



Regional: Delivering a Climate Change Strategy for Central and West Asia

Project Name	Delivering a Climate Change Strategy for Central and West Asia					
Project Number	56025-001					
Country / Economy	Regional Armenia Azerbaijan Georgia Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic Pakistan Tajikistan Turkmenistan Uzbekistan					
Project Status	Active					
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance					
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA 6932-REG: Delivering a Climate Change Strategy for Central and West Asia</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 3.00 million</td> </tr> </table>		TA 6932-REG: Delivering a Climate Change Strategy for Central and West Asia		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 3.00 million
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Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth					
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development					
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development - Water-based natural resources management Education / Education sector development - social protection initiatives Energy / Energy sector development and institutional reform Health / Health sector development and reform Public sector management / Public administration Transport / Transport policies and institutional development Water and other urban infrastructure and services / Urban policy, institutional and capacity development					
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming					
Description	This knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will support the delivery of a Climate Change Strategy and an Action Plan for Central and West Asia to strengthen integration of climate change considerations in Asian Development Banks (ADB) financed interventions in the developing member countries (DMCs) of the region. It will prepare robust climate mitigation and adaptation pipelines aligned with the Paris Agreement and responsive to DMCs climate change priorities. The TA will support interventions on departmental, sectoral and country levels with key activities including development of a regional strategy, upstream climate assessments, climate pipeline development, government dialogues and capacity building.					
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Climate change is a major challenge as the CWRD region is vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and hosts some of the most energy intensive economies. Many CWRD DMCs have set ambitious decarbonization targets. Yet these DMCs face considerable capacity challenges to effectively operationalize these commitments and the transition to a climate-resilient and low-carbon development pathway. The key challenges for systematic climate change mainstreaming in the region are (i) insufficient information of climate change impacts, (ii) limited technical capacity of DMCs and CWRD staff to integrate climate aspects into project design, and (iii) lack of identification of entry points for climate investments across sectors and modalities. More upstream climate assessments are required to support DMCs to increase climate relevance of projects, ensure alignment with the Paris Agreement, and develop more adaptation investments predicated on climate outcomes. Linking ADB's investments with climate priorities of its DMCs will require a coherent strategy, increased climate capacity of DMC officials, and enhanced technical support for all sectors.					
Impact	Low-carbon development and climate resilience in CWRD region advanced					
Project Outcome						
Description of Outcome	Climate change strategy for CWRD DMCs operationalized					
Progress Toward Outcome						
Implementation Progress						
Description of Project Outputs	Climate change strategy including action plan for CWRD DMCs finalized Upstream climate assessments and opportunities for scaled up climate finance in key sectors supported Technical capacity to integrate climate considerations and priorities in investment programming strengthened					
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)						
Geographical Location	Armenia - Nation-wide; Azerbaijan - Nation-wide; Georgia - Nation-wide; Kazakhstan - Nation-wide; Kyrgyz Republic - Nation-wide; Pakistan - Nation-wide; Tajikistan - Nation-wide; Turkmenistan - Nation-wide; Uzbekistan - 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	
Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	A firm, as well as five international and four national individual consultants, will be engaged to implement the TA. The recruitment of individual consultants is required to secure specialists with specific qualifications for target sectors and/or subsectors and . The CWER TA team will be responsible for overall coordination and supervision of the consultants, who will be recruited in two phases. The firm and the international senior climate change specialist (also the TA coordinator) will be recruited first. They will identify priority DMCs and sectors and/or subsectors and develop a detailed plan of activities in the identified sectors and/or subsectors and DMCs. In the second phase, the remaining individual consultants will be recruited. The international senior sector climate change specialists will be engaged for sector-specific technical support.
Procurement	Equipment to be procured includes laptops, software, and digital materials and associated services.
Responsible ADB Officer	Maass, Malte
Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, CWRD
Executing Agencies	Asian Development Bank 6 ADB Avenue, Mandaluyong City 1550, Philippines
Timetable	
Concept Clearance	24 May 2022
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	26 Jul 2022
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	26 Jul 2022

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
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