



Regional: Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor Support Phase 2

Project Name	Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor Support Phase 2	
Project Number	56111-001	
Country / Economy	Regional Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 6936-REG: Almaty-Bishkek Economic Corridor Support, Phase 2	
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth	
Drivers of Change	Gender Equity and Mainstreaming Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions	
Sector / Subsector	Agriculture, natural resources and rural development / Agro-industry, marketing, and trade Health / Health system development Transport / Multimodal logistics - Road transport (non-urban) Water and other urban infrastructure and services / Other urban services	
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements	
Description	The regional knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will continue supporting the implementation of a pilot cross-border economic corridor around Almaty and Bishkek under the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) program. The governments of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic are implementing an economic corridor between Almaty, Bishkek, and the surrounding regions since 2014. The proposed TA will support the work of the ABEC Subcommittee in designing new regional projects, develop a new mechanism for selecting projects, and develop a framework for a regional development fund.	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The work of the ABEC Subcommittee will continue to be supported regarding the conceptualization, preparation, and readiness of investment projects and initiatives with regional relevance in the ABEC region. The proposed TA will prepare the framework for a regional development fund that is planned to be set up and controlled by the ABEC subcommittee. Further outreach and communication efforts will establish the economic corridor further, attract more interest from other development partners as possible contributors to the development fund, and communicate the achieved development and regional cooperation impact of ABEC.	
Impact	Strong economic growth and agglomeration effects through economic corridor development realized	
Project Outcome		
Description of Outcome	ABEC as pilot economic corridor under the CAREC program successfully implemented.	
Progress Toward Outcome		
Implementation Progress		
Description of Project Outputs	Conceptualization, readiness, and policy reform enabling the preparation of investment projects with regional relevance in the ABEC region strengthened. Institutional capacity and outreach of ABEC Subcommittee improved.	
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)		
Geographical Location	Kazakhstan - Almaty; Kyrgyz Republic - Bishkek	
Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects		
Environmental Aspects		
Involuntary Resettlement		
Indigenous Peoples		
Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation		
During Project Design	ABEC gained new momentum through the creation of the Kyrgyz Republic-Kazakhstan ABEC Subcommittee in 2017, which is co-chaired by deputy ministers of economy and supported by ADB's existing ABEC Support TA. The progress and agreements of the ABEC Subcommittee are reported to the bilateral Kazakh-Kyrgyz Intergovernmental Council—an annual meeting of the prime ministers of both countries. Between 2017 and 2022, six ABEC Subcommittee meetings were held, and their protocols were signed by both co-chairs.	
During Project Implementation	ADB will continue supporting the implementation of ABEC for both governments continuously interact in working groups to develop, implement, and review investment projects, policy reforms, and other initiatives that implement ABEC and strengthen the regional cooperation between both countries.	

Business Opportunities	
Consulting Services	Consulting firms and individual consultants will be engaged to provide international and national consulting inputs. Resource persons will also be engaged, as needed. Consultant firms QCBS with 90:10 quality-cost ratio, and single source selection International consultants ICS National consultants ICS
Procurement	ADB will engage the consultants and resource persons and carry out procurement following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions.

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Timetable	
Concept Clearance	24 May 2022
Fact Finding	21 Mar 2022 to 21 Mar 2022
MRM	-
Approval	01 Aug 2022
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	02 Aug 2022

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	-	0.00

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