



Mongolia: Building Trade Policy Capacity: Formulating an International Trade Policy

Project Name	Building Trade Policy Capacity: Formulating an International Trade Policy	
Project Number	48267-001	
Country	Mongolia	
Project Status	Closed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 8822-MON: Building Trade Policy Capacity: Formulating an International Trade Policy Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 500,000.00	
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development	
Sector / Subsector	Industry and trade - Trade and services	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements	
Description	The Mongolia Interim CPS emphasizes the importance of employment creation, support for agribusiness and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs). The proposed TA will reinforce this support and emphasis by contributing to a more stable and predictable environment that will give importers and exporters greater confidence as they go about their business. Increased stability and predictability will create greater opportunities for ADB's Trade Finance Program, enhance Mongolia's competitiveness and economic diversification, and complement associated Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) program trade facilitation initiatives.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy		
Impact	Increased diversification and competitiveness of non-mining-related production leads to expanded trade	

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Improved confidence to conduct and conclude mutually beneficial free trade agreements with major trading partners
Progress Toward Outcome	

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	1. Assessment of the legal framework governing _ and institutional arrangements regulating _ international trade 2. Comparative examination of other countries' motivations prompting _ and benefits stemming from _ the adoption of an international trade policy 3. Assessment of trade challenges and opportunities presented by PRC and Russia 4. Draft International Trade Policy for Mongolia and updated recommendations to enhance institutional capacity in support of trade policy formulation and implementation
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Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>Consultants submitted Expressions of Interest in January 2015, ADB issued Requests for Proposals in February 2015, proposals were submitted to ADB in March 2015 and were evaluated by ADB and the EA.</p> <p>A consultant was engaged and notice to proceed issued 15 July 2015. An Inception Report and Concept Note were prepared and discussed with the Ministry of Industry during a TA Inception Mission in August 2015. Consultant deliverables were revised to reflect Ministry of Industry and ADB comments.</p> <p>The team leader undertook a second mission in October 2015 to work with the national consultant team members and consult with stakeholders in preparation of the first interim report on legal, regulatory, and institutional arrangements for managing Mongolia's trade policy. The team leader also presented at the Mongolia Industry Forum organized by the EA. The first interim report has been submitted and deemed acceptable.</p> <p>A second interim report presenting an assessment of how selected comparator countries have developed and implemented international trade policies has been submitted and is under review by ADB and the EA. A third interim report on how Mongolia might benefit from accession to the WTO by its major trading partners and a fourth interim report presenting a product space analysis that identifies Mongolia's brightest export prospects have just been submitted to ADB by the consultant.</p> <p>A training course for Mongolia's trade agreement negotiators was conducted 11-12 May 2016. Acknowledging distractions created by the electoral process and preparations to host the ASEM Summit, the closing date of the TA was extended to 30 November 2016. The consultant has submitted a draft final report, which will be reviewed by stakeholders on 29 September 2016.</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	An ADB reconnaissance mission visited Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, 2-4 June 2014 to review, discuss, and revise a TA proposal prepared and submitted by Mongolia's Ministry of Economic Development to ADB. The Mission also consulted with other stakeholders and possible contributors, including the Agency on Integrated Border Management under the Cabinet Secretariat, Mongolian Development Institute, the Mongolian Development Strategy Institute, and the Mongolian National Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
During Project Implementation	A series of consultations with key public and private sector stakeholders and development partners was conducted by the consultant during a TA Inception Mission in August-September 2015. Further consultations were conducted by the team leader together with national consultants during an October 2015 mission. The team leader also presented at the Mongolia Industry Forum organized by the EA.

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services	It is envisaged that a consulting firm will be recruited to assemble a team of experts as described in the outline Terms of Reference attached to carry out the proposed studies. A total of 15 person-months of international and 20 person-months of national consultant inputs will be required to provide policy and advisory services under the TA. The consulting firm will be engaged in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). The firm will be selected using quality and cost-based selection procedures (90:10). To ensure that the firm has sufficient experience, full technical proposals will be sought. If, however, market conditions suggest that the low value of the contract in combination with requiring a full technical proposal presents a disincentive to otherwise interested and qualified bidders, simplified technical proposals may be accepted. The proceeds of the TA will be disbursed in line with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time).
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Timetable

Concept Clearance	15 Sep 2014
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Fact Finding	25 Sep 2014 to 26 Sep 2014
MRM	-
Approval	16 Dec 2014
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	28 Sep 2016

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
16 Dec 2014	08 Jan 2015	08 Jan 2015	30 Jun 2016	30 Nov 2016	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	16 Dec 2014	433,160.00

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