### Regional: Sustainable Safeguard Policy Applications in the Central and West Asia Region

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#### Description
The TA will improve the environmental safeguard performance of the Central and West Asia Department (CWRD) developing member countries (DMCs) to foster effective infrastructure development in Central and West Asia by (i) developing a region-wide strategy and plan for sustainable environmental safeguard capacity strengthening, and (ii) providing targeted training and sector- and/or project-specific consulting services in Central and West Asia. The TA will (i) support executing and implementing agencies to meet the environmental safeguard requirements of ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (SPS) (2009) and its updates; (ii) deploy international and national consultants to provide technical expertise to executing and implementing agencies and achieve high project readiness in safeguards and strengthen safeguards implementation; (iii) utilize and build on knowledge products and relationships developed under ADB's TA projects to address limited familiarity of executing and implementing agencies with international standards and practices; (iv) identify gaps in a timely manner between local practice and ADB safeguard policies, and develop a strategy to effectively bridge these gaps; and (v) support the use of multimedia knowledge products, information and communication technology (ICT), and other innovative tools to achieve the outcome.

The TA is aligned with ADB's country partnership strategies for the Central and West Asia DMCs and with ADB's Strategy 2030 operational priorities (OPs) 2, 3, and 6. It will also contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2, 5, 9, 11, 13, and 16.

#### Impact
Effective infrastructure development in Central and West Asia compliant with ADB's Safeguard Policy Statement (2009) and its updates promoted.

### Project Outcome

#### Description of Outcome
Sustainable approach to environmental safeguards strengthening CWRD DMCs is developed and implemented

#### Implementation Progress

#### Description of Project Outputs
Quality and timeliness of environmental safeguard documents improved
Project management and supervision capacity of executing and implementing agencies using advanced technology applications showcased and strengthened
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location

Armenia - Nation-wide; Azerbaijan - Nation-wide; Georgia - Nation-wide; Kazakhstan - Nation-wide; Kyrgyz Republic - 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

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services

The unit will select, supervise, and evaluate consultants through framework agreements for international consultants and individual consultant selection for national consultants, in accordance with the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated staff instructions. ADB will engage consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy and its associated staff instructions. Individual consultants will be recruited to support the design, implementation, and monitoring of the TA using the framework agreement with empaneled consultants to be engaged as needed for the duration of the agreement to provide international expertise, while national expertise will be recruited using the individual consultant selection method. Field activities will be carried out using a mix of international and national consultants to be selected based on criteria, including (i) existing country portfolios, (ii) the upcoming country project pipeline, and (iii) availability of qualified consultants with relevant in-country experience. The consultants will be based in resident missions, and national consultants may be required to operate in more than one DMC as needed.

Procurement

Procurement will follow the ADB Procurement Policy and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time).

Responsible ADB Officer

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Responsible ADB Department

Office of Safeguards

Responsible ADB Division

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Executing Agencies

Asian Development Bank

Timetable

Concept Clearance

21 Apr 2023

Fact Finding

- MRM

Approval

09 Jun 2023

Last Review Mission

- Last PDS Update

09 Jun 2023

TA 10110-REG

Milestones

Approval

Signing Date

Effectivity Date

Closing

Original

Revised

Actual

09 Jun 2023

09 Jun 2023

30 Jun 2026

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization

ADB

Cofinancing

Counterpart

Governance

Beneficiaries

Project Sponsor

Others

Total

Date

Cumulative Disbursements

1,000,000.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

1,000,000.00

28 Aug 2023

7,432.00

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