



Regional: Enabling a Just Transition to Low-Carbon and Climate-Resilient Economies and Societies in Asia and the Pacific

Project Name	Enabling a Just Transition to Low-Carbon and Climate-Resilient Economies and Societies in Asia and the Pacific		
Project Number	56227-001		
Country / Economy	Regional		
Project Status	Active		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 10049-REG: Enabling a Just Transition to Low-Carbon and Climate-Resilient Economies and Societies in Asia and the Pacific		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund		US\$ 1.13 million
	Energy Transition Mechanism Partnership Trust Fund under the Clean Energy Financing Partnership Facility		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 Partnerships		
Sector / Subsector	Public sector management / Public administration		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Effective gender mainstreaming		
Description	The proposed knowledge and support TA will initiate activities under the Just Transition Support Platform to enhance the enabling environment for a just transition of ADB's DMCs to low-carbon and climate-resilient economies and societies. The TA will build DMC capacity to understand, strategically implement, and finance just transition, contributing to the achievement of their commitments under the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals. It will also develop ADB operational approaches for just transition and ensure alignment of bank-wide just transition activities with the MDB Just Transition High-Level Principles, and support ADB Strategy 2030 vision of a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The Paris Agreement aims to limit and adapt to the impacts of climate change through progressively increasing mitigation and adaptation commitments outlined in country NDCs. Despite progress on NDCs, significant gaps in climate action and finance remain. For ADB DMCs, transitioning to net-zero and climate-resilient economies will require multi-decade national transformations which can be powerful drivers of growth and sustainable development, but climate goals need to relate to social, economic, and development, but and ambitions and potential socio-economic impacts need to be assessed and managed. The global commitment to ensuring a just transition is clear in the Paris Agreement. Just transition is a complex, multidimensional issue. It focuses on ensuring that the negative impacts of climate action on people are anticipated and the challenges and risks of transition are adequately addressed; and creating strong enabling conditions to generate opportunities, improve livelihoods and drive growth in an environmentally sustainable manner. This is achieved through developing new industries, businesses and green quality jobs, strengthening social protection systems, and transforming skills and education systems. With the goals of gender equality, social inclusion and equity at its core, just transition has the potential to increase political and social support for scaled-up climate action. DMCs have recognized the importance of just transition in achieving sustainable development and climate goals. However, examples of operational approaches are limited, particularly for Asia and the Pacific. Just transition has been predominantly considered for the energy sector in countries with fossil fuel intensive economies. While the energy sector is critical, ensuring a just transition in other NDC sectors requires a whole-of-economy approach, cross-ministerial cooperation and broad stakeholder support. ADB's engagement on just transition is evolving. ADB has undertaken consultations to better understand just transition challenges confronting ADB DMCs. ADB is consulting widely and providing support to operations to build awareness and develop its institutional just transition agenda, including approaches to develop just transition projects. ADB is collaborating with stakeholders working on just transition (e.g., MDBs, ILO, CSOs) on aspects such as harmonization, complementary work programs, and building knowledge. ADB is also examining partnerships, programs and approaches for Just Transition and assessing their relevance and learnings for ADB DMCs. Examples include just transition financing mechanisms such as the EU's Just Transition Mechanism, partnerships such as the JETP which provides long-term financial and technological support from a group of donors to accelerate the just energy transition in select developing countries, and the Climate Action for Jobs Initiative which is an ILO-led multi-stakeholder partnership that supports to countries to deliver climate solutions that enhance job creation and economic diversification. The growing importance of just transition is evident. ADB is proactively engaging in internal and external consultations and has found that there is strong DMC demand for support to develop nationally driven approaches to integrating just transition into policy, strategic planning, regulatory frameworks, and institutional structures; and identifying opportunities for facilitating and financing just transition that ensures social equity and inclusion. Failure to address the social and economic dimensions of the transition will be a major risk to the region's climate action. ADB has also been developing operational approaches for just transition, and the Climate Investment Fund's Accelerating Coal Transition Program in Indonesia, India, and the Philippines. As Asia and the Pacific's Climate Bank, ADB is in a strong position to be a leader on just transition, capitalize on its strength working with governments and private sector, and contributing to the achievement of its elevated climate finance ambition of \$100 billion by 2030, and commitment on full alignment of operations with the Paris Agreement.		
Impact	Inclusive and equitable transition to low-carbon and climate-resilient economies and societies in DMCs enabled		
Project Outcome			
Description of Outcome	Ability of selected developing member countries to implement a just transition strengthened		
Progress Toward Outcome			
Implementation Progress			

Description of Project Outputs Institutional capacity for the implementation of just transition in developing member countries strengthened
Just transition operational approaches and projects developed

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 Individual consultants (national and international) and resource persons will be engaged to provide expertise and input. Just transition is a complex multi-dimensional agenda, that requires a range of expertise and understanding of different national, geopolitical and sector contexts in different DMCs. As just transition is an emerging climate policy area with limited operational examples across the Asia and the Pacific region, the selection of a firm with the range of skills and regional experience and expertise required to deliver on the work may be challenging. The individual consultants and resource persons will be evaluated using the individual consultant selection process. ADB will engage consultants and carry out procurement following the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and its associated staff instructions.

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Timetable

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MRM -

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Last Review Mission -

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ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,130,000.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,130,000.00	-	0.00

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