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ABBREVIATIONS

ADB	–	Asian Development Bank
COVID-19	–	coronavirus disease
DMC	–	developing member country
G7	–	Group of Seven
G20	–	Group of Twenty
S20	–	Science 20
SPD	–	ADB's Strategy, Policy, and Partnerships Department
TA	–	technical assistance
T20	–	Think20
W20	–	Women 20

NOTE

In this report, "\$" refers to United States dollars.

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KNOWLEDGE AND SUPPORT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AT A GLANCE

1. Basic Data		Project Number: 56029-001	
Project Name	Enhancing Asia and the Pacific's Contribution at the G20	Department/Division	SPD/SPSP
Nature of Activity	Capacity Development, Policy Advice, Research and Development	Executing Agency	Asian Development Bank
Modality	Regular		
Country	Regional		
2. Sector		ADB Financing (\$ million)	
✓ Public sector management	Economic affairs management		0.750
		Total	0.750
3. Operational Priorities		Climate Change Information	
✓ OP6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity		GHG Reductions (tons per annum)	0
		Climate Change impact on the Project	Low
		ADB Financing	
		Adaptation (\$ million)	0.000
		Mitigation (\$ million)	0.000
		Cofinancing	
		Adaptation (\$ million)	0.000
		Mitigation (\$ million)	0.000
Sustainable Development Goals		Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	
SDG 1.a, 1.b		Effective gender mainstreaming (EGM)	✓
SDG 5.5			
SDG 17.17, 17.9		Poverty Targeting	
		General Intervention on Poverty	✓
4. Risk Categorization Low			
5. Safeguard Categorization Safeguard Policy Statement does not apply			
6. Financing			
Modality and Sources		Amount (\$ million)	
ADB		0.750	
Knowledge and Support technical assistance: Technical Assistance Special Fund		0.750	
Cofinancing		0.000	
None		0.000	
Counterpart		0.000	
None		0.000	
Total		0.750	
Currency of ADB Financing: US Dollar			

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will enhance the Government of Indonesia's capacity during its Group of Twenty (G20) Presidency in 2022 to integrate and spotlight Asia and the Pacific's priorities and perspectives at the G20.¹

2. The TA is included in the Strategy, Policy, and Partnerships Department (SPD) work plan approved by Asian Development Bank (ADB) Management for support to ADB's developing member countries (DMCs). It is aligned with ADB's corporate priorities for promoting the agenda of Asia and the Pacific at global forums and supporting multilateral platforms and ADB DMCs, on policy and knowledge management. The TA is designed to be demand responsive, given the evolving global macroeconomic and security context.²

II. ISSUES

3. The G20 is a multilateral forum that comprises 19 of the world's major economies and the European Union. Its members account for more than 60% of the world's population, 75% of international trade, and more than 80% of global gross domestic product.³ On a demand-responsive basis, the TA will enable support for the region's priority areas under the G20 platform, through contributions to policy dialogue, analytical work, partnership management, and communication planning on regional public goods and common development challenges. In addition, the TA will provide a framework to complement discussions between ADB shareholders and DMCs on priority areas for the Group of 7 (G7)⁴ and the G20.

4. The goal of the G20 is to create and maintain sustainable, balanced, and inclusive global growth through multilateral cooperation. Initially set as a meeting between finance ministers and central bank governors, the G20 has hosted an annual summit of heads of state since 2008. Development sector discussions were formally introduced in 2010. Since then, the G20 has been divided into two tracks: (i) the finance track, which focuses on financial issues; and (ii) the sherpa track, which focuses on other development sectors.⁵ For both tracks, each Presidency and host has the opportunity to bring the perspective of its country and region to the platform through four pathways: (i) enhancing dialogue on key priorities for the Presidency, (ii) focusing on multiyear agendas, (iii) establishing new G20 workstreams, and (iv) undertaking side events.

