



Regional: Global Research Alliances (Phase 4)

Project Name	Global Research Alliances (Phase 4)					
Project Number	56225-001					
Country / Economy	Regional					
Project Status	Active					
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance					
Source of Funding / Amount	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>TA 10063-REG: Global Research Alliances (Phase 4)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Technical Assistance Special Fund</td> <td>US\$ 1.00 million</td> </tr> </table>		TA 10063-REG: Global Research Alliances (Phase 4)		Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million
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Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth					
Drivers of Change	Knowledge solutions					
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management / Economic affairs management					
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements					
Description	<p>The knowledge and support technical assistance (TA) will carry out new research, publish knowledge products, and organize and sponsor events to bring knowledge solutions closer to policymakers of developing member countries (DMCs) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), in line with Strategy 2030's operational priority 6: Strengthening governance and institutional capacity. These activities include engaging researchers from leading national, regional, and international research and academic institutions to undertake cutting-edge studies while ensuring open access to the data and findings. It also entails organizing conferences and sponsoring events organized by other knowledge and academic institutions to facilitate knowledge exchange from frontier research presented during these events, as well as to foster economists' networks within the region. Results of these research projects will be disseminated to DMC authorities and integrated into staff research that will feed into evidence-based policy recommendations addressing recent and traditional development challenges in DMCs.</p> <p>Three previous TA projects have focused on establishing global research alliances. The first was a pilot small-scale TA approved in April 2010 that supported ADB's collaboration with the Government of the People's Republic of China and selected leading universities. The second TA was approved in December 2011 supporting a greater number of institutional partners and covering a broader scope of collaboration. It financed a joint study on food security and established partnerships and networks with the Asian and Australasian Society of Labour Economics (AASLE), the Asian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics (AWEHE), the Indonesia Regional Science Association, and the Philippine Economic Society. It also brought an Asian perspective to global events such as the Emerging Markets Forum (EMF). The third TA was approved in December 2019 to maintain and develop affiliations with knowledge institutions such as AASLE, AWEHE, EMF, and the East Asian Economic Association (EAEA); publish the Asian Development Review (ADR); undertake studies on the impact of the coronavirus disease pandemic; sponsor events presenting cutting-edge, creative, and sustainable solutions to address DMCs' development challenges, including annual conferences of AASLE, AWEHE, EAEA, and EMF; and organize annual events such as the ADB Distinguished Speakers Program and the Asian Economic Development Conference (AEDC). This TA benefited from the lessons learned from the previous TAs, i.e., using the ADB website, rather than a project website, to disseminate the TA's knowledge products; collaborating with knowledge institutions and think tanks to leverage their skills; encouraging greater participation by policy makers in knowledge sharing events; and having flexibility in research topics to allow conduct of studies on emerging issues, such as the impact of the coronavirus disease pandemic.</p> <p>This knowledge and support TA is included in the 2022 work program of the Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (ERCD) that has been approved by the Vice President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development. It will continue the established partnerships from the prior TA projects and explore collaborations with new partners, such as the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Policy Network.</p>					
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>ADB's developing members have great potential to raise their incomes through appropriate policies addressing their growth and development challenges. However, many of these economies do not reach such potential due to inadequate institutional capacity and lack of access to relevant knowledge solutions. It is thus imperative for ADB to put knowledge solutions derived from frontier research work within reach of its DMC policymakers.</p> <p>Under Strategy 2030, ADB is expanding its vision to achieve a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific, while sustaining its efforts to eradicate extreme poverty. To add value to its DMCs, ADB is continuing its role as knowledge provider, focusing on practical value that fits local conditions, identifying lessons, and replicating good practices across the region and beyond. Specifically, ADB aims to ensure a more proactive role for research, strengthen the institutional capacity of DMCs, promote knowledge across the institution, expand knowledge partnerships, and disseminate knowledge. ERCD supports this objective by focusing its research on the following key areas: poverty and inequality; digital economy; macro and financial stability; climate change and sustainable development; jobs, skills, and the future of work; and economic integration and infrastructure.</p> <p>The TA will support collaboration with academic and other knowledge institutions to leverage their skills and outputs. It will fund the production of new research and sponsor events organized by these institutions. This TA will work closely with resident missions (RMs) and field offices to disseminate relevant research that will help strengthen capacity of DMC officials to develop and implement policies that are suitable for their domestic circumstances.</p>					
Impact	Innovative and rigorous research-backed development policies formulated in DMCs					
Project Outcome						
Description of Outcome	Country-specific development policy formulation by DMC officials supported					
Progress Toward Outcome						
Implementation Progress						
Description of Project Outputs	<p>Studies produced and published Research findings shared with DMC government agencies and domestic research institutions ADR published and effectively disseminated</p>					
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)						
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	ADB will engage consultants following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated project administration instructions and/or staff instructions. Individual consultants will be recruited either through framework agreements or individual selection. The TA will consider engaging the editor-in-chief for ADR through a framework agreement wherein the shortlisted candidate will be hired as needed for the duration of the agreement to provide international consulting inputs for the duration of the TA. Other individual consultants will be recruited through individual selection where short-listed candidates will be hired to provide international and/or national consulting inputs. Output-based and lump sum contracts will be pursued to the extent possible.
Procurement	Surveys may be funded, and datasets or licenses to use certain databases may be purchased during TA implementation. In organizing workshops and conferences, ADB will use the direct contracting or shopping method to procure non-consulting services. Procurement will follow the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers (2017, as amended from time to time). Where applicable, the TA team will coordinate with ADB's Procurement, Portfolio, and Financial Management Department and Office of the General Counsel before funding surveys or purchasing datasets from DMC statistical agencies and third-party database providers. Disbursements under the TA will follow ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2020, as amended from time to time). The TA procurement plan is accessible from the list of linked documents in Appendix 3.

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Responsible ADB Division	Office of the Chief Economist, ERD
Executing Agencies	Asian Development Bank

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	21 Sep 2022
Fact Finding	15 Sep 2022 to 30 Sep 2022
MRM	-
Approval	20 Dec 2022
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	20 Dec 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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