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The economies of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) are growing rapidly and their population of over 330 million is becoming larger, richer, and more urbanized. Increasingly, GMS consumers are seeking food that is safe, healthy, and grown in environment-friendly ways. This strategy and action plan for 2018–2022 aims to make the GMS a leading global supplier of safe and environment-friendly agriculture products. Underpinning this vision is the provision of safe food to all, irrespective of place of residence, social status, income, or gender. The strategy and action plan will also strengthen the subregion’s food security, while increasing market access for its small producers.

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Achievements, Prospects, and Policy Challenges

The development of knowledge, skills, attitudes, and habits—the factors contributing to human capital—is vital to economic growth in South Asia. Raising the quality of education and training in South Asia’s workforce can play a critical role in pursuing the level of development evident in the People’s Republic of China, and successful Southeast Asian economies. This study reviews the policies and strategies contributing to human development in the countries of South Asia, particularly in education and skills achievement. It also emphasizes the need for expanded access to schooling as a driver of labor productivity and wage growth.

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Despite significant economic growth across Asia in recent decades, millions of people in rural and remote areas still lack access to electricity. In response, ADB is fostering universal access to energy by helping develop small hybrid renewable energy systems. This publication highlights the experiences of ADB pilot projects in Bangladesh, Maldives, and Sri Lanka. It assesses the capacity of wind, solar, battery storage, and efficient diesel generation systems to expand access to electricity and improve energy efficiency. It also provides recommendations for the effective deployment of similar systems in other remote locations and small isolated islands.

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Energy

This guidebook documents the lessons in developing pilot mini-grid systems to provide energy access to remote areas of Myanmar. Under the project, solar mini-grid systems were successfully installed in 12 villages located in the Magway, Mandalay, and Sagaing regions of the country’s Dry Zone. Intended to serve government officials, renewable energy developers, and potential investors, the guidebook discusses the main renewable energy technologies that are suitable for mini-grid development in Myanmar, including solar, hydro, and biomass. It also highlights the importance of community participation in mini-grid development, and shares insights on training materials and knowledge products.

Developing Asia has the world’s fastest-growing rate of greenhouse gas emissions, with the leading driver being emissions from power generation. Reducing these emissions is paramount to ensuring a sustainable future while responding to the threat of climate change. These guidelines offer detailed methodologies for estimating the emissions reductions attributable to energy efficiency and renewable energy projects during the appraisal or development stage. They also provide ADB energy sector staff, consultants, and other interested readers with an understanding of key concepts and principles for estimating, and reporting on, how energy projects might impact on climate-change targets.

Harmonizing Electricity Laws in South Asia
South Asia, home to nearly one-sixth of the global population, is one of the poorest regions in the world. Access to electricity is low and the countries of the region face acute power shortages, despite being endowed with hydropower potential, significant renewable energy resources, and large reserves of coal, natural gas, and petroleum. To overcome these issues, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka signed a framework agreement in 2014 to promote regional electricity cooperation and energy trade. This report identifies the legal, regulatory, technical, and commercial requirements for such energy trade, and establishes what each country’s policymakers and energy stakeholders need to do to make the framework a reality.

Improving Lives of Rural Communities through Developing Small Hybrid Renewable Energy Systems
Energy policymakers across developing nations are working to engage communities, financial institutions, private sector partners, and nongovernment organizations to deploy small hybrid renewable energy systems in remote areas. To further these efforts, ADB supported three pilot projects in the island communities of Maldives and Sri Lanka, one in a remote mountain village in Nepal, one in a local school in Bangladesh, and one in a small village in Pakistan. This publication discusses the lessons from the six pilot projects, and highlights key considerations in the planning, designing, procurement, installation, and operation and maintenance of small hybrid energy systems in rural areas of Asia and on small isolated islands.

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Remote rural areas or small islands often still rely on diesel generators to produce electricity. Isolated hybrid energy systems, commonly referred to as standalone mini-grids, combine diesel generators with renewable energy technologies such as solar panels, wind turbines, and energy storage devices. This Microsoft Excel-based workbook helps determine the combinations and configurations that produce the most cost-effective energy while meeting other constraints such as minimum renewable energy penetration, available initial capital, and/or maximum annual carbon dioxide emissions. An Excel macro lists all feasible combinations and results over the lifetime of the system. Cost breakdowns by component, annual cash flows, generation statistics, and annual expected emissions are automatically calculated for each feasible solution.