5. Asia and the Pacific will host the G20 Presidency through Indonesia in 2022 and India in 2023. Recognizing this opportunity to further the region's agenda at the global level, the Government of Indonesia has requested ADB support for the G20 process. Both Indonesia and India are well positioned to deepen dialogue from the perspective of Asia and the Pacific as they command a position of influence in the region, as members of subregional platforms such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation, and through the contribution of their economies, as knowledge providers and incubators of innovation.

¹ This TA may be extended to India's G20 Presidency in 2023. ADB is in discussions with the Government of India regarding a possible extension and is awaiting a formal written request.

² The TA first appeared in the business opportunities section of ADB's website on 3 June 2022.

³ The members are Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, the People's Republic of China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Türkiye, the United Kingdom, the United States, and the European Union.

⁴ Germany holds the G7 Presidency in 2022: G7 Germany 2022. <https://www.g7germany.de/g7-en>. Japan will hold the G7 Presidency in 2023.

⁵ G20 Workstreams Indonesia Presidency Schematic (accessible from the list of linked documents in Appendix 2).

6. Previously, ADB contributed to the G20 finance track. It provided advisory support to the G20 Presidency of Japan in 2019 and Italy in 2020. It has also supported several key multiyear topics under the G20 working groups.⁶ Further, the G20 Indonesia Presidency's three main pillars⁷—global health architecture, sustainable energy transition, and digital transformation—are aligned with Strategy 2030⁸ and complement ADB's ongoing response to the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, climate change, and gender. ADB is already supporting G20 engagement on mobilizing financing to support the transition to low-carbon economic growth, the Energy Transition Mechanism, sustainable infrastructure finance (particularly for cities), the Asia Pacific Tax Hub, enhancement of pandemic prevention and response by regional and national entities, and debt sustainability. Ongoing discussions with the Government of India's Department of Economic Affairs indicate that public goods and climate finance are potential priorities for India's G20 Presidency.

7. The deployment of timely resources to support the G20 Presidency can ensure that the perspective of Asia and the Pacific is well integrated into the G20 process and disseminated to other DMCs, as relevant, for their policy, knowledge and innovation, and capacity building agendas.

III. THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

A. Impact and Outcome

8. The TA is aligned with the following impact: Asia and the Pacific's contribution to the G20 policy discourse enhanced (G20 Presidency of Indonesia Priority Issues⁷).⁹ The TA will have the following outcome: high-quality policy dialogues developed and delivered by ADB DMCs that host the G20 Presidency. The performance indicators reflect the regional nature of the G20, i.e., DMCs that host the G20 will help to advance development goals for other ADB DMCs under this TA. Therefore, the first performance indicator assesses how the priorities of Asia and the Pacific are reflected in the G20 documents (statements, declarations, reports, working group plans, and similar documents), while the second performance indicator captures the intent of ADB DMCs to apply such policy advisories.

B. Outputs, Methods, and Activities

9. **Output 1: Opportunities for ADB's non-G20 developing member countries to be engaged in topics and issues led by G20 host enhanced.** This will include creating opportunities for ADB's non-G20 DMCs to provide feedback on policy issues under discussion. For example, Indonesia is advancing the multiyear G20 agenda on gender. In 2015, under Türkiye's G20 Presidency, the Women 20 (W20) group was formed to focus and reiterate the G20's commitment to gender equality. This was strengthened by the establishment of the EMPOWER Alliance during Japan's G20 Presidency in 2019 to bring the public and private sectors together to improve gender equality. Indonesia has appointed the Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection to chair the W20 and the G20 EMPOWER Alliance, with the

⁶ "Working groups" refers to all the groups under the finance and sherpa tracks. The sherpa track is further divided into working groups and engagement groups.

⁷ G20 Presidency of Indonesia 2022. [Priority Issues](#).

⁸ Strategy 2030 notes that "In line with the G20 efforts to strengthen global financial governance, collaboration with the International Monetary Fund and other multilateral development banks will seek to maximize the impact of the international financial institutions system as a whole." ADB. 2018. [Strategy 2030: Achieving a Prosperous, Inclusive, Resilient, and Sustainable Asia and the Pacific](#). Manila. p. 10.

