Al Policy Exceptions

Under the Al Policy, any information in the World Bank's possession that is not on the list of 10 exceptions is available to the public.

- 1. Personal information
- Communications of Governors and/or Executive Directors' Offices
- 3. Ethics Committee
- Attorney-Client Privilege
- Security and Safety Information
- Separate Disclosure Regimes
- Confidential Client/Third Party Information
- Corporate Administrative
- 9. Deliberative Information*
- 10. Financial Information
 - A. Forecasts*
 - B. Analysis*
 - C. Transactions*
 - D. Banking and Billing

* Eligible for declassification







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Background

The World Bank Policy on Access to Information (Al Policy), effective since July 1, 2010, constitutes a major shift in the Bank's approach to disclosure of information. The AI Policy provides for the disclosure of more information than ever before.

Al Policy Highlights

- Maximizing access to information
- Clear list of exceptions
- Safeguarding the deliberative process
- Clear procedures for disclosing information
- Right to appeal
- Simultaneous disclosure of some Board Papers
- Declassification of certain types of information (after 5, 10, or 20 years).

By providing timely and relevant information, the Al Policy helps to enhance good governance, public ownership, and development effectiveness.

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Other World Bank Group Al Policies

- IFC: www.ifc.org/disclosure
- MIGA: www.miga.org/access
- INT: www.worldbank.org/integritypolicies
- IEG: ieg.worldbank.org/access_to_information





Open Development 😈



Access information and tools without any restrictions. www.worldbank.org/open

Open Data: Provides access to development data freely and openly. data.worldbank.org

Open Finances: Financial data on World Bank Group activities. finances.worldbank.org

Open Knowledge Repository: Official open access repository for World Bank research outputs and knowledge products. openknowledge.worldbank.org

How to Request Information

For information that is not available on the Bank's website, the public may submit a request through the Al portal at www.worldbank.org/wbaccess

Include a detailed description of the information requested: title, publication dates, or any other helpful details to identify the requested information.

The Bank makes its best effort to respond within 20 working days. In some cases, the Bank may need additional time to respond to requests.

Request submitted 20 DAYS Possible outcomes Information is Information is Information is public and sent not in the restricted and to the requester Bank's custody not public Requester has the right to appeal the

World Bank Information



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www.worldbank.org/countries



www.worldbank.org/topics



Documents & Reports:

www.worldbank.org/documents



www.worldbank.org/projects



Policies & Procedures:

www.worldbank.org/policies

First Directive on Disclosure issued by the Bank, establishing presumption in favor of disclosure

1985

Information Disclosure Policy revised to release greater range of documents. Historical records since 1946 added to Documents & Reports

World Bank approves the Al Policy. Paradigm shift to presumption of disclosure, list of

exceptions and appeals process

Launch of Open Finances platform, which provides interactive data on the Bank's financial activities

Modification to the Al Policy to clarify declassification of certain board records

Modification to the Al Policy to clarify application to Board of Governors records. **5th Anniversary of the Al Policy**

1993

2002

2003

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

First Policy on Information Disclosure approved. Project Information Document (PID) is introduced

World Bank adopts Translation Framework. which broadens access and dissemination to larger audience

Open Data initiative is launched, enabling free access to more than 2,000 development indicators and project data. Al Policy becomes effective

Creation of Open Knowledge Repository and Open Access Policy, for free access to all research and knowledge products

Mainstream citizen engagement, including beneficiary feedback, in Bank supported operations

InfoFinder App

apps.worldbank.org



Archives



The Archives website holds information from 1946 to present, and provides access to a wide range of development knowledge.

www.worldbank.org/archives

World Bank Group Archives Holdings: Enhanced access to archival holdings and digitized declassified records. archivesholdings.worldbank.org

Oral Histories: Over 200 interviews with World Bank staff from the 1940s to present. oralhistory.worldbank.org

Appeals Process



If the Bank denies access to information, you may file an appeal. Appeals may be filed electronically or by mail.

The Access to Information Committee (AIC) – an administrative body under Bank Management – serves as the first level of appeals.

An independent AI Appeals Board (AIAB), consisting of three international experts, serves as the second and final recourse for certain types of appeals.

The sole remedy available to those who prevail in the appeals process is to receive the information requested.

Summaries of Requests



Bank's denial

The World Bank discloses on a regular basis summaries of the information requests submitted by the public, when permission to disclose was granted by the requesters. These summaries can be found at

Decisions on Appeals



All decisions on appeals by the AIC and the AIAB are publicly available at

Al Policy Interpretations



The AIC has the authority to interpret the AI Policy in line with its guiding principles. All interpretations issued by the AIC are available at www.worldbank.org/wbaccess/AIPolicy/ **Interpretations**

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