



## Regional: Enhancing Governance and Capacity Development as Driver of Change

Project Name	Enhancing Governance and Capacity Development as Driver of Change								
Project Number	49156-001								
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 9061-REG: Enhancing Governance and Capacity Development as Driver of Change</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 1.50 million</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><b>TA: Enhancing Governance and Capacity Development as Driver of Change</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 265,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	<b>TA 9061-REG: Enhancing Governance and Capacity Development as Driver of Change</b>		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.50 million	<b>TA: Enhancing Governance and Capacity Development as Driver of Change</b>		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 265,000.00
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth								
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships								
Sector / Subsector	<b>Multisector</b> - Under corporate priority framework meeting								
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements								
Description	The technical assistance (TA) meets demand from developing member countries (DMCs) for technical support and knowledge in governance and capacity development that responds to their needs and addresses key institutional issues affecting the quality and success of ADB operations. It will support the preparation and implementation of country partnership strategies and sector roadmaps through better analytics, innovative knowledge solutions, collaborative practices, and strengthened regional partnerships.								
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The Asian Development Bank's (ADB) Strategy 2020 prioritizes governance and capacity development as _drivers of change_ and puts them deeper into the mainstream of ADB operations. As a catalyst for change in these areas, ADB aims to stimulate inclusive economic growth and foster cost-effective delivery of public goods and services in developing member countries, and enhance development effectiveness. The TA will support the implementation of Strategy 2020's governance and capacity development objectives in participating DMCs. The TA will support implementation of Strategy 2020's governance and capacity development objectives in participating DMCs. Presently, all CPSs address governance and capacity issues, in part through the mandatory requirement for CPSs and operations in priority sectors to be informed by governance risk assessments (GRAs). Sector operational plans also reflect the need for better governance and institutional performance to achieve sector objectives. The TA responds to the findings of the Strategy 2020 Midterm Review and directly supports implementation of the midterm review action plan.								
Impact	DMCs respond more effectively to governance and capacity challenges in the sectors and subsectors where ADB is active (defined by project).								

### Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Governance and capacity development better mainstreamed
Progress Toward Outcome	ADB operations supporting governance and/or capacity development consistently increased above the baseline every year from 2014's 60% ADB and 74% ADF to 2016's 72% ADB and 88% ADF.

### Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	GRAs that inform CPSs, sector assessments and road maps, and operations prepared Knowledge products and partnerships that bring greater attention to governance and capacity issues developed Governance and capacity development in operations for selected DMCs further integrated Implementation of the ADB/OECD Anticorruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific enhanced
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	<p>Governance risk assessments (GRAs) being prepared in Kazakhstan and Myanmar are to be completed in 2017. A GRA in Nepal will also be supported in 2017. The emphasis is on improving analysis of governance and institutions, including in priority sectors, and assessing country systems for public financial management and procurement to enable ADB's shift toward the use of country systems. The inaugural Southeast Asia Government at a Glance (SEA G@G) report is being jointly prepared with the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Cambodia, Indonesia, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand have confirmed participation in the SEA G@G initiative. Discussions with Viet Nam on its participation are ongoing. Work on the SEA G@G report is expected to be completed by Q1 2018.</p> <p>The TA supports small-scale activities in DMCs that help mitigate governance risks, address governance challenges with high institutional complexity and innovation, and encourage multistakeholder approaches to better service delivery. Activities cover a range of topics including integrity pacts in public procurement in Thailand, e-government procurement in Viet Nam, minimum service standards in Indonesia, civil service reform in Kazakhstan, and freedom of information and Mindanao development in the Philippines. Long-term National Governance Experts are also currently placed in the Cambodia and Myanmar resident missions to provide on-the-ground support for governance activities.</p> <p>The 21st Steering Group meeting, 14th Regional Seminar, and 2nd Law Enforcement Network meeting of the initiative were successfully conducted in Thimphu, Bhutan on 8-10 November 2016. Some 170 delegates from anticorruption agencies, law enforcement offices, international organizations, and civil society attended. The next regional conference of the initiative will be hosted by the Republic of Korea in Seoul in November 2017. Under the initiative, integrity scans/reviews are being prepared in Indonesia, Kazakhstan, and Thailand using OECD's revised methodology introduced in 2015.</p> <p>To enhance implementation of the TA, an additional activity is proposed to launch <i>Policy Horizons</i> (a journal of public policy reforms) in partnership with the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP), National University of Singapore, which is a premier institution and center of excellence in the area of public policy in Asia and the Pacific. The aim of the journal is to facilitate knowledge generation, transmission, and utilization by bringing findings from policy research and practice to a broad range of stakeholders in the public sector. It will be the public sector equivalent of Harvard Business Review and will utilize its format and style. Articles on all policy sectors and thematic areas of ADB operations will be encouraged, with a focus on topics of particular relevance to readership in Asia and the Pacific. The journal will directly benefit ADB as it will provide sector and thematic groups with a forum and vehicle to broadly share the knowledge emanating from their work.</p>
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** The TA will finance consulting services, studies, reports, and other knowledge products, as well as workshops and other knowledge and learning events. The TA will provide international consultants (43 person-months) and national consultants (150 person-months) with expertise in governance, public sector management, PFM, procurement, anticorruption, and/or capacity and institutional development, including operating within and across sectors and themes. The terms of reference for consultants will be further developed when specific activities are undertaken. Given the intermittence of the assignments and the variety of skills required, consultants will be recruited individually, in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time) and with output-based contracts and lump sum out-of-pocket expenses, wherever possible. All disbursements under the TA will be made in accordance with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time). In the event that ADB staff act as resource persons in the implementation of the TA, travel and related costs will be charged to the TA. However, their salaries and benefits will be charged to ADB's internal administrative expenses budget.

## Responsible Staff

Responsible ADB Officer

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Responsible ADB Division	SDTC-GOV
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## Timetable

Concept Clearance	19 Oct 2015
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	18 Dec 2015
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	07 Apr 2017

## TA 9061-REG

Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
18 Dec 2015	-	18 Dec 2015	31 Dec 2018	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500,000.00	18 Dec 2015	357,029.10

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