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# Korea's Knowledge Partnership with World Bank Group

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# Korea's evolving partnership with World Bank Group

*From borrower → donor → global knowledge partner*

1955

Joined the World Bank (IBRD)

Foundation of partnership

1961

Joined IDA

Start of concessional support eligibility

1962

First IBRD loan

Launch of borrowing (Korean National Railroad project)

1977

First IDA donor contribution

Transition from recipient to financial contributor

1994

Graduation from IBRD

1997-1999

Asian Financial Crisis – temporary re-engagement

Short-term policy support through two Structural Adjustment Loans

2013

WBG Korea Office & Korea trust funds established

Institutionalized knowledge and innovation cooperation.

2016

2nd Graduation from IBRD

# Nature of Korea's Support for WBG

*Knowledge anchored in the Korea Trust Funds*

**IDA  
contributions**

**1 Korea Office Trust Fund**

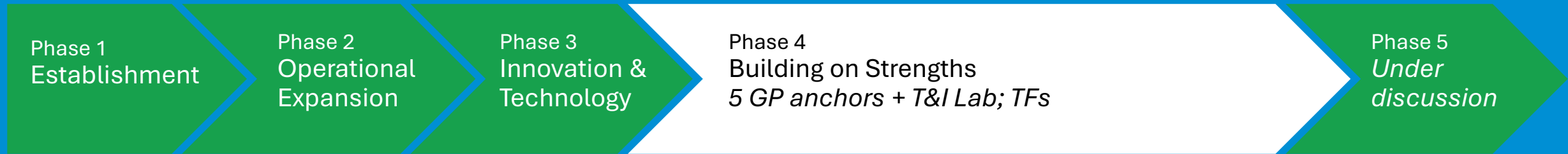
**2 KGGTF (Korea Green Growth Trust Fund)**

**3 KWPF (Korea–World Bank Partnership Facility)**

**4 Korea-World Bank Partnership for Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence Single-Donor Trust Fund**

# WBG Korea Office: Structure and Evolution

*Facilitating Korean knowledge, innovation, and partnerships*



- **5 Global Practices (GPs):** Digital and AI, Finance, Competitiveness and Investment, Energy and Extractives, Environment, Urban, Resilience & Land
- **Technical labs:** Technology & Innovation Lab (T&I Lab)
- **Trust Funds hosted:** KGGTF, KPOK, SCFI, Digital TF
- **Joint Country Representation (JCR)** since 2024 — integrating IBRD, IFC, MIGA
- **Staff:** 26 IBRD, 5 IFC, 3 MIGA



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Finance Corporation

**MIGA**

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Digital Development

Technology and Innovation Lab

Finance Competitiveness and Innovation

Environment

Energy and Extractives

Urban Development

Korea Green Growth Trust Fund

Korea Program for Operational Knowledge

Education

IFC

MIGA

Korea - Country  
Management  
Unit

Global experts  
are based in  
Korea - to work  
directly with  
you





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