

# Regional: Thematic Self-Assessment and Peer Review of International Association of Insurance Supervisors Insurance Core Principles and Standards for Asia and the Pacific (Phase 1)

| Project Name  | Thematic Self-Assessment and Peer Review of International A<br>Supervisors Insurance Core Principles and Standards for Asia  |                             |  |
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| Project Number  | 46204-001  |                             |  |
| Country   | Regional   |                             |  |
| Project Status  | Active   |                             |  |
| Project Type / Modality of Assistance                         | Technical Assistance   |                             |  |
| Source of Funding / Amount                                    | TA 8561-REG: Thematic Self-Assessment and Peer Review of International Association of Insurance Supervisors Insurance Core Principles and Standards for Asia and the Pacific (Phase 1) |                             |  |
|   | Technical Assistance Special Fund  | US\$ 1.00 million           |  |
| Strategic Agendas   | Inclusive economic growth<br>Regional integration  |                             |  |
| Drivers of Change   | Governance and capacity development Private sector development   |                             |  |
| Sector / Subsector  | <b>Finance</b> - Finance sector development - Insurance and contractions capital markets   | ractual savings - Money and |  |
| Gender Equity and Mainstreaming                               |  |                             |  |
| Description   |  |                             |  |
| Project Rationale and Linkage to<br>Country/Regional Strategy |  |                             |  |
| Impact  | Improved harmonization of national regulatory regimes with standards   | international insurance     |  |

# **Project Outcome**

| Description of Outcome Effective implementation of action plans by DMCs |   |  |  |
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| Progress Toward Outcome   |   |  |  |
| Implementation Progress   |   |  |  |
| Description of Project Outputs  | Recommendations and Action Plan arising out of Self-Assessment and Peer Review Capacity building and operationalizing a cadre of trainers/ assessors and peer reviewers conducted DMCs interested in submitting applications to become MMOU Signatories assisted Pan Asian database of insurance statistics developed Self-assessment, peer review and information exchange exercises evaluated |  |  |

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues) Output 1. Six knowledge events have been organized in partnership with IAIS, partner institutions and consultants. Arup Chatterjee, Principal Financial Sector Specialist, SDSC participated as a resource in all the events.

Output 2. A risk based supervision tool was developed to be accessed and downloaded as an application by DMC insurance supervisors for supervision of insurers and reinsurers. It was tested during the workshop sessions with participating DMC insurance supervisors in 2016 and was well-received.

Output 3. Support is being provided to insurance supervisors interested to submit applications in to the IAIS for becoming signatories of the IAIS multilateral memorandum of understanding (MMOU).

Output 4. In lieu of the development of Pan Asian database of insurance statistics, a change in scope was approved on 2 March 2016 to support the Islamic Financial Services Board (IFSB) in coordination with Public Management, Financial Sector, and Trade Division of Southeast Asia Department. The activities included the development of (i) a database on Prudential and Structural Islamic Financial Indicators (PSIFI); and (ii) e-learning modules based on the following Standards: IFSB-8: Guiding Principles on Governance for (Islamic Insurance) Takaful Undertakings and IFSB-9: Guiding Principles on Conduct of Business for Institutions offering Islamic Financial Services (Covering Islamic banking, insurance and capital market segments).

Output 5. An external expert will facilitate an end-of-project regional roundtable to assess the impact of capacity building activities conducted under the TA and submit an evaluation. Senior insurance supervisors representing the Asian Forum for Insurance Regulators, ASEAN Insurance Regulators Meeting, Central and West Asian Insurance Supervisors, the Pacific Islands Regional Initiative, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation Insurance Regulators Meeting, Access to Insurance Initiative, IFSB and the IAIS will be invited to participate. The report will also discuss next steps on how to help DMCs enhance the observance of IAIS insurance core principles and standards.

**Geographical Location** 

## **Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects**

**Environmental Aspects** 

Involuntary Resettlement

**Indigenous Peoples** 

## Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

**During Project Design** 

During Project Implementation Consultation with relevant government agencies and operations departments were held.

#### **Business Opportunities**

Consulting Services Individual international consultants with sound experience in insurance supervision and in carrying out assessments of compliance with the IAIS ICPs will be engaged for 18 person-months. They will work on an intermittent basis on supervisory systems, ICPs 1 and 2 (1.5 person-months); (ii) risk governance, ICPs 4, 5, 7, and 8 (1.5 person-months); (iii) supervisory measures, ICPs 6, 9, 10, 11, and 12 (1.5 person-months); (iv) market conduct, ICPs 18 and 19 (1.5 person-months); (v) reinsurance and other forms of risk transfer, ICP 13 (2.5 person-months); (vi) solvency and solvency-related issues, ICPs 14, 15, 16, 17, and 20 (3 person-months); (vii) group supervision, ICP 23 (1.5 person-months); (viii) macroprudential surveillance, ICP 24 (1 person-month); (ix) information exchange and cooperation, ICPs 3, 25, and 26, and multilateral memorandum of understanding (3 person-months); and combating fraud, money laundering, and financing of terrorism, ICPs 21 and 22 (1 person-month). The TA will also require 54 person-months of inputs from individual national consultants with experience in TA administration.

Procurement

ADB will be the executing agency, and the Office of Regional Economic Integration (OREI) will implement the TA. An OREI staff team will regularly monitor and administer the individual contracts and manage the combined outputs to achieve the TA objectives. The TA is expected to be implemented from January 2014 to December 2016.

# **Responsible Staff**

| Responsible ADB Officer    | Chatterjee, Arup Kumar  |
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# **Timetable**

| Concept Clearance   | 18 Nov 2013 |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Fact Finding        | -           |
| MRM                 | -           |
| Approval            | 13 Dec 2013 |
| Last Review Mission | -           |
| Last PDS Update     | 31 Mar 2017 |

### **TA 8561-REG**

| Milestones  |              |                  |             |             |        |
|-------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Approval    | Signing Date | Effectivity Date | Closing     |             |        |
|             |              |                  | Original    | Revised     | Actual |
| 13 Dec 2013 | -            | 13 Dec 2013      | 31 Dec 2016 | 30 Sep 2017 | -      |

| Financing Plan/TA Utilization |             |       |               |                 | Cumulative Disb | ursements    |             |            |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|------------|
| ADB                           | Cofinancing | Count | Counterpart   |                 |                 | Total        | Date        | Amount     |
|                               |             | Gov   | Beneficiaries | Project Sponsor | Others          |              |             |            |
| 1,000,000.00                  | 0.00        | 0.00  | 0.00          | 0.00            | 0.00            | 1,000,000.00 | 13 Dec 2013 | 579,485.13 |

| Project Page            | https://www.adb.org/projects/46204-001/main                         |
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