Myanmar Energy Consumption Surveys
Myanmar has one of the fastest-growing economies in Asia, yet its potential is severely constrained by limited energy infrastructure, with the country having one of the lowest per capita energy consumption rates in the world. To help plan for improved infrastructure by providing accurate data on energy consumption at the domestic level, ADB supported a household survey on energy consumption by fuel source, conducted in 11 regions across Myanmar in 2014. This report presents the results of those surveys, which made a significant contribution to the country’s energy master plan launched in 2016.

Nepal Energy Sector Assessment, Strategy, and Road Map
Nepal is facing an unprecedented energy crisis caused by an acute shortage of energy resources and fuel supply. The country has no known deposits of oil, gas, or coal (except for some lignite deposits), yet its energy consumption rates almost doubled from 1990 to 2014 and continue to rise rapidly for industry and transport purposes. To improve energy security and stimulate economic growth, the Government of Nepal is accelerating the sustainable development of the country’s hydropower potential. This publication assesses Nepal’s energy sector performance, outlines the country’s major development constraints, and details the government’s development plans and strategies, including ADB’s future support strategy.

Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Assessment of the Energy Sector
Enhancing Social Sustainability of Energy Development in Nepal
In Nepal, deeply embedded social structures—determined by gender, caste or ethnicity, religion, language, and even geography—have restricted access to modern energy resources, and all of the associated benefits, for many in society. Women, the poor, and other socially excluded groups are burdened by having to collect fuel daily and perform other laborious domestic tasks, taking them away from jobs and education. This assessment suggests that involving local communities in energy projects can expand access to energy, help secure public acceptance, and improve the impacts of energy services and technologies. It recommends supportive policies, political commitments, legal processes, and institutional frameworks be developed to help Nepal meet its target of ensuring energy access for all.
Extreme natural events have plagued Pakistan in recent years. The floods of 2010 killed 1,600 people and caused about $10 billion in damage, while the 2015 heatwave killed over 1,200 people in Karachi. Climate change is expected to increase the frequency of these extreme events and have wide-ranging impacts on Pakistan’s agricultural productivity and water availability. This publication provides a comprehensive overview of climate change science, institutions, interventions, and finance in Pakistan. It may serve as a one-stop reference for the country’s national climate challenges or as a starting point for analyzing local or provincial climate risks.

- **Climate Change Profile of Pakistan**
  - Extremes natural events have plagued Pakistan in recent years.
  - Floods in 2010 killed 1,600 people and caused about $10 billion in damage.
  - 2015 heatwave killed over 1,200 people in Karachi.
  - Climate change is expected to increase the frequency of extreme events.

- **Climate Change Operational Framework 2017–2030**
  - Nearly half of all global greenhouse gas emissions are from countries in Asia. 
  - ADB has committed to provide at least $6 billion every year in climate finance.

- **Decoding Article 6 of the Paris Agreement**
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- **Catalyzing Green Finance**
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A Practical Guide

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Delivering Co-Benefits for Sustainable Development

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Economic and Fiscal Impacts of Disasters in the Pacific

Natural disasters can have lasting consequences on national economies and individual livelihoods. Beyond immediate reconstruction costs and fiscal shocks, there can be long-term impacts on sectors such as tourism and agriculture. Small and remote island nations in the Pacific are the most exposed to these impacts and they have severely limited resources to prepare for and respond to them. This publication aims to help governments in the Pacific develop policies and allocate resources to reduce the short- and long-term impacts of disaster events. It explains how climate change may affect risk profiles and outlines key instruments stakeholders can use to assess risk and plan for natural disasters.

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Strengthening Resilience through Social Protection Programs
Guidance Note

Climate risks are increasing across Asia and the Pacific, with the impacts of natural disasters and extreme weather events most acutely felt by the poor and the marginalized. The effects can include loss of household assets, disruption of livelihoods, and loss of income. This guidance note underscores the importance of strengthening climate change and disaster resilience through programs that protect society’s poorest and most vulnerable. It proposes a working framework as to how social protection programs can deliver early-warning systems and community support programs, foster a savings culture, diversify household income sources, and provide insurance products, to cushion the impacts of natural disasters.

