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Which one of the following launched the 'Nature Solutions Finance Hub for Asia and the Pacific'? (a) The Asian Development Bank (ADB) (b) The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) (c) The New Development Bank (NDB) (d) The International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) Official key: A.

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Explanation**(a) Official key**

The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)**. UPSC keys **ADB** as the launcher of the Nature Solutions Finance Hub for Asia and the Pacific.

(b)

The **Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**. The neighbouring multilateral in the same nature-finance week; not the official letter.

(c)

The **New Development Bank (NDB)**. Another BRICS-neighbour bank, not this hub.

(d)

IBRD (World Bank). A climate-finance neighbour, not the launcher keyed here.

Summary

Official Set A key is (a) **ADB**. The Nature Solutions Finance Hub for Asia and the Pacific is scored as an **Asian Development Bank** launch. **AIIB**, **NDB** and **IBRD** sit in the same COP-week nature-finance neighbourhood and are the traps. Do not swap the multilateral just because all four lend to infrastructure.

Related possible facts

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Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Established 2016, HQ Beijing. India is a large shareholder. Infrastructure and now climate-tagged lending.

Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Established 1966, HQ Manila. Often paired with AIIB in Asia climate-finance PYQs.

New Development Bank (NDB)

BRICS bank, HQ Shanghai. Fortaleza 2014 agreement.

IBRD

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development - the original World Bank window for middle-income countries.

Nature-based solutions (NbS)

Using ecosystems for climate, water and disaster outcomes. The phrase in the hub's name.

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