

Regional: Northeast Asia Regional Development Studies

Project Name	Northeast Asia Regional Development Studies
Project Number	52247-001
Country	RegionalKorea, Republic ofMongoliaChina, People's Republic of
Project Status	Proposed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	TA: Northeast Asia Regional Development Studies
	Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 400,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth Regional integration
Drivers of Change	Knowledge solutions Partnerships
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Land-based natural resources management Finance - Trade finance Health - Health system development Industry and trade - Trade and services Transport - Transport policies and institutional development
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements
Description	The proposed knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support Northeast Asia (NEA) regional cooperation and development by providing knowledge solutions that address key constraints faced by the subregion, and facilitate knowledge exchanges and institutional capacity building to tackle regional issues and challenges.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The proposed TA will address these gaps in knowledge work and lack of knowledge sharing opportunities in the NEA subregion. The TA will help realize the potential of enhanced NEA regional cooperation, and is well aligned with member countries' regional cooperation initiatives and national development strategies. The Belt and Road Initiative started from 2013 as PRC's flagship regional cooperation and connection strategy through overland infrastructure connecting corridors. The PRC government upgraded the Changchun-Jilin-Tumen Guide Area plan to a national strategy in 2009 to promote northeastern economic development and regional cooperation. Mongolia developed the Prairie Road Program (also known as the Steppe Road Program) in November 2014 to stimulate economic growth by improving trade and transport in an increasingly integrated NEA. Korea has been also stepping up economic cooperation with Russia and other NEA countries under its New Northern Policy, launching a Presidential Committee on Northern Economic Cooperation. The proposed TA will produce knowledge products, provide knowledge services, and promote knowledge sharing and capacity building opportunities. The TA will focus on: (i) supporting needed research and studies on the topics of subregional infrastructure investment demand and subregional cross-border challenges such as environmental, food, health, and disaster risks in NEA; and (ii) organizing knowledge sharing and capacity building programs for government officials, private sector, and other relevant stakeholders to enhance awareness and knowledge of NEA regional cooperation, and to facilitate dialogues and communication in the subregion.
Impact	NEA subregional economic potential realized (Operational Plan for Regional Cooperation and Integration, 2016 -2020)
Outcome	Effective NEA subregional cooperation knowledge platform established.
Outputs	NEA regional development research and studies prepared Knowledge of and capacity for regional cooperation in NEA developing member countries (DMCs) improved
Geographical Location	China - Nation-wide; Korea, Republic of - Nation-wide; Mongolia - Nation-wide

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 ADB will engage the consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	09 Nov 2018
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	23 Nov 2018

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