offices and a staff strength of between 500 and 600, about a sixth of the size of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and 5 percent of the World Bank, he said.

A successful AIIB that sets itself apart from the World Bank would be a diplomatic triumph for China, which opposes a global financial order it says is dominated by the United States and under-represented by developing nations.

Criticism of international development lending is not new, said Susan Engel, a professor at Australia's University of Wollongong who has studied the impact on the World Bank of free market ideas often referred to as the Washington Consensus.

"It's a religion - this commit-

ment to the involvement of the private sector even in sectors where, in fact, their involvement is shown to do harm," Engel said of the U.S.-based lender.

In its infancy, two sources said the AIIB, with authorised capital of \$100 billion, would concentrate on securing its credit rating, implying a more cautious approach.

This means it will run like an investment bank, funding only commercially sound projects, working on public-private partnerships where feasible, and charging market interest rates that are likely to be higher than those charged by its peers.

"Jin has pitched it as a bank that needs to at least break even," a source familiar with internal AIIB discussions said in reference to Jin Liqun, a former Chinese deputy finance minister and AIIB's first president.

But down the road, the AIIB could offer concessionary loans and go beyond building ports and funding water, energy and transportation deals to financing policy projects such as health and education, three sources said.

Argentina orders HSBC to replace local boss

BBC NEWS

Argentina's central bank has ordered HSBC to replace its chief executive in the country within 24 hours and accused the bank of failing to prevent tax evasion and money laundering.

In November Argentine authorities charged HSBC with helping more than 4,000 clients evade taxes.

The bank was accused of helping clients hide money in Swiss bank accounts. HSBC rejected the charge and said in a statement that it complied with Argentina's laws.

The central bank said that HSBC Argentina's president and chief executive, Gabriel Martino, "had not directed the necessary measures to mitigate and adequately address the prevention of money laundering and the financing of terrorist activities."

HSBC responded by saying: "HSBC Argentina continues to operate normally in the country. HSBC Argentina complies with the laws and regulations that govern its activity in the country and will continue cooperating with the Justice and regulators in Argentina."



Office of the Project Director Urban Resilience Project (URP)

Dhaka North City Corporation Part (DNCC Part)

Request for Expressions of Interest (REOI) for "Procurement Specialist (National)"