⁹ This may be extended to include India.

aim of mainstreaming gender at the G20 platform. ADB DMCs will have the opportunity to voice their views and recommendations; contribute to the outcome documents (e.g., statements, declarations, and working group plans); and ensure that gender plays an integral part in technical and ministerial discussions. Other areas of support under consideration are the agriculture working group, the tourism working group, trade facilitation, and other policy briefs under Think20 (T20).¹⁰

10. Output 2: Analytics, documents, and knowledge on common priority areas between ADB's non-G20 developing member countries and G20 hosts developed and disseminated.

This includes producing and disseminating lessons and findings on G20 topics amongst policy makers and private sector experts from across DMCs, including on food security,¹¹ gender, and tourism. It also involves support to the T20 Summit, which will curate discussions with renowned academics on key topics such as climate and resilience, food and health security, and digital transformation. In addition, the TA will support the establishment of an agriculture and food security intelligence platform through knowledge and information technology interventions using artificial intelligence and big data. This platform will provide valuable insights into the future of food security and agriculture. By collating data from various sources, the platform is expected to enable monitoring and forecasting of risks for food security and global agricultural supply chains by intelligently predicting supply- and demand-side shocks (including climate change, food production, and price intelligence). ADB will work closely with partner institutions, including the World Food Programme and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, in establishing the agriculture and food security intelligence platform.

11. The TA will complement ongoing contributions to the G20, including (i) ADB's tacit knowledge from previous engagement on G20,¹² (ii) a small-scale TA currently being implemented¹³ by the Southeast Asia Department, Indonesia Resident Mission for rapid deployment of support to the Ministry of Finance, Government of Indonesia¹⁴ (iii) ongoing policy, knowledge and communication work as part of ADB's Operational Priorities and the Sustainable Development Goals, and (iv) the ADB Institute's contributions to the G20.¹⁵

C. Cost and Financing

12. The TA financing amount is \$750,000, which will be financed on a grant basis by ADB's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF-other sources).¹⁶ The key expenditure items are listed in Appendix 2.

D. Implementation Arrangements

13. ADB will administer the TA. ADB's SPD will be responsible for its overall implementation.

¹⁰ The T20 communiqué will be issued at the T20 Summit in September 2022. [T20 Summit 2022](#).

¹¹ Areas under consideration are technological solutions that can be applied to expand fertilizer production, decarbonize the sector, and explore the use of renewable sources to produce green ammonia.

¹² ADB DMCs that are members of the G20 include the People's Republic of China, India, and Indonesia. A search of the [K-nexus database](#) for the G20 showed that the last knowledge product was prepared in 2019 and the last knowledge service was provided in 2018. However, ADB has provided significant policy advice on several multiyear topics under the G20 (para. 6).

¹³ Implementation period is December 2021-June 2023.

¹⁴ ADB. [Indonesia: Support for Indonesia's G20 Presidency](#).

¹⁵ ADB Institute. 2021. [ADB Builds G20 Capacity for Delivering Post-COVID-19 Sustainability Breakthroughs](#). News release. 11 October.

¹⁶ This amount may be revisited if India is included in the TA scope.

14. Activities that may qualify for support under this TA include (i) priorities and gaps identified in the work plans for the G20 working groups; (ii) priorities identified by the G20 Presidency; (iii) corporate commitments that ADB has made to the G20 Presidency, such as for the T20 and Science 20 (S20) in the case of Indonesia; (iv) emerging priority areas for the region; and (v) topics where ADB's knowledge and expertise can be leveraged for the region's benefit.¹⁷

15. ADB's SPD will review requests from ADB's technical teams, in consultation with relevant ADB departments and government counterparts. On the endorsement of a specific activity under the TA, the relevant technical teams will be responsible for managing consultants and resource persons, including the selection, supervision, and evaluation of consultants. Implementation arrangements are summarized in the table.

