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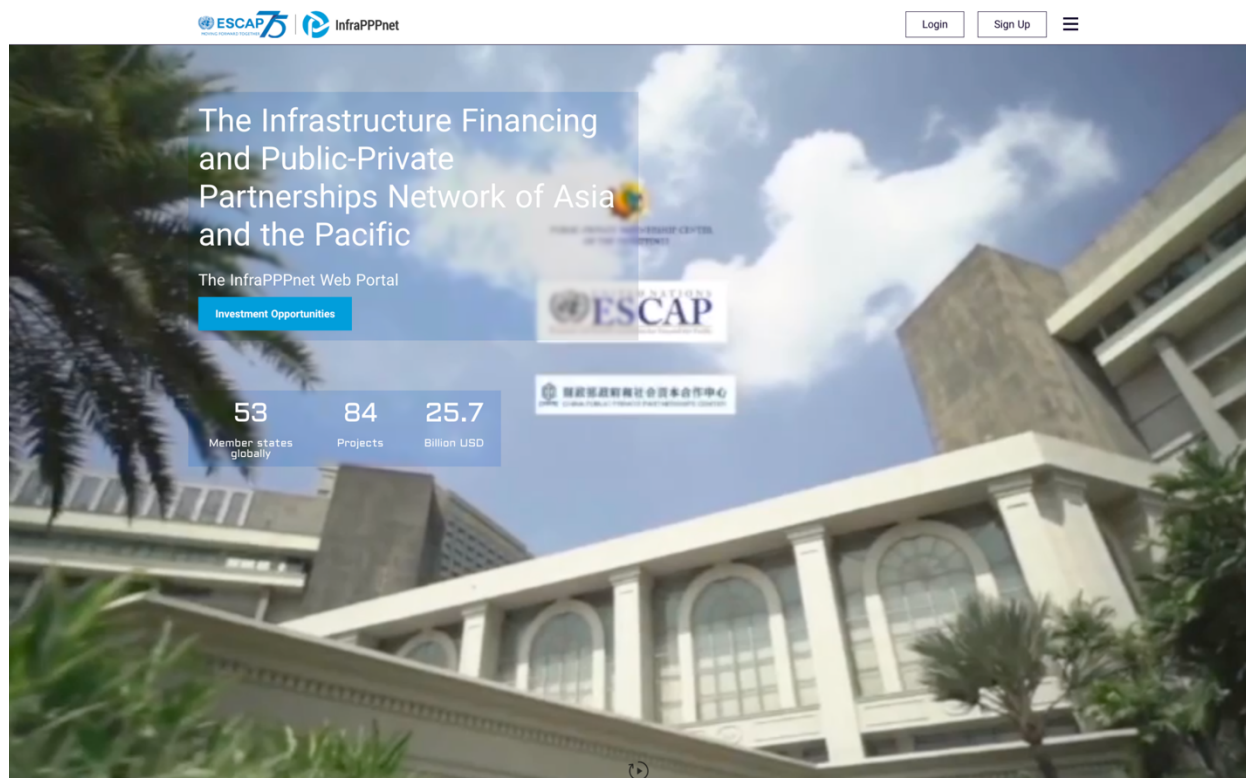
## **Ninth Meeting of the Infrastructure Financing Network of Asia and the Pacific**

Beijing, China, 12-13 July 2023

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) in collaboration with the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) co-organized the ["Ninth Meeting of the Infrastructure Financing and Public-Private Partnerships \(PPP\) Network of Asia and the Pacific"](#). The primary objective of this meeting is to foster investment in sustainable infrastructure development across the Asia and Pacific region by leveraging effective infrastructure financing and PPP mechanisms. ESCAP remains committed to facilitating its member states in promoting sustainable infrastructure development within our region, thereby accelerating progress towards the SDGs and attaining the 2030 Agenda. Against this backdrop, this meeting served as a valuable platform for governments to showcase their financially viable infrastructure projects that align seamlessly with the SDGs.

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## InfraPPPnet Web Portal Update

As [InfraPPPnet Web Portal](#) was officially launched 5 months ago, we would like to sincerely thank and appreciate each and every one of you for taking your valuable time to register with us and submit your project on our project pipeline; we have received a significant number of registrations from all of you.

As this digital platform disclosing [infrastructure project pipeline](#) and having recently received numerous interesting projects from various countries, we sincerely hope that this opportunity will allow you to learn from each other's projects, further resilient and sustainable infrastructure development, and accelerate SDGs in the region and beyond.

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**PUBLICATION**



### **Forging the right partnerships for climate-resilient infrastructure development in Asia and the Pacific**

Infrastructure financing and climate change stand as the most pressing issues facing Asia and the Pacific today. Given extreme weather, climate-resilient infrastructure investment is crucial to sustainable development and significantly impacts society. Record heatwaves swept across Bangkok this summer, where ESCAP is headquartered, with temperatures regularly exceeding 40 degrees Celsius across mainland South East Asia, including Myanmar, Lao PDR, and Cambodia. This heatwave, cited as the worst April heatwave in Asian history across more than a dozen countries, highlights the region is facing unprecedented temperature changes as global warming accelerates.

Click [here](#) to read more on financing infrastructure development, partnerships for infrastructure development, and ESCAP's efforts in infrastructure financing.



## **Advancing gender equality for sustainable infrastructure development in Asia and the Pacific**

In commemoration of World Pride Month in June, our blog highlights the enduring reality of persistent inequalities that continue to shape the lives of marginalized communities worldwide. Gender equality, in particular, remains a resounding challenge, casting its shadow over the realm of infrastructure development. Globally, women's representation in leadership positions across all infrastructure sectors remains low, with only [19 percent](#) of such positions being held by women. While sustainable infrastructure projects hold great promise for fostering economic growth and improving the well-being of people in Asia and the Pacific, true progress requires the integration of gender considerations into every aspect of planning and implementation.

Click [here](#) to read more on the significance of gender, the challenges women face in infrastructure, and ways we can keep pushing for gender equality in infrastructure development.

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