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Policy Maker Achievements and Challenges

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Asia Bond Monitor

Released quarterly, this series examines the performance, outlook, risks, and policy options of East Asian local currency bond markets, which governments in the region use to raise capital to invest in infrastructure. It covers the 10 members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam) plus the People’s Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; and the Republic of Korea. Each issue also includes special discussions and/or theme chapters highlighting topical issues of interest to economists and policymakers across Asia.

Promoting Green Local Currency Bonds for Infrastructure Development in ASEAN+3

Transitioning the global economy to a sustainable development pathway will require trillions of dollars of investment in low-carbon technologies and infrastructure. Green bonds are debt securities whose proceeds are used to finance projects or assets with environmental benefits. ASEAN+3 policymakers are exploring options to promote green bonds, denominated in local currencies, to finance the region’s low-carbon infrastructure and sustainable development needs. This publication assesses a study of green bond markets in ASEAN+3 countries. It identifies the barriers to green bond market development, and provides recommendations to scale up the issuance of green bonds for infrastructure development across Asia.

Securitization in India

Managing Capital Constraints and Creating Liquidity to Fund Infrastructure Assets

India needs to spend close to ₹43 trillion (about $646 billion) on infrastructure through to 2022. Such a large requirement cannot be met through traditional financing sources. This paper explores the potential of monetizing the infrastructure assets of public sector banks in India. Converting banks’ illiquid infrastructure assets into marketable securities can help create alternative investment opportunities for institutional investors, such as insurance funds and pension funds, which may have an appetite for long-dated assets that match their long-term liabilities. Taking this approach would help banks improve their capital position and unlock enormous funding potential for new infrastructure projects.
Finance Sector Development

**ASEAN+3 Bond Market Guide**

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This series summarizes the risks and issues in country financial management systems that may affect project implementation in ADB’s developing member countries. It serves as a guide to project teams and consultants during project preparation, as they design financial management arrangements and assess financial management systems and risks. Each country-specific report details how accurate financial management assessments can make project implementation more efficient by identifying key risks and opening the way for appropriate actions and reforms to mitigate those risks.

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Bangladesh Gender Equality Diagnostic of Selected Sectors

Over the past 2 decades, Bangladesh has made progress in boosting the number of women in the workforce, getting more girls enrolled in primary education, and increasing female representation in political office. Because areas of concern remain—including a high prevalence of violence against women, obstacles to women owning land and assets, and gender inequality in employment terms and conditions—the Government of Bangladesh has made significant policy commitments to deal with gender issues. This publication is designed to support the government in these efforts. It identifies opportunities for the empowerment of women in urban development, transportation, energy generation, and skills development, and delivers insights on further strengthening gender equality.

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Boosting Gender Equality through ADB Trade Finance Partnerships

Despite some progress, too few women occupy senior management roles in the public and private sectors across Asia and the Pacific. With a groundbreaking study suggesting that women’s equality can add $12 trillion to global growth, gender parity is vital at all levels of the workforce. This report, cofinanced by Australia’s Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, presents the results of a gender audit the ADB Trade Finance Program conducted in cooperation with 20 of its partner banks. It investigates what can be done to foster women’s participation and leadership in the private banking sector, and provides practical recommendations for partner banks to attract, retain, and promote more women.

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Gender Equality and the Labor Market

Women, Work, and Migration in the People’s Republic of China

The People’s Republic of China (PRC) has one of Asia’s highest rates of female participation in the workforce (about 64% in 2013) and one of the narrowest pay gaps between men and women. This study investigates how women are faring as the PRC transitions to a new growth model. In 2014, the structural transition from agriculture to industry and services saw about 91 million women migrate from rural to urban areas. The report highlights the particular challenges facing these often poor and vulnerable migrant workers. It makes recommendations on providing family care, improving wages and job opportunities, expanding workplace protections, and undertaking research studies to better inform gender policy.

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ADB works diligently to ensure that women, the poor, and other marginalized groups share in the benefits that arise from the bank’s projects. This report on gender equality and social inclusion in ADB’s operations in Nepal covers projects in agriculture and natural resources, education and skills development, urban development, water supply and sanitation, transport, and energy generation. The results show, for example, that 53,167 women underwent trade and technical skills training, and 106,597 gained direct employment, through ADB projects from 2011 to 2015. The report is intended for anyone eager to learn about gender equality and social inclusion and related challenges in Nepal.

