Project Data Sheet

Project 52370-001

Project Name: Supporting the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute

Project Number: 52370-001

Country / Economy: Regional
- Afghanistan
- Azerbaijan
- Georgia
- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Mongolia
- Pakistan
- China, People's Republic of
- Tajikistan
- Turkmenistan
- Uzbekistan

Project Status: Active

Project Type / Modality of Assistance: Technical Assistance

Source of Funding / Amount:
- TA 6694-REG: Supporting the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute
  - Technical Assistance Special Fund: US$ 1.00 million
  - People's Republic of China Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation Fund: US$ 1.00 million

Operational Priorities:
- OP2: Accelerating progress in gender equality
- OP3: Tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability
- OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity
- OP7: Fostering regional cooperation and integration

Sector / Subsector: Industry and trade / Industry and trade sector development

Gender: Some gender elements
The regional knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support further institutional development of the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute, an intergovernmental organization that aims to contribute to the CAREC Program through knowledge generation and capacity building. This TA will (i) strengthen the CAREC Institute's institutional capacity and its financial sustainability, (ii) enhance the quality of the CAREC Institute's knowledge products and services (KPSs), and (iii) invigorate the CAREC Institute's communication and outreach functions. The TA will help further realize the CAREC Institute's potential comparative advantages and uniqueness.

The TA is estimated to cost $2,000,000 of which (i) $1,000,000 will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF-6 and TASF-other sources) and (ii) $1,000,000 on a grant basis by the People's Republic of China Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation Fund (PRC Fund) and administered by ADB.

Since its establishment, the CAREC Institute has made important progress in all four areas of its operations: research, capacity building, knowledge management, and networking and partnerships. Together with funding from the People's Republic of China (PRC), ADB's previous and ongoing TA projects contributed to institutional establishment and functioning of the CAREC Institute in delivering its mandate as a knowledge arm of the CAREC Program. In addition to TA support, ADB team is providing intellectual support to the CAREC Institute's activities, with regular guidance and technical advice from ADB's Central and West Asia Department and other ADB departments and units. Over time, the CAREC Institute has significantly shored up its institutional capacity.

In the process of becoming a reputable regional think tank, the CAREC Institute, however, is still at an early stage of development. There is a need to deepen the CAREC Institute's in-house expertise and for the CAREC Institute to devise ways to meet its aspirations with limited resources. The CAREC Institute should also build up its brand and reputation in a systemic yet gradual way, through the development of a few key (flagship) products and activities, and the gradual expansion to other carefully selected areas.

Impact

Stronger regional cooperation among CAREC member countries based on high-quality policy dialogue and value-adding knowledge work realized
Geographical Location: Afghanistan - Nation-wide; Azerbaijan - Nation-wide; China - Nation-wide; Georgia - Nation-wide; Kazakhstan - Nation-wide; Kyrgyz Republic - Nation-wide; Mongolia - Nation-wide; Pakistan - Nation-wide; Tajikistan - Nation-wide; Turkmenistan - Nation-wide; Uzbekistan - Nation-wide

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

Responsible ADB Officer: Mogilevskii, Roman
Responsible ADB Department: Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division: Regional Cooperation and Integration Unit, CWRD (CWRC)
Executing Agencies: Asian Development Bank

Timetable

Concept Clearance: 07 Oct 2020
Fact Finding: -
MRM: -
Approval: 18 Dec 2020
Last Review Mission: -
Last PDS Update: 18 Dec 2020

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Milestones

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