



Regional: Asian Economic Integration: Building Knowledge for Policy Dialogue, 2018-2023

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| Project Name | Asian Economic Integration: Building Knowledge for Policy Dialogue, 2018-2023 |
| Project Number | 52206-001 |
| Country | Regional |
| Project Status | Proposed |
| Project Type / Modality of Assistance | Technical Assistance |
| Source of Funding / Amount | TA: Asian Economic Integration: Building Knowledge for Policy Dialogue (Phase 2) Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 3.60 million |
| Strategic Agendas | Inclusive economic growth Regional integration |
| Drivers of Change | Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development |
| Sector / Subsector | Multisector - ADB's corporate management, policy and strategy development |
| Gender Equity and Mainstreaming | Some gender elements |
| Description | The proposed cluster knowledge and support technical assistance (TA), which is composed of three subprojects, will support ADB's mandate to promote regional cooperation and integration (RCI) by strengthening the quality and impact of ADB's RCI knowledge products, particularly the Asian Economic Integration Report (AEIR), and RCI-related databases. The publications and databases can help provide research and data support for ADB management's participation in regional and global policy forums; deliver an information service for external clients in the policy arena, research, and development finance; and support ADB's knowledge and operational work on RCI. |
| Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy | While regional integration continues to deepen in Asia and the Pacific, regional cooperation efforts are likely to become more challenging as remaining areas of RCI are much more complex. Trade tariffs have come down but other border barriers such as quantitative restrictions, border administration, and clearance procedures will be harder to tackle. The same is true of behind-the-border constraints related to logistics, infrastructure, and institutions. These emerging challenges coupled with the fast-changing economic environment require policy makers to monitor regional economic issues and forge policy responses both nationally and regionally. ADB has the mandate and expertise in producing RCI-related knowledge products. Under its Strategy 2030, RCI is set as one of its operational priorities. Strategy 2030 also underscores the value of ADB's knowledge and research in raising understanding of critical issues for action and contributing to global and regional forums by offering regional perspectives. |
| Impact | Improved knowledge and policy dialogue on RCI and how to leverage it for inclusive and sustainable growth in Asia and the Pacific |
| Outcome | New RCI knowledge products and data are shared in various regional forums and referenced by policy makers, researchers, practitioners, the media, and the general public |
| Outputs | RCI-related reports and publications are created and disseminated Timely and up-to-date RCI indicators and database are maintained and improved |
| Geographical Location | Regional |

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 Individual consultants will be recruited as needed to provide 126 person-months of international consulting inputs and 870 person-months of national consulting inputs for the cluster TA. Resource persons will be engaged for the conferences and seminars. Hiring a team of individual consultants will provide more benefits for ADB than engaging a firm due to the following reasons: (i) faster mobilization of consultants, (ii) greater control by ADB staff in selecting and managing consultants, and (iii) greater flexibility in engaging experts specializing in a broad spectrum of RCI-related topics.

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Timetable

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Fact Finding -

MRM -

Approval -

Last Review Mission -

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