- Urban Resilience Project (URP) is a multi-agency project being implemented by four agencies -- a) Programming Division under the Ministry of Planning; b) Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) under the Ministry of Local Government, Rural Development and Cooperatives; c) Rajdhani Unnayan Kartripakkha (RAJUK) under the Ministry of Housing and Public Works; and d) Department of Disaster Management (DDM) under the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief. To respond to the critical gap in the management of disaster risk in Bangladesh particularly in an urban setting, this project represents the multi-phase national Disaster Risk Management (DRM) program to build institutional capacity to respond and mitigate the impact of earthquakes in the rapidly urbanizing cities of Bangladesh. The objective of the overall engagement is to develop a comprehensive approach to managing earthquake risk through a structured process of knowledge development, education, and planning that involves a wide range of stakeholders to increase their capacity and to build ownership. The specific objective of the project is to enhance national-level and local-level DRM facilities and agencies in Dhaka and Sylhet to effectively plan and respond to urban disasters. This will be achieved by developing disaster response systems, including emergency operations center, interoperability communication systems, rescue and search equipment, and related training and drills etc.
- The Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh (GoB) has received a credit for the "Urban Resilience Project (URP)" from the International Development Agency (IDA) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this credit to pay for procurement of services from national consultants for the role of a Procurement Specialist. As part of his/her duties, the consultant will assist the Project Management Unit (PMU) in procuring goods, works and services under the project following World Bank Guidelines as well as Public Procurement Acts/Rules of the Government of Bangladesh.
- The scope of this consultancy services include, but not limited to:
 - Preparing and updating the Project's Procurement Plan (PPP); preparing and publishing all procurement related notices in newspaper, relevant website etc.
 - Prepare bid documents for the contract packages of the project in consultation with technical staffs, consultants, Project Director and other relevant stakeholders; assisting in opening and evaluation of bids/proposals, negotiation with consultants etc.
 - Preparing minutes of the Proposal Evaluation Committee meetings, negotiation meetings, preparing the requests for "no objection" from World Bank.
 - Monitor all bidding/tendering process to ensure fairness and transparency.
 - Preparing final contracts, and ensure timely distribution of all relevant procurement and contract documents to all stakeholders (Consultants, Suppliers, the World Bank and Technical Officers of Ministries).
 - Monitoring and keeping track of the deliverables of consulting services, supply of goods and services to ensure they meet agreed objectives and budget estimates. Recommend payment based on the progress of deliverables.
 - Establish and maintain procurement filing system, and ensure that all related documents are included in the respective files, to ensure ease of retrieval of information and the ease of following the paper trail of procurement by independent external auditors and authorized agents or the World Bank staff during post-procurement reviews (PPRs).
- The qualifications/specialized knowledge/experience required are:
 - Minimum B.Sc. in Engineering or Master's in economics/statistics/finance/business administration/management/law or other relevant field;
 - Candidates having advanced academic/professional qualification(s) in procurement and supply chain or membership of renowned international institution(s) in the field of procurement/purchasing and supply chain will be given preference;
 - Candidates shall have at least 10 (ten) years of relevant experience as either a procurement specialist/consultant or in roles where procurement has been a major part of the job;
 - Knowledge of international organizations/agencies' procurement guidelines and national public procurement regulations and procedures;
 - Special training on procurement in line with the World Bank Rules would be an advantage;
 - Excellent communication skills in English, both written and spoken, and competency in computer operation (MS Office etc.);
 - The candidate will be self-motivated, with strong organizational and planning skills with the ability to work independently as a team player and under pressure. He/she will have strong interpersonal communicative skills, and the ability to organize and impart training to the project implementing staff on procurement.
- Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) now seeks applications from eligible applicants to indicate their interest in providing the services. Applicants are required to provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services. This should include complete CV with detail information about employment history with duties and responsibilities, academic details, major publications (if any), expected remuneration, contact address including telephone number and e-mail.
- The consultant will be selected using the Selection of Individual Consultants method in accordance with the World Bank Guidelines, "Selection and Employment of Consultants under IBRD Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers" January 2011 revised July 2014.
- Interested applicant may obtain Terms of Reference (TOR) upon request from the address below either by e-mail or in person during the office hours (9.00am to 5.00pm) or it can be downloaded from www.dncc.gov.bd
- Expressions of Interest in hard copy in sealed envelope [clearly marked "Expression of Interest for Procurement Specialist (National)"] must be delivered to the address below by September 21, 2015 during office hour.

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Taqsem A Khan, managing director of Dhaka Wasa, and M Monowar Hossain, executive director of the Institute of Water Modelling, pose at the signing ceremony of a deal for two projects, at Pan Pacific Sonargaon hotel in Dhaka yesterday. The projects are on artificial recharge to groundwater by rainwater harvesting from building rooftops, and establishment of groundwater monitoring system in Dhaka for Dhaka Wasa production wells.

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Invitation for Re-Tender (Works)

