



Regional: Support to Climate Resilient Investment Pathways (SCRIPTs) in the Pacific

Project Name	Support to Climate Resilient Investment Pathways (SCRIPTs) in the Pacific	
Project Number	54068-001	
Country	Regional	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA: Support to Climate Resilient Investment Pathways (SCRIPTs) in the Pacific	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
	Climate Change Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development Energy - Energy sector development and institutional reform Public sector management - Social protection initiatives Transport - Transport policies and institutional development Water and other urban infrastructure and services - Urban policy, institutional and capacity development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support the efforts of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in scaling up its investment in climate change adaptation in all 14 Pacific developing member countries (DMCs). It will do so by building on ongoing ADB efforts in the Pacific. These efforts include: "climate-proofing" infrastructure investments; providing a range of financial products for disaster and emergency assistance, from initial disaster response to recovery and reconstruction; supporting the development of small-value renewable energy projects to reduce dependence on imported diesel-fueled electricity generation; facilitating greater flows of climate finance into the region; and supporting a range of policy and capacity development interventions to reduce climate change and disaster risks.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>Recent reviews of ADB's current climate risk assessment system have identified a need to shift ADB support further upstream to enable a more strategic analysis of climate risks and climate programming at the country, thematic, and sector levels. To date, the system has primarily focused on project-specific support, which is still necessary but needs to take on a more holistic approach to help its DMCs respond to growing climate threats.</p> <p>There are several reasons that an upstream and multi-faceted approach is needed, including the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the multitude of climate change threats facing Pacific countries, including more frequent and intense cyclones, more severe drought, extreme rainfall events, more frequent coastal inundation due to rising seas, and weakened marine ecosystems from bleaching and acidification; - the immediacy of the risks, including the lack of fresh water in low-lying communities, with sea incursions polluting once-reliable water sources; - recent evidence suggesting that sea level rise is accelerating faster than previous projections, due to rapid melting of the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets; - the multi-faceted impacts of climate change, including economic and financial impacts (sovereign credit profiles are already being influenced by climate extremes, and markets are starting to price-in future climate change); - the wide-ranging, immediate, and exacerbating impacts of climate change accentuate existing vulnerabilities in Pacific countries due to their small size, isolation, narrow economic bases, limited resources, and dependence on trade; and - planned adaptation is unlikely to be addressed by Pacific DMCs on their own, as there are many barriers (including information, cognitive, economic, financial and investment barriers) that make it difficult to plan and implement adaptation actions; thus, barrier removal provides a strong justification for ADB to support DMCs in strategic climate resilience planning. 	
Impact	Resilience to climate change impacts and associated risks in Pacific DMCs is improved across built infrastructure, ecosystems and communities.	
Outcome	ADB investments contribute to systemic resilient adaptation pathways in the Pacific.	
Outputs	Access to climate change information improved for strategic decision-making. Planning and policy development processes enhanced to better adapt to a changing climate. Projects and programs supported, with focus on upstream inputs and partnership building.	
Geographical Location	Regional	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		

Business Opportunities

Consulting Services International consulting firms and individual consultants will be recruited under the supervision and oversight of PAEN. Firms will be recruited using the quality- and cost-based selection method with a 90:10 quality-cost ratio through simplified technical proposal. Three climate change and disaster risk management specialists (two internationals and one national), one international climate change scientist, and one national project coordinator will be recruited following ADB's individual consultant selection. Other international climate change and disaster risk management (DRM) specialists, experts in the field of natural resources assessment and management including water, coral reefs and forests, a climate change economist and an expert on GIS may also be required over the course of the TA. Detailed TOR will be developed for each specific assignment to support selection of consultant. When deemed appropriate for very specialized expertise, direct contracting might also be used.

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Timetable

Concept Clearance	20 Oct 2020
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
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