Implementation Arrangements

Aspects	Arrangements		
Indicative implementation period ^a	July 2022–July 2023		
Executing agency	ADB's SPD		
Implementing agencies	ADB departments engaged in the G20 dialogue, such as SPD, SERD, ERCD, SDCC, and SARD		
Consultants	To be selected and engaged by ADB		
	Individual: framework agreement or individual selection	International or national expertise: communication (7.5 person-months)	\$72,000
	Individual: framework agreement or individual selection	International or national expertise: subject matter (25.0 person-months)	\$300,000
	Individual: framework agreement or individual selection	International or national expertise: events and seminars (10.0 person-months)	\$120,000
Advance contracting	Consultants for gender and food security will be engaged under output 1. ^b		
Disbursement	Disbursement of TA resources will follow ADB's <i>Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook</i> (2020, as amended from time to time).		

ADB = Asian Development Bank; ERCD = Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department; G20 = Group of Twenty; SARD = South Asia Department; SDCC = Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department; SERD = Southeast Asia Department; SPD = Strategy, Policy, and Partnerships Department; TA = technical assistance.

^a The implementation period will start from the expected month of commitment or signing.

^b Terms of Reference for Consultants (accessible from the list of linked documents in Appendix 3).

Source: ADB's Strategy, Policy, and Partnerships Department.

16. **Consulting services.** ADB will select, supervise, and evaluate the individual consultants. These consultants will be engaged either through framework agreements, where short-listed candidates may be hired as needed for the duration of the agreement, or individual consultant selection to provide international and/or national consulting inputs. ADB will engage the consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.¹⁸

¹⁷ Regional benefits include regional public goods, regional macroeconomic stability and investments, and improvements in trade and economic activities.

¹⁸ Terms of Reference for Consultants (accessible from the list of linked documents in Appendix 3).

IV. THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION

17. The President, acting under the authority delegated by the Board, has approved the provision of technical assistance not exceeding the equivalent of \$750,000 on a grant basis for Enhancing Asia and the Pacific's Contribution at the G20, and hereby reports this action to the Board.

DESIGN AND MONITORING FRAMEWORK

Impact the TA is Aligned with Asia and the Pacific's contribution to the G20 policy discourse enhanced (Support on the G20) ^a			
Results Chain	Performance Indicators	Data Sources and Reporting Mechanisms	Risks and Critical Assumptions
Outcome High-quality policy dialogues developed and delivered by ADB DMCs that host the G20 Presidency	By 2023 a. At least 3 G20 documents reflect strategic priorities topics for ADB DMCs (2022 baseline: 0) b. ADB DMCs that participate in the G20 report that in the medium term (5 years) they plan to apply at least three G20 policy advisories to which ADB has contributed (2022 baseline: not applicable)	a. Final G20 documents such as statements, declarations, reports, working group plans, and similar documents b. survey; and government document, statement, news releases, and/or interview with government stakeholder	A: G20 Presidency brings the voice of DMCs in Asia and the Pacific to the G20 policy discourse.
Outputs 1. Opportunities for ADB's non-G20 developing member countries to be engaged in topics and issues led by G20 host enhanced	By 2023 1a. At least 3 outreach events, consultation meetings, and/or bilateral dialogues reflect the strategic priorities of DMCs in Asia and the Pacific by Q4 2022 (2022 baseline: 0) 1b. For cohosted and/or sponsored events, at least 80% of responding participants (including 80% of female participants) surveyed reported improved knowledge and understanding of G20 topics (2022 baseline: not applicable)	1a. Event proceedings and materials, including feedback from participants 1b. Event participants survey	R: Participation is constrained by COVID-19 and other global health and security considerations. R: Stakeholders' interests and priorities change. A: G20 process and agenda are relevant and accessible to DMCs.
2. Analytics, documents, and knowledge on common priority areas between ADB's non-G20 developing member countries and G20 hosts developed and disseminated	2a. At least 3 quality knowledge products (e.g., knowledge analytics, support documents, and knowledge sharing platforms) produced and disseminated to policy makers of ADB members, with at least one knowledge product on gender equality and women's empowerment (2022 baseline: 0)	2a. Knowledge products (e.g., policy briefs, issue papers), partnership reports	

