



Regional: Implementing the Pacific Regional Audit Initiative in Pacific Island Countries, Phase 2

Project Name	Implementing the Pacific Regional Audit Initiative in Pacific Island Countries, Phase 2								
Project Number	46506-001								
Country	Regional								
Project Status	Active								
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance								
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2">TA 8517-REG: Implementing the Pacific Regional Audit Initiative in Pacific Island Countries, Phase 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction</td> <td>US\$ 1.30 million</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">TA: Implementing the Pacific Regional Audit Initiative in Pacific Island Countries, Phase 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 750,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	TA 8517-REG: Implementing the Pacific Regional Audit Initiative in Pacific Island Countries, Phase 2		Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction	US\$ 1.30 million	TA: Implementing the Pacific Regional Audit Initiative in Pacific Island Countries, Phase 2		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 750,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration								
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Partnerships								
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Public administration - Public expenditure and fiscal management								
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming									
Description	The proposed TA will enable continuing funding support to the Pacific Regional Audit Initiative.								
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	This TA is consistent with ADB's Pacific Approach 2010-2014, which identifies continued support to good governance and regional cooperation and integration activities, including in public financial management. Also, in supporting regional and international declarations on development partner coordination and aid effectiveness, development partners have committed to relying on country public financial management systems, including audit institutions. Furthermore, ADB is a signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding between the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) and the Donor Community, under which development partners have committed to supporting strengthening of public financial management in partner countries, including the government auditing function, with a view to ensuring that public resources are properly used and that funding reaches the intended end user.								
Impact	Public entities in Pacific island countries improve transparency and accountability in managing and using their public resources.								

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) operate in accordance with uniform high standards at a measurably higher level.
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthened SAI independence 2. Strengthened transparency and accountability by contributing to and promoting an integrated approach to public financial management 3. Strengthened public financial reporting, public audit, and legislative oversight 4. Strengthened capacity and capability of SAIs to perform their mandates

Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>Consultants with skills in performance auditing, the provision of legal and governance support, and communications, have been engaged to support PASAI in the delivery of its activities.</p> <p>In addition, the Subregional Audit Support Program (Round 4) covering Solomon Islands, Kiribati, and Tuvalu, has been completed. Round 5 of the SAS program completed, SAS post implementation committee meeting held 9-10 February 2016. A systems analyst was engaged to improve PASAI's interactive website and repository of SAI documents. Work completed.</p> <p>Extension of closing date to 30 June 2017 has been approved.</p>
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Geographical Location

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design	The PRAI design was developed by the Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions, with support from ADB and Australia, under the coordination of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.
During Project Implementation	ADB, Australia, the International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) Development Initiative, New Zealand, and the World Bank, are supporting the implementation and delivery of PRAI outputs.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	The TA will require international consultants (estimated 30 person-months of inputs) and national consultants (estimated 24 person-months of inputs) with skills and expertise in public auditing, performance auditing, legal and governance support, capacity development, and TA administration. All consultants will be engaged on an individual basis. The consultants will be engaged by ADB in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). TA activities will be implemented over 30 months, from 1 January 2014 to 30 June 2016.
Procurement	Disbursements under the TA will be made in accordance with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time). The equipment will be purchased in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time).

Responsible Staff

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	22 Apr 2013
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	25 Nov 2013
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	23 Mar 2017

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual

25 Nov 2013

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25 Nov 2013

30 Jun 2016

30 Jun 2017

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
0.00	1,300,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,300,000.00	25 Nov 2013	1,195,068.34

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