Tender No: 01/2015-2016

1	Ministry/Division	: Ministry of Food.
2	Agency	: Directorate General of Food.
3	Procuring entity name	: Directorate General of Food.
4	Procuring entity district	: Dhaka.
5	Invitation for	: Construction of RCC Internal Road at Shantahar CSD, Bogra.
6	Invitation Ref. No. & date	: 13.01.0000.111.55.163.14.1307 Dated: 01.09.2015
7	Procurement method	: Opening tendering method (OTM).
8	Budget and source of funds	: Government of Bangladesh.
9	Tender No.	: 01/2015-2016
10	Tender name	: Construction of RCC Internal Road at Shantahar CSD, Bogra.
11	Tender publication last date	: 04.09.2015
12	Tender last selling date & time	: 20.09.2015, 5:00pm.
13	Tender closing date & time	: 21.09.2015, 1:00pm.
14	Tender opening date & time	: 21.09.2015, 3:00pm.
Name & address of the office		
(a)	Selling of tender documents	: (i) Cashier, Accounts and Finance Division of Directorate General of Food (Room No. 419, 4th Floor), 16, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka-1000. (ii) Office of the Deputy Secretary (Supply-2), Ministry of Food, Secretariat, Dhaka and (iii) Regional Controller of Food, Dhaka, 299, West Jurine (Natun Rasta), Dhaka.
(b)	Receiving of tender document	: Everyday during office hours from publication date to 21 09 2015 and at closing date & time mentioned in Sl. No. 13 to be received in the box kept in front of (i) Room No: 531, 5th Floor, Khaddya Bhaban, 16, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka-1000. (ii) Office of the Joint Secretary (Supply & Storage), Ministry of Food, Secretariat, Dhaka and (iii) Regional Controller of Food, Dhaka, 299, West Jurine (Natun Rasta), Dhaka.
(c)	Opening tender document	: The tenders will be opened on the corridor in front of the office of the Director IDTS, Room No. 531, 5th Floor, Khaddya Bhaban, 16, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka-1000.
16	Eligibility of tenderer	: Qualification criteria given in the TDS.
17	Brief description of works	: Construction of RCC Internal Road at Shantahar CSD, Bogra.
18	Brief description of related service	: As per tender schedule.
19	Price of tender document (Tk)	: Tk. 2,500.00 (Two thousand five hundred) only (non-refundable).
20 Identification of lot		
Lot No.	Description/ name of works	Tender security amount (Tk in lakh)
1	Construction of RCC Internal Road at Shantahar CSD, Bogra	10.00
		Liquid Asset (Tk in lakh)
		200.00
		Completion time (in day)
		180
21	Name of official inviting tender	: Pradip Kumar Sinha
22	Designation of official inviting tender	: Director (IDTS).
23	Address of official inviting tender	: 16, Abdul Ghani Road, Dhaka-1000.
24	Contact details of official inviting tender	: 02-9559988
25	The procuring entity reserves the right to accept any or reject all tenders.	

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IMF's Lagarde warns of spillover risks from recent volatility

REUTERS, Jakarta

Recent volatility in global financial markets shows how rapidly risks can spill over from one economy to the next, the managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said in Jakarta on Wednesday.

"What has been demonstrated in the last few weeks is how much Asia is at the core of the global economy, and how much disruption in one market in Asia can actually spill over to the rest of the world," Christine Lagarde told a conference in Indonesia's capital.

World stock markets and the currencies of many emerging markets have seen large swings since China's decision last month to devalue its currency.

Lagarde said the world economy was facing headwinds from China's rebalancing, Japan's slow growth, falling commodity prices and uncertainties surrounding higher US interest rates.

Policies need to be tailored to each country, Lagarde said, but mostly they would involve strengthening defences with prudent fiscal policy, reining in excessive credit growth, aligning exchange rates to act as shock absorbers, maintaining adequate foreign exchange reserves, and strengthening regulation.

"The authorities and the supervisors constantly have to remain vigilant particularly when there are those new and innovative products...those risks have to be under the watch of the supervisors, be they in traditional banking, be they in these disruptive banking systems or in these shadow banking systems," Lagarde said.

Australia's economy slows as China stumbles

AFP, Sydney

Australia's economy expanded at its slowest quarterly pace in more than two years, data showed Wednesday, with exports dragged down by weakening growth in key trading partner China.

Resources-driven economies such as Australia, Brazil and Canada have been hurt by softening Chinese demand for commodities, which has triggered a dive in prices for metals and oil, sending their currencies tumbling and hitting revenue.

Canada, the world's fifth-largest oil producer, said Tuesday it had fallen into recession for the second time in seven years, while Brazil's GDP contracted for the first two quarters of this year.

Economic growth in Australia -- of which iron ore and coal are its largest exports -- expanded at a slower-than-expected 0.2 percent in April-June, taking the annual rate to 2.0 percent, the Australian Bureau of Statistics said.

The latest figures -- which followed strong 0.9 percent growth in the first quarter -- were softer than analysts' expectations of quarterly growth of 0.4 percent and year-on-year growth of 2.2 percent.