



Regional: Strengthening Judicial Capacity Towards Sustainable Economic Development in Asia and the Pacific

Project Name	Strengthening Judicial Capacity Towards Sustainable Economic Development in Asia and the Pacific	
Project Number	54414-001	
Country	Regional	
Project Status	Proposed	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA: Strengthening Judicial Capacity Towards Sustainable Economic Development in Asia and the Pacific	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Partnerships	
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management - Law and judiciary	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements	
Description	This knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support judiciaries across ADB developing member countries (DMCs) to strengthen their capacity in key areas of the law with significant development outcomes in their countries or subregion, develop resources to assist in more effective and efficient adjudication of disputes, and create an integrated Asia and the Pacific judicial platform for knowledge sharing and cross-pollination. This TA builds on ADB's work with judiciaries in the areas of commercial and environmental and climate change laws which have been supported by various TAs over the years. Through this TA, ADB will continue its assistance to the judiciaries in a more programmatic way to foster longer-term engagement towards improved sustainable outcomes.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Strong and well-equipped judiciaries who uphold the rule of law is essential to ensuring development goals are met in ADB DMCs. Strengthening the capacity of judiciaries can help encourage foreign and domestic investments and private sector development through the effective and efficient resolution of commercial disputes and enforcement of contracts. Judiciaries can also positively impact the sustainability outcomes in ADB DMCs by implementing and enforcing environmental and climate change policies and laws and developing seminal jurisprudence that is responsive to sustainable development issues. Nevertheless, judiciaries across the region face significant challenges, ranging from inadequate resources to lack of training especially in adjudicating complex and specialized areas of the law. Additionally, the COVID-19 pandemic has put judiciaries under further pressure to increase efficiency while ensuring quality decisions and access to justice.	
Impact	Strengthened rule of law through independent, impartial and skilled judiciaries	
Outcome	Improved capacity of judiciaries in adjudicating commercial and environmental and climate change disputes	
Outputs	(i) Judicial capacity building programs and knowledge resources on adjudication of commercial disputes developed, (ii) Judicial capacity building programs and knowledge resources on adjudication of environmental and climate disputes cases developed (iii) Regional judicial dialogue, knowledge sharing and cooperation strengthened	
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	International expertise (24 person-months) National expertise (36 person-months)	
Procurement	No procurement anticipated for this project.	
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Timetable

Concept Clearance	26 Nov 2020
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	-
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	11 Dec 2020

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