



## Regional: Trade and Transport Facilitation in the Pacific

Project Name	Trade and Transport Facilitation in the Pacific								
Project Number	46502-001								
Country	Regional								
Project Status	Active								
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance								
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>TA 8674-REG: Trade and Transport Facilitation in the Pacific</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction</td> <td>US\$ 2.00 million</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>TA: Trade and Transport Facilitation in the Pacific</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 1.00 million</td> </tr> </table>	<b>TA 8674-REG: Trade and Transport Facilitation in the Pacific</b>		Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction	US\$ 2.00 million	<b>TA: Trade and Transport Facilitation in the Pacific</b>		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth								
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships								
Sector / Subsector	<b>Industry and trade</b> - Industry and trade sector development <b>Transport</b> - Transport policies and institutional development								
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements								
Description	Weak trade and transport logistics performance is a key factor constraining interregional and intraregional trade growth in the Pacific. Very limited information is available on specific bottlenecks in Pacific countries. To improve competitiveness and trade and transport facilitation (TTF) performance in the areas of infrastructure, services, and procedures and processes, Pacific DMCs are seeking assistance to strategically reform, modernize, and strengthen the capacity of institutions, and invest in trade-related infrastructure. This TA is designed to consider the remote and archipelagic nature of Pacific DMCs and respond to these needs selectively.								
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Weak trade and transport logistics performance is a key factor constraining interregional and intraregional trade growth in the Pacific. Very limited information is available on specific bottlenecks in Pacific countries. To improve competitiveness and trade and transport facilitation (TTF) performance in the areas of infrastructure, services, and procedures and processes, Pacific DMCs are seeking assistance to strategically reform, modernize, and strengthen the capacity of institutions, and invest in trade-related infrastructure. This TA is designed to consider the remote and archipelagic nature of Pacific DMCs and respond to these needs selectively. The expected impact of the TA will be improved trade competitiveness of Pacific DMCs, and the outcome will be participating Pacific DMCs governments strategically plan trade and transport facilitation investments. The expected impact of the TA will be measured by a decrease in the time and cost to export and import. The TA will conduct a regional analysis that examines the trade and transport linkages and provides insights on where and how Pacific DMCs can benefit from the emerging opportunities that growth in Asia provides.								
Impact	Improved trade competitiveness of Pacific countries.								

### Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Governments strategically plan trade and transport facilitation investments
Progress Toward Outcome	
<b>Implementation Progress</b>	

Description of Project Outputs	Assessment tools for trade facilitation and transport logistic performance are established and institutionalized National and regional agency capacity to assess trade and transport demand and design investment and policy options strengthened Regional and national agency capacity to improve logistics and customs performance strengthened
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	

## Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects	
Involuntary Resettlement	
Indigenous Peoples	
<b>Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation</b>	
During Project Design	ADB's Pacific Department will be the executing agency for the R-CDTA. ADB will coordinate with the governments and other stakeholders at the country level and guide the implementation of the S-PATA activities. The R-CDTA will finance consultant services for a total of about 121 person-months. UNESCAP and WCO resource experts, individual consultants and a firm will be engaged by ADB in accordance with its Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).
During Project Implementation	The TA closing date has been extended to December 2017. ADB's Pacific Department will be the executing agency for the TA and will coordinate with the governments and other stakeholders in the Pacific DMCs and guide implementation of the TA.

## Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	The assessment team will mainly conduct the studies and training activities of output 1 and 3. The modeling team will focus on output 2 activities; and the planning team will work with the reports from the assessment and the modeling activities to develop transport and logistics improvement investment plans and policy options. ADB will coordinate closely with international and bilateral agencies in implementing this R-CDTA. Staff from UNESCAP and WCO will serve as resource experts. The analytical tools and work products of the R-CDTA will be retained, maintained and disseminated by national and regional institutions to ensure sustainability of support. The joint publications developed with partners, based on activities of the R-CDTA, will be shared at Pacific regional forums, regional cooperation and integration and other knowledge events, and relevant public forums.
Procurement	The R-CDTA will finance consultant services for a total of about 121 person-months. UNESCAP and WCO resource experts, individual consultants and a firm will be engaged by ADB in accordance with its Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).

## Responsible Staff

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## Timetable

Concept Clearance	06 May 2014
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	30 Jun 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	30 Sep 2016

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
30 Jun 2014	-	30 Jun 2014	30 Jun 2016	31 Dec 2017	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
0.00	2,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350,000.00	2,350,000.00	30 Jun 2014	1,009,799.65

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