



Georgia: Silk Road Forum

Project Name	Silk Road Forum
Project Number	56308-001
Country / Economy	Georgia
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 10088-GEO: Silk Road Forum Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 225,000.00
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development Knowledge solutions Private sector development
Sector / Subsector	Multisector / ADB's corporate management, policy and strategy development
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	No gender elements
Description	This TA is proposed to support the government of Georgia to organize and hold a Silk Road forum planned for the third quarter of 2023 in Tbilisi, Georgia. The forum's goal is to: (i) discuss ways to enhance regional cooperation through cross-border transport and energy connectivity, trade facilitation and commerce along the Silk Road; (ii) help coordinate transport infrastructure investments and policy interventions aimed at achieving the uninterrupted flow of goods through Silk Road corridors; and (iii) stimulate regional trade and commerce by identifying investment opportunities and facilitating business-to-business meetings and public-private dialogue. The forum will be opened by the Prime Minister of Georgia and it is expected to attract at least 800 high-level government officials, private sector stakeholders, representatives of development partner institutions, business associations, and other relevant organizations from ADB member countries. The forum will consist of several moderated sector panels attended by high profile guest speakers and business-to-business meetings. During the forum, information on investment opportunities in Georgia will be disseminated through thematic panels and country information materials to be distributed to the participants.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	By extending this technical assistance for the proposed Silk Road forum in Tbilisi, ADB will support Georgia as a venue for policy makers, private sector, development partners and other stakeholders to discuss ways to deepen regional cooperation along the Silk Road through improved transport and energy links, trade facilitation, and cross-border investment. The Forum will highlight CAREC's achievements in regional integration, particularly in the areas of transport and energy, and the future CAREC agenda, including under Georgia's chairmanship in 2023. The TA will also support and inform integration into the forum of the themes of green and climate resilient growth, equity and inclusion. It will support high-level and technical consultation meetings, expert panels and workshops, and broader stakeholder consultations, designed to make the Silk Road forum program evidence-based and participatory. The proposed TA is fully aligned with the ADB's country partnership strategy for Georgia, 2019-2023, which emphasizes Georgia's strong potential as a regional trade and logistics hub and the importance of ADB assistance for materializing such potential.
Impact	Regional economic connectivity enhanced, trade and competitive economic corridors expanded, and sustainability and resilience of regional infrastructure increased.

Project Outcome	
Description of Outcome	Information about investment opportunities in Georgia disseminated internationally.
Progress Toward Outcome	
Implementation Progress	
Description of Project Outputs	Silk Road Forum held.
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	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 17. The firm will be recruited through the simplified consultants' qualification selection (SCQS) method. SCQS was selected given that the consulting assignment is estimated at below \$50,000 and is short-term. A national individual consultant, with inputs of 3 person months, will be recruited on a competitive basis, to coordinate the preparatory activities. Resource persons will also be recruited as conference facilitators, speakers, and sector experts. ADB will engage the 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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Responsible ADB Department	Central and West Asia Department
Responsible ADB Division	Georgia Resident Mission
Executing Agencies	Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia

Timetable	
Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	07 Oct 2022 to 07 Oct 2022
MRM	-
Approval	26 Dec 2022
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	05 Jan 2023

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Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
225,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	225,000.00	-	0.00

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