



Regional: Asian Economic Integration: Building Knowledge for Policy Dialogue

Project Name	Asian Economic Integration: Building Knowledge for Policy Dialogue		
Project Number	49446-001		
Country / Economy	Regional		
Project Status	Closed		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	<div>TA 9121-REG: Asian Economic Integration: Building Knowledge for Policy Dialogue</div> <div>Technical Assistance Special FundUS\$ 1.20 million</div>		
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration		
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development		
Sector / Subsector	Finance / Finance sector development - Trade finance Industry and trade / Industry and trade sector development - Trade and services Transport / Multimodal logistics		
Gender	No gender elements		
Description	The proposed TA will extend ERCI's major research and knowledge work with heightened focus on the following areas: (i) strengthening the quality and impact of the AEIR, (ii) enhancing ADB's profile as a knowledge leader and DMC partner on RCI through effective support for ADB participation in regional/global policy forums; and (iii) improving the quality of RCI database and policy analysis. Research focus will be guided by four pillars under RCI Strategy and also priority given to topics which are highlighted during regional and global policy forums, and emerging issues of which study can contribute to fruitful discussions among policy makers. The TA's operational support also includes a conduct of the annual survey of trade finance in collaboration with the Private Sector Operations Department (PSOD).		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	ADB's Strategy 2020 has articulated regional integration as one of the three complementary strategic agenda, along with inclusive growth and environmentally sustainable growth. Under the regional integration agenda, ADB is mainly undertaking four roles: (i) increasing financial resources for RCI projects, (ii) expanding the dissemination of RCI-related knowledge products, (iii) building DMCs institutional capacity to manage RCI, and (iv) working as a catalyst and coordinator for closer cooperation among regional member countries. Since the launch of the Strategy 2020 back in 2008 and also supported by RCI Strategy in 2006 as strategic guidelines, RCI has become fully integrated as a strategic and operational pillar in most Country Partnership Strategies. ADB's mid-term review of strategy 2020 continues to underscore its importance, with support for RCI accounting for 22% of overall volume of ADB operations during 2013 2015, and ADB is vigorously working to meet the target of at least 30% by 2020.		
Impact	Enhanced awareness of RCI and how to leverage it for inclusive and sustainable growth in Asia and the Pacific.		
Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome	New RCI knowledge, policy options, and strategic suggestions to pressing regional economic and development issues are created and shared in various regional forums and key stakeholders		
Progress Toward Outcome			
Implementation Progress			
Description of Project Outputs	Key RCI information and knowledge products are generated and disseminated Timely and accurate RCI indicators and database are maintained		
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)			
Geographical Location	Regional		
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects			
Environmental Aspects			
Involuntary Resettlement			
Indigenous Peoples			
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation			
During Project Design			
During Project Implementation			
Business Opportunities			

Consulting Services	The TA will require approximately 5 person-months of international consulting services, 268 person-months of national consulting services, and 5 person-months of resource persons. All consultants will be selected and engaged individually by ADB in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). For this proposed TA, hiring a team of individual consultants will provide more benefits for ADB than engaging a firm because of the following reasons: (i) faster mobilization of consultants, (ii) greater control by ADB staff in selecting and managing individual consultants, and (iii) greater flexibility in engaging experts specializing in a broad spectrum of RCI-related topics.
Procurement	Purchases of equipment (computer hardware and software) and statistical databases will be undertaken in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time), in coordination with ADB's Office of Information Systems and Technology and Office of Administrative Services, where applicable. After the TA is completed, any procured equipment will be disposed in compliance with ADB guidelines on administering grant-financed TA projects. Disbursements under this TA will be made in accordance with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time).

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	28 Apr 2016
Fact Finding	24 Feb 2016 to 12 Mar 2016
MRM	-
Approval	10 Jun 2016
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	15 Jun 2016

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
10 Jun 2016	-	10 Jun 2016	31 Jul 2018	30 Jul 2019	07 Feb 2020

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200,000.00	17 Jun 2022	1,138,430.30

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