



# Regional: Enhancing the Measures of Regional Cooperation and Integration: the Asia-Pacific Regional Cooperation and Integration Index

Project Name	Enhancing the Measures of Regional Cooperation and Integration: the Asia-Pacific Regional Cooperation and Integration Index				
Project Number	53160-001				
Country	Regional				
Project Status	Proposed				
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance				
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA: Enhancing the Measures of Regional Cooperation and Integration: the Asia-Pacific Regional Cooperation and Integration Index</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 750,000.00</td> </tr> </table>	TA: Enhancing the Measures of Regional Cooperation and Integration: the Asia-Pacific Regional Cooperation and Integration Index		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 750,000.00
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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	Finance - Finance sector development - Money and capital markets Industry and trade - Industry and trade sector development Transport - Transport policies and institutional development				
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements				
Description	The proposed knowledge and technical assistance (TA) will support ADB's mandate to promote regional cooperation and integration (RCI) by maintaining and improving the ADB Asia-Pacific Regional Cooperation and Integration Index (ARCII). The TA also aims to utilize ARCII to provide evidence-based, in-depth analysis of the impact of RCI for sustainable development, and promote its use by ADB developing member countries (DMCs) and at ADB for RCI-related policy and investment planning.				
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	While the ARCII is a significant step forward in monitoring and evaluation of regional cooperation and integration (RCI), there is considerable room for improvement. First, lack of data limits the country coverage. Currently, the overall ARCII can be computed for only 24 economies in Asia and the Pacific. Second, the 26 indicators and six dimensions may not fully capture the roles of RCI in achieving the aspirations of Strategy 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals. Third, ARCII is an incomplete measure of economic openness to the rest of the world. In addition, as a new index, it needs to build credence.				
Impact	Comprehensive, aggregated, and up-to-date measurement of the progress of RCI in Asia and the Pacific is available for RCI-related policy making and development projects				
Outcome	Improved and updated ARCII estimates with expanded country coverage are utilized in RCI-related research and referenced by policy makers, researchers, the media, and the general public				
Outputs	ARCII database and methodology are improved and maintained. Support to ADB RCI operations is provided. ARCII research papers are produced and disseminated.				
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	
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Responsible ADB Division	ERCI
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Timetable
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Concept Clearance	16 May 2019
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
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