



## Regional: Support for Trade Facilitation

Project Name	Support for Trade Facilitation				
Project Number	48249-001				
Country	Regional				
Project Status	Closed				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>TA 8694-REG: Support for Trade Facilitation</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 225,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	<b>TA 8694-REG: Support for Trade Facilitation</b>		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 225,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration				
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development				
Sector / Subsector	<b>Industry and trade</b> - Industry and trade sector development				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements				
Description	The expected main impact of the SSTA will be an increase in trade volume in the region. The expected outcome will be policy makers' improved understanding of trade facilitation. The expected major outputs of the S-RDTA will be (i) a preliminary assessment study report on best means of demonstrating the benefits of trade facilitation across Asia and in the CAREC subregion and GMS; and (ii) successful organization of the APTFF 2014.				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	This regional small-scale research and development technical assistance (S-RDTA) will (i) review and assess best means of demonstrating the benefits of trade facilitation across Asia and in selected subregions such as the CAREC subregion and GMS and (ii) support the organization of the APTFF 2014.				
Impact	Trade facilitation initiatives in the region increased				

### Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Policy makers' improved understanding of trade facilitation
Progress Toward Outcome	
<b>Implementation Progress</b>	
Description of Project Outputs	Output 1: A preliminary assessment study report on the benefits of trade facilitation impacts including the benefits of trade facilitation work done by ADB in the CAREC and GMS subregions Output 2: APTFF 2014 successfully organized
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
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

### Business Opportunities

Consulting  
Services

#### OUTLINE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CONSULTANTS

##### I. Component 1: Trade Facilitation Benefit Assessment

An international firm will be engaged for this component. A team will comprise (i) a principal trade facilitation specialist, (ii) a trade facilitation specialist, and (iii) a junior trade facilitation specialist. All specialists should have knowledge and experience in trade facilitation and economics, in particular customs modernization, integrated trade facilitation, and assessment and quantification of trade facilitation measures.

1. Principal Trade Facilitation Specialist (1 international, 1.0 person-month). This specialist will be responsible for close coordination with both ADB (including meetings, videoconferences and teleconferences) and within the team to ensure the overall quality control, including task items (i)-(iv) below.

2. Trade Facilitation Specialist (1 international, 2.0 person-months). This specialist will review and assess best means of demonstrating the benefits of trade facilitation across Asia and in selected subregions such as the CAREC subregion and GMS. This will include, among others, the following:

(i) Review OECD studies on the impact of trade facilitation including: (i) Trade Facilitation Indicators: The Potential Impact of Trade Facilitation on Developing Countries' Trade, 2013, OECD Trade Policy Papers, No. 144; and (ii) Trade Facilitation Indicators: The Impact on Trade Costs, 2011, OECD Trade Policy Papers, No. 118, in terms of the following:

a. the UNESCAP World Bank Trade Cost database,<sup>1</sup> which was used for the dependent variables of the econometric models estimated in these studies;

b. data used for the independent variables (including variables measuring trade facilitation) in the estimated models, and the availability of this data for CAREC and GMS countries;

c. estimates of the coefficients that are considered particularly relevant to this assessment; and

d. applicability of the estimated models to quantifying the trade facilitation impact in the CAREC subregion and GMS.

(ii) Review other relevant studies and applicability of their results to quantifying trade facilitation impacts in the CAREC subregion and GMS, including the following World Bank research:

a. Trade Facilitation and Economic Development: Measuring the Impact, March 2003, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 2988;

b. Assessing the Potential Benefit of Trade Facilitation: A Global Perspective, February 2004, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 3224;

c. Trading on Time, May 2006, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 3909;

d. Trade Facilitation in ASEAN Member Countries: Measuring Progress and Assessing Priorities, May 2008, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 4615; and

e. Export Performance and Trade Facilitation Reform: Hard and Soft Infrastructure, April 2010, World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 5261.

(iii) Analyze the results of ADB's assessments of trade facilitation impact such as CAREC Corridor Performance Measurement and Monitoring, and time release studies. The analysis may include an examination of the relationship between these results and other relevant indicators that may include the following:

a. Trade costs available on the UNESCAP World Bank Trade Cost database;

b. Relevant indicators in the World Bank Doing Business Report;

c. Relevant indicators in the World Bank Logistics Performance Index (LPI); and

d. OECD trade facilitation indicators.

(iv) Examine and quantify the potential impacts of trade facilitation activities in the CAREC subregion and GMS, possibly using the results in (iii) and some of the models in (i) and (ii) above deemed appropriate for this analysis.

3. Junior Trade Facilitation Specialist (1 international, 1.0 person-month). This specialist will support the trade facilitation specialist in conducting task items (i)-(iv) above, in particular data analyses and researches.

##### II. Component 2: APTFF 2014

4. Program Coordinator/Research Assistant (1 national, 6 person-months). A national consultant will serve as the coordinator and research assistant for overall preparation of the proposed APTFF 2014. Specifically, the consultant will:

(i) Support ADB staff to organize the APTFF 2014, including liaising with UNESCAP on the detailed arrangements;

(ii) Support data and logistical requirements for the conduct of the APTFF 2014;

(iii) Provide assistance in preparing background documents for the APTFF 2014;

(iv) Provide support during the APTFF 2014;

(v) Assist in completing post-APTFF 2014 tasks related to logistics arrangements, and coordination with the resource persons; and

(vi) Other tasks as required.

5. Resource Persons (10 individuals, 3 person-months total). Resource persons who will be engaged may serve as discussants and prepare papers and presentations which require specific knowledge and expertise. Resource persons will work closely with ADB staff, UNESCAP staff, and the Program Coordinator/Research Assistant.

Procurement The S-RDTA is expected to be implemented for 12 months beginning in August 2014 and will be completed in July 2015. ADB will be the executing agency and the Office of Regional Economic Integration (OREI) will implement the S-RDTA, in collaboration with all regional departments, UNESCAP and WCO. An international firm with expertise on trade facilitation and impact assessment of trade facilitation will be intermittently engaged for a total of 4.0 person-months for component 1. A national consultant will also be engaged for six person-months for component 2. In addition, the TA will engage 10 resource persons who will contribute to the discussions during the various sessions of the APTFF (component 2). The firm will be engaged using consultants qualification selection (CQS), while the national consultant and the resource persons will be engaged using individual consultant selection. All the consultants will be engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants by ADB and its Borrowers (2013, as amended from time to time). Disbursements under the TA will be made in accordance with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time).

## Responsible Staff

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## Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	31 Jul 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	08 Aug 2014

## TA 8694-REG

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
31 Jul 2014	-	31 Jul 2014	31 Jul 2015	31 Mar 2016	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
225,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,000.00	31 Jul 2014	148,230.15

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