Results Chain	Performance Indicators	Data Sources and Reporting Mechanisms	Risks and Critical Assumptions
	2b. For collaborative activities, at least 80% of survey respondents read the knowledge products, and relevant experts report the quality and usefulness of the 3 documents as <i>satisfactory</i> (2022 baseline: 0)	2b. Expert panel and/or survey to understand the quality of knowledge products and services	
Key Activities with Milestones 1. Opportunities for ADB's non-G20 developing member countries to be engaged in topics and issues led by G20 host enhanced 1.1 Support partner countries with knowledge and policy advice; provide strategic advice and technical assistance on demand in the form of papers, briefs, and notes for G20 events, task forces, and working groups (Q3 2022–Q4 2022) 1.2 Engage and consult with multilateral development banks, DMCs, private sector investors, subregional and/or regional cooperation programs, and other development partners to advance a common strategic approach for Asia and the Pacific at the G20 (Q3 2022–Q3 2023) 1.3 Monitor, analyze, and report on the contributions of Asia and the Pacific to discussions, including any new priority issues (Q3 2023) 1.4 Conduct regular coordination meetings with government counterparts 2. Analytics, documents, and knowledge on common priority areas between ADB's non-G20 developing member countries and G20 hosts developed and disseminated 2.2 Conduct DMC outreach and engagement to raise awareness of the G20 process and related policy issues and activities; establish mechanisms for knowledge sharing (Q3 2022–Q3 2023) 2.3 Facilitate and organize major events (seminars, workshops, and news releases with senior representatives) (Q3–Q3 2023) 2.4 Organize and chair regional development bank coordination event (Q2–Q4 2022) TA Management Activities Hiring consultants Reporting Monitoring and evaluation Surveys			
Inputs ADB: \$750,000			

A = assumption, ADB = Asian Development Bank, COVID-19 = coronavirus disease, DMC = developing member country, DMF = design and monitoring framework, G20 = Group of Twenty, Q = quarter, R = risk, TA = technical assistance.

^a G20 Presidency of Indonesia. [Priority Issues](#). On receipt of a formal request from India the statement of the G20 Presidency of India will be added here.

Contribution to Strategy 2030 Operational Priorities:

The expected values and methodological details for all OP indicators to which this TA will contribute results are detailed in Contribution to Strategy 2030 Operational Priorities (accessible from the list of linked documents in Appendix 3). This TA will contribute results for:

- OP 6.1.1 Government officials with increased capacity to design, implement, monitor, and evaluate relevant measures

Source: Asian Development Bank.

COST ESTIMATES AND FINANCING PLAN

(\$'000)

Item	Amount
A. Asian Development Bank^a	
1. Consultants	
a. Remuneration and per diem	
i. International consultants	225.00
ii. National consultants	200.00
b. Out-of-pocket expenditures	
i. International and local travel	70.00
ii. Office space rental and related facilities	2.00
iii. Goods (rental only)	8.00
iv. Surveys	15.00
v. Training, seminars, and conferences	75.00
vi. Reports and communications	10.00
vii. Others ^b	25.00
2. Training, seminars, workshops, forum, and conferences	
a. Facilitators	10.00
b. Venue rental and related facilities	20.00
c. Participants	10.00
d. Representation	5.00
3. Contingencies	75.00
Total	750.00

Note: The technical assistance (TA) is estimated to cost \$750,000, of which contributions from the Asian Development Bank are presented in the table.

^a Financed by the Asian Development Bank's Technical Assistance Special Fund (TASF-other sources).

^b These could include translation, interpretation, and communication expenses.

Source: Asian Development Bank estimates.

LIST OF LINKED DOCUMENTS

<http://www.adb.org/Documents/LinkedDocs/?id=56029-001-TARreport>

1. Terms of Reference for Consultants
2. Contribution to Strategy 2030 Operational Priorities

Supplementary Document

3. G20 Workstreams Indonesia Presidency Schematic