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India Gender Equality Results Case Study
Enhancing Energy-Based Livelihoods for Women Micro-Entrepreneurs

The reliable, 24-hour supply of electricity in the Indian state of Madhya Pradesh since 2014 has transformed the lives of many, including women from low-income households. An ADB project delivering enterprise training and business skills development has demonstrated how women’s lives can be uplifted by creating microenterprises founded on access to modern energy services. This case study outlines the project’s progress, showcasing women who, along with an invigorated sense of personal empowerment, have increased their incomes and savings through microenterprises, are enjoying less drudgery and time spent on household chores, and have an increased role in household decision making.

Implementing Results-Based Budget Management Frameworks
An Assessment of Progress in Selected Countries

Results-based budget management is intended to hold government managers accountable for their role in organizing the supply of goods and services to the public. It is also designed to enforce regular reviews of the effectiveness of government expenditure programs. There do, however, appear to be significant gaps between the concept and its implementation. This publication examines a select group of countries that have led reforms to implement results-based budget management. It concludes that most countries have a long way to go before they have efficiently functioning systems and, indeed, that some country systems have regressed.

Institutionalizing Gender Equality
Urban Development Experience of the Bangladesh Local Government Engineering Department

The Bangladesh Local Government Engineering Department is regarded as a trailblazer in gender equality and the empowerment of women. The department has developed its own strategy and action plan to reduce disadvantages to women, increase their influence, and promote gender equality. This case study assesses the impacts of the department’s gender policies and practices, particularly in urban development projects financed by ADB. Its recommendations include improving budgetary support for gender-positive projects, allocating more resources to specialist gender staff, and standardizing gender procedures and protocols for application across all government-funded urban projects in Bangladesh.

Measuring Asset Ownership and Entrepreneurship from a Gender Perspective
Methodology and Results of Pilot Surveys in Georgia, Mongolia, and the Philippines

Statistics that define which household members own and/or control specific assets are vital to the formulation of effective gender policies. However, conventional household surveys do not facilitate collection of data at this level of detail. To address this gap, ADB helped interview almost 15,000 people on asset ownership and entrepreneurship across Georgia, Mongolia, and the Philippines. This report assesses ownership of assets such as household dwellings, agricultural land, livestock, agricultural equipment, and nonagricultural enterprises. It reports on the incidence of ownership by gender, whether an asset is owned exclusively or jointly, and who has the right to sell or bequeath particular assets.
Governance and Public Management

Compendium of Supply and Use Tables for Selected Economies in Asia and the Pacific

Supply and use tables provide the framework for the gross domestic product of an economy to be estimated by the three standard approaches: production, expenditure, and income. They produce more reliable, consistent, and internationally comparable estimates of key economic statistics. These more detailed statistics can provide a better basis for measuring economic output and growth, resulting in more informed policymaking and better monitoring of progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals, especially those relating to poverty alleviation, economic growth, technological progress, and infrastructure development. This publication provides a standard compilation of supply and use tables for 19 economies in Asia and the Pacific.

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Fast-Track Tax Reform Lessons from Maldives

By western taxation norms, Maldives was in essence a tax haven until 2011. It had no general income taxes, with government revenue sourced entirely from import duties, taxes on tourists and banks, land rents, business and property income, general fees and levies, and foreign aid. This book details how, in the wake of the 2004 tsunami and the 2008–2009 global financial crisis, the Government of Maldives implemented radical taxation reform in a remarkably short period. It highlights the introduction of direct and indirect taxes, and how the country’s revenue authority was able to implement an online tax administration system to collect those taxes and other government-imposed levies.

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Impact Evaluation of Development Interventions A Practical Guide

Impact evaluation is the main means of empirically testing what actually happens when development interventions are implemented. It can offer a rationale for continuing or expanding effective projects and programs, test different ways of tackling a problem, and provide insights on how initiatives should be rolled out. Ultimately, it can reorient development toward more effective approaches. This book introduces core concepts, methods, and considerations for planning, designing, managing, and implementing impact evaluation, supplemented by examples. It will appeal to anyone interested in understanding “what works” in development as well as those who will contribute to expanding the evidence base as applied researchers.

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Regional Cooperation and Integration

The Ha Noi Action Plan 2018–2022

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Key Principles and Issues in Drafting Local Regulations

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An Example of the Dagu Aquifer in Qingdao, People’s Republic of China

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