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Economic links between developing regions, such as between Asia and the Pacific and Latin America, are providing new opportunities for these regions. South-South cooperation can also help developing countries attain sustainable and inclusive economic growth amid the dwindling bilateral aid programs of developed countries, and has contributed to the formulation of effective and efficient solutions to some common development challenges within and across regions. Developing South-South policy cooperation is, therefore, essential for learning and benefiting from each other's policy lessons and experiences. This technical assistance (TA) aims to foster greater research collaboration and knowledge sharing between Asia and the Pacific and Latin America on policy issues integral to the regions' growth and development. The areas of research focus will be (i) enhancing trade and investment links, (ii) strengthening regional cooperation for financial stability and building financial safety nets, and (iii) better managing regional public goods.

The impact will be increased policy cooperation between Asia and the Pacific and Latin America. This cooperation will cover trade and investment policies, financial integration and stability, and the promotion and better management of regional public goods for inclusive and sustainable growth in DMCs in Asia and the Pacific and Latin America. The outcome will be increased effectiveness and quality of policy development through knowledge sharing, policy dialogue, and exchange of best practices between Asia and the Pacific and Latin America.

Outputs include: (1) 3 thematic policy reports on concrete policy recommendations to Asian DMCs and APEC policy makers, based on (i) FDI comparative studies; (ii) challenges and opportunities from financial integration, including financial connectivity and vulnerabilities; and (iii) managing regional public goods prepared; (2) At least 3 knowledge sharing workshops conducted, covering each of the 3 thematic policy reports to support regional policy forums, such as APEC events, and to discuss policy implications of the papers with policy makers; and (3) Database on bilateral investment treaties and FTA investments developed, and information on Asia's trade agreements shared through the RTA Exchange.
The TA supports regional cooperation and integration (RCI), a core area under Strategy 2020 and elaborated in the RCI strategy of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The strategy recognizes the importance of creating innovative regional knowledge and solutions to address the regions’ development issues. The innovation will manifest through (i) collective action, cooperation, and knowledge sharing to help Asia and the Pacific and Latin America understand each other’s economic and development policies and learn from best practices; and (ii) the crowdsourcing of new ideas. The TA will strengthen the knowledge platform for ADB’s RCI strategy by drawing out the connections between the three thematic areas of this TA. It supports the role of regional development banks, such as ADB and the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), to collaborate and share their regional experiences on the key development issues identified above. The TA supports national and regional growth strategies of Asian countries and ADB operations and aims to instill the findings and lessons into ADB’s country partnership and regional cooperation strategies.

The TA will focus on the following: (i) strengthening developing member countries' (DMCs) assessment of domestic economic and policy environment to help attract foreign direct investment (FDI) including international trade and investment agreements; (ii) deepening DMCs’ understanding of financial interconnectedness, spillover, and risk management; and (iii) exploring how regional and interregional cooperation policies can be formulated to better manage regional public goods. This TA aims to support research collaboration and knowledge sharing between ADB and IADB on a series of comparative studies to extract the lessons and experiences from each region and draw policy implications useful for both regions.

### Impact

Increased cooperation between developing regions (aligned with Strategy 2020, RCI strategy [2006], Operational plan for RCI [2016]).

### Project Outcome

#### Description of Outcome

Increased effectiveness and quality of policy development through knowledge sharing, policy dialogue and coordination between the Asia and the Pacific region and Latin America.

#### Progress Toward Outcome

#### Implementation Progress

**Description of Project Outputs**

- Thematic policy reports. 3 thematic policy reports on concrete policy recommendations to Asian DMCs and APEC policy makers, based on (i) FDI comparative studies; (ii) challenges and opportunities from financial integration, including financial connectivity and vulnerabilities; and (iii) managing regional public goods prepared.
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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

- Engagement of international and national consultants (Q4 2016 - Q1 2017) for the background papers and policy reports.
- Engagement of international and national consultants (Q4 2016 - Q2 2017, Q3 2017) for the database development.
- Engagement of international and national consultants and resource persons (Q4 2016 onwards) for the organization of workshops.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance 08 Jan 2016
Fact Finding 11 Jan 2016 to 15 Jan 2016
MRM -
Approval 20 Oct 2016
Last Review Mission -
Last PDS Update 21 Oct 2016

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Milestones

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization

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