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Dear Mr. Hassan,

This is in response to your letter dated 15 March 2017, received by the President and other senior management of the Bank, regarding the consultations on ADB's new corporate strategy (Strategy 2030). ADB welcomes comments from CSOs and we appreciate the feedback which you have shared through your letter.

We note your concerns about the CSO consultation on Strategy 2030 held on 21 November 2016 in Manila. We regret that the NGO Forum on ADB feels that the process was not designed to adequately gather the viewpoints of the participants meaningfully.


I would like to assure you that ADB remains fully committed to consulting with a wide cross-section of CSOs and NGOs on Strategy 2030. Details of past consultations held with various stakeholders including CSOs, are posted on the Strategy 2030 webpage which is updated regularly: <https://www.adb.org/about/policies-and-strategies/new-strategy>.

To allow more time for open discussions, we have been using a short presentation and a brief consultation paper in all meetings. The same format was also followed for the CSO consultation held on 21 November 2016. The [consultation paper](#) was sent to all participants on 9 November 2016 to give them adequate time to review and prepare for the discussions.

For your information, ADB has not prepared a draft of Strategy 2030 as yet. We are in the consultation phase, trying to reach out to a wide group of stakeholders including CSOs. The feedback which you have shared through your letter and any further inputs from the Forum and your members are certainly most welcome. We will consider all the comments received as we develop the first draft of Strategy 2030 in the fourth quarter of 2017. All stakeholders, including the NGO Forum for ADB, will be given the opportunity to provide feedback on it.

Formal Board consideration for the approval of Strategy 2030 will be scheduled in 2018.

Yours sincerely,



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