



Regional: Promoting Digitalization for Green and Inclusive Growth in Asia

Project Name	Promoting Digitalization for Green and Inclusive Growth in Asia	
Project Number	55257-001	
Country / Economy	Regional Indonesia Korea, Republic of Malaysia Philippines China, People's Republic of Singapore Thailand Viet Nam	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 6920-REG: Green and Digital Growth	
	Republic of Korea e-Asia and Knowledge Partnership Fund	US\$ 500,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Knowledge solutions Partnerships Private sector development	
Sector / Subsector	Industry and trade / Small and medium enterprise development Information and communication technology / ICT strategy and policy, and capacity development	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support knowledge development and provide policy advice on fostering green and inclusive growth via digitalization in developing Asia. This TA focuses on enabling information and communication technology (ICT) to facilitate Asia's transition toward green and inclusive growth. The Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (ERCD) will carry out the TA in collaboration with global and regional experts for quality research and resources and will disseminate outputs to policy makers and stakeholders.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Developing Asia needs to transit for a green, inclusive, and resilient growth trajectory, as the region needs to keep tackling challenges to reduce poverty and inequality as well as enhance resilience to future shocks caused by climate change and pandemics. There is increasing awareness that ICT infrastructure and digitalization present opportunities to foster the shift towards green and inclusive growth (UNDP, 2020). Digitalization can contribute to green and inclusive growth by enabling more capital input, enhancing efficiency, and fostering innovation, via remote working, energy efficient, and new market and demand from innovative solutions. Digitalization also creates environmental and social benefits via jobs, investor confidence and greater resilience and poverty reduction. However, at present, only a few leading developing Asian economies, such as the India, PRC, Republic of Korea, and Singapore, have made significant progress on digital transformation, most developing Asian economies generally lack conducive policy frameworks to facilitate digitalization and innovation towards green and inclusive growth. Identifying policies to foster advances and adoption of ICT technology and innovation in developing Asia will not only guide ICT-enabled sustainable growth but also sheds light on developing other types of technologies to support low-carbon transition. Developing Asia will benefit from knowledge and policies that connect innovative digital solutions to green and inclusive growth. This TA aims to generate knowledge on the drivers, impediments, and good practices on utilizing ICT to foster green industries and technologies and contribute to policy capacity on how to support digital ecosystems and accelerate digitalization for green and inclusive growth. The findings of the TA could also serve as basis for pipelines that highlight climate change considerations in various sectors in the context of digitization.	
Impact	Poverty and inequalities among developing Asia's population reduced Support for climate and disaster resilience and sustainable environmental sustainability in developing Asia scaled up	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	DMCs' knowledge and capacity to develop policies that accelerate digital transformation towards green and inclusive growth improved.	
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs	Knowledge about opportunities and challenges of green and inclusive growth generated. Knowledge about smooth digital transformation for sustainable growth promoted. Knowledge and capacity to form a conducive policy environment for sustainable growth through digitalization strengthened.	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	China - Nation-wide; Indonesia - Nation-wide; Korea, Republic of - Nation-wide; Malaysia - Nation-wide; Philippines - Nation-wide; Singapore - Nation-wide; Thailand - Nation-wide; Viet Nam - 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	

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	01 Mar 2022
Fact Finding	01 Dec 2021 to 28 Feb 2022
MRM	-
Approval	30 May 2022
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	03 Jun 2022

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
30 May 2022	-	30 May 2022	31 Dec 2024	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization							Cumulative Disbursements	
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
0.00	500,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500,000.00	06 Jun 2022	0.00

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