



# Regional: Developing the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Water Pillar

Project Name	Developing the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Water Pillar	
Project Number	54103-001	
Country	RegionalKazakhstanKyrgyz RepublicTajikistanTurkmenistanUzbekistan	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9977-REG: Proposed Developing the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Water Pillar	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 225,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development - Water-based natural resources management	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	The TA will support the development of the CAREC water pillar, with an emphasis on economic aspects and sustainable financing of water resources management. The TA is aligned with ADB's Strategy 2030, particularly for the operational priorities that involve (i) tackling climate change, building climate and disaster resilience, and enhancing environmental sustainability; (ii) fostering regional cooperation and integration. The proposed initiatives developed under the CAREC water pillar will be suitable for broader application to the entire CAREC region.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>In 2017, CAREC introduced agriculture and water as a new pillar under the CAREC 2030 strategy to provide a conducive and trusted platform to engage in addressing water scarcity and water productivity issues as a step towards future cooperation on regional water resources management. It further enhances the potential for a more strategic dialogue and engagement which considers national areas of interest, within a regional context.</p> <p>During a June 2019 CAREC Side Session on Water: Advancing Water Cooperation and Sharing Experiences' in Tashkent, the urgent need for the development of a framework for the water pillar under the CAREC Program was identified as a new area of support in the CAREC Strategy 2030. It was agreed that ADB would support a scoping study which would initially focus on the Central Asia region, but which could be an example for all CAREC member states.</p>	
Impact	Improved water resources management in the Central Asian region.	
<b>Project Outcome</b>		
Description of Outcome	Scope for the CAREC water pillar framework developed.	
Progress Toward Outcome		
<b>Implementation Progress</b>		
Description of Project Outputs	<p>Future demand for water resources in the Central Asia region up to 2050 estimated.</p> <p>Water resources development opportunities identified.</p> <p>Policy and institutional strengthening framework prepared.</p>	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Kazakhstan - Nation-wide; Kyrgyz Republic - Nation-wide; Tajikistan - Nation-wide; Turkmenistan - Nation-wide; Uzbekistan - Nation-wide	
<b>Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects</b>		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design		
During Project Implementation		
Responsible ADB Officer	Radstake, Frank	
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department	
Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, CWRD	

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	20 Feb 2020 to 20 Feb 2020
MRM	-
Approval	13 May 2020
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	13 May 2020

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
225,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,000.00	-	0.00

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