

InfraCo Asia

InfraCo Asia Development Pte Ltd (InfraCo Asia) is a commercially managed infrastructure development and investment company that is headquartered in Singapore, and exists to stimulate greater private sector investment in infrastructure in South Asia (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan & Sri Lanka) and South-East Asia (Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, the Philippines & Vietnam).

InfraCo Asia funds early stage, high-risk infrastructure development activities by taking an equity stake in sustainable and commercially viable infrastructure projects. These contribute to economic growth, social development and poverty reduction. It steps in where the private sector is initially unable or unwilling to invest. By mitigating early stage development risks, InfraCo Asia facilitates private sector participation and provides an effective approach to bridging Asia's US\$8trillion infrastructure gap.

InfraCo Asia CEO, Allard Nooy, said Singapore is the perfect place for the company's headquarters, as the island state strives to be the infrastructure hub for ASEAN.

"Having our headquarters in Singapore means we have fantastic connectivity; a finger on the Asian-investment pulse and an immersion in the myriad cultural flows that shape the business community here," Mr Nooy said.

"We are within a roughly six-hour radius of all 12 of our focal countries. We employ a unique co-development model that sees us working with diverse Joint-Venture partners right across Asia.

"Singapore is also known for its strong rule of law, and it has in place a number of tax treaties that enable us to avoid double taxation in some countries where we work," he said.

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PIDG, established in 2002, is a coalition of donors mobilising private sector investment to assist developing countries attain sustainable infrastructure, stimulating growth and combating poverty. InfraCo Asia is currently funded by three members of PIDG – the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), and the UK Department for International Development (UKAid).