



## Regional: Asian Development Outlook 2016-2018 - Asian Development Outlook 2016 (Subproject 1)

Project Name	Asian Development Outlook 2016-2018 - Asian Development Outlook 2016 (Subproject 1)
Project Number	49172-002
Country	Regional
Project Status	Active
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance
Source of Funding / Amount	<b>TA 8988-REG: Asian Development Outlook 2016-2018 - Asian Development Outlook 2016 (Subproject 1)</b> Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 1.20 million
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Knowledge solutions Partnerships
Sector / Subsector	<b>Public sector management</b> - Economic affairs management
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements
Description	The proposed subproject is part of the cluster regional research and development technical assistance that will support the preparation of the flagship publication the Asian Development Outlook (ADO) for the next 3 years. This publication includes staff analyses of the macroeconomic prospects for all of Asian Development Bank's (ADB) 45 developing member countries (DMCs), referred to collectively as developing Asia, and provides insights into the current economic issues the region faces. Its content provides vital intelligence to policy makers in DMCs, ADB Management and shareholders, and researchers globally, and underpins ADB operational decisions. The ADO showcases ADB's knowledge and expertise about the region.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	ADB's Midterm Review of Strategy 2020 identified poverty reduction and inclusive growth among the strategic priorities that will guide ADB's work through 2020. The ability to understand the key drivers of, and constraints on, economic growth is a critical element of inclusive growth. With its comprehensive analysis of evolving macroeconomic developments, the ADO plays an important role in fostering this understanding, a role recognized by the TA Strategic Forum in 2008. Under ADB's streamlined business processes, the ADO is one of the main references for the economic assessment and outlook section of country partnership strategies.  In line with the 2015 staff guidelines to improve mainstreaming of inclusive growth into country partnership strategies, the ADO country chapters support the analysis of key obstacles to inclusive economic growth: (i) factors preventing productive employment generation, (ii) human development constraints, (iii) gender and other socioeconomic barriers, (iv) spatial and geographical limitations, (v) institutional and policy weaknesses, and (vi) factors preventing expansion of social protection programs. The theme chapters tackle important development challenges for a transforming Asia and the Pacific. Recent themes have included confronting rising inequality in Asia; improving weak governance and institutional capacity; safeguarding financial stability; and addressing persistent gender disparities. The ADO can also contribute to informed debate in other topical areas, such as avoiding the middle-income trap; and coping with environmental pressures.
Impact	Understanding among ADB DMCs of current macroeconomic issues and important development challenges facing the Asia and Pacific region increased. (defined by project).

### Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Reference to the ADO by the media, by economic researchers, both within ADB and beyond, and by DMC officials increased.
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Progress Toward Outcome

### Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	1. ADO 2016, ADO 2016 Update and ADO supplements published 2. Background papers published 3. ADO 2016, ADO 2016 Update, and ADO supplements disseminated
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Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)

Geographical Location

### 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	The TA subproject will require international consultancy from economists who will prepare the background papers and analyses on issues pertaining to the theme topic. International economic advisory and editing consultants will be required for the economic and technical editing of ADO manuscripts before final publication. An international expert on communication strategy will also be engaged to evaluate the effectiveness of ADO dissemination. National economics consultants and research assistants will be required to assist with data management and to conduct research on issues related to macroeconomic development, growth, trade and investment, human capital development, and long-term employment generation in the Asia and Pacific region. National consultants will be needed to perform the desktop publishing and graphic design of the publication. Resource persons will be engaged for a maximum of 10 working days to conduct training on macroeconomics and economic forecasting and also serve as discussants during workshops. The consultants and resource persons will be recruited as individuals as the TA will require rapid mobilization of the editorial consultants and will involve independent studies where the consultant's experience and qualifications are the primary consideration. This will be done in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).
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Procurement	The TA subproject will finance procurement of information technology equipment and software, and information and knowledge services such as subscription to macroeconomic data providers as may be required to inform relevant up-to-date content. All procurement to be financed under the TA will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time). Procurement of information technology equipment and software will be done in coordination with ADB's Office of Information Systems and Technology and Office of Administrative Services.
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### Timetable

Concept Clearance	-
Fact Finding	-
MRM	-
Approval	12 Nov 2015
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	12 Nov 2015

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Milestones					
Approval	Signing Date	Effectivity Date	Closing		
			Original	Revised	Actual
12 Nov 2015	-	12 Nov 2015	31 Dec 2017	-	-

Financing Plan/TA Utilization						Cumulative Disbursements		
ADB	Cofinancing	Counterpart				Total	Date	Amount
		Gov	Beneficiaries	Project Sponsor	Others			
1,200,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200,000.00	12 Nov 2015	913,179.84

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