



Regional: Asian Development Outlook 2019-2021 - Asian Development Outlook 2019 (Subproject 1)

Project Name	Asian Development Outlook 2019-2021 - Asian Development Outlook 2019 (Subproject 1)		
Project Number	52216-002		
Country	Regional		
Project Status	Active		
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance		
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9629-REG: Asian Development Outlook 2019-2021 - Asian Development Outlook 2019 (Subproject 1)		
	Technical Assistance Special Fund	US\$ 1.00 million	
Strategic Agendas	Environmentally sustainable growth Inclusive economic growth Regional integration		
Drivers of Change	Knowledge solutions Partnerships		
Sector / Subsector	Multisector - ADB's corporate management, policy and strategy development		
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Some gender elements		
Description	The TA subproject will support the production of the ADO 2019, one of ADB's flagship publications. It will support the following activities: (i) preparing background analytical papers following the 2-year rolling research plan, (ii) further developing and refining analytical methods, (iii) drafting of ADO content, (iv) editing economic content and manuscripts, (v) preparing and laying out of materials for publication, and (vi) disseminating key results and policy messages.		
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	The TA subproject will support activities to produce one of ADB's flagship publications, the ADO. The ADO's comprehensive analysis of evolving macroeconomic advances and emerging development challenges in the region helps ADB strengthen its role as a knowledge institution, and supports the knowledge and operational work of ADB's regional departments. Country chapters monitor the latest economic developments and provide a near-term outlook, which are essential in developing appropriate policy recommendations to ensure macroeconomic stability. The chapters' policy challenge sections analyze key obstacles to inclusive economic growth, such as (i) factors preventing productive employment generation, (ii) human development constraints, (iii) gender and other socioeconomic and demographic barriers, (iv) spatial and geographical limitations, (v) institutional and policy weaknesses, and (vi) factors preventing expansion of social protection programs. The thematic chapters examine important development challenges for a transforming Asia and the Pacific. Recent themes include assessing the impact of technology on jobs, leveraging public private partnerships, transcending the middle-income challenge, and shifting economies to a low-carbon growth path. The ADO can help provide research and data support for participation by ADB Management in regional and global policy forums and contribute to informed debate in topical areas, such as climate change and disaster risk, rapid urbanization, innovation and technology, and the future of the service industry. The report's analysis of the region provides insights that help guide appropriate policy responses to the economic issues facing the region. The TA was submitted in October 2017 to the Strategy, Policy and Review Department as part of the priority TA program of the Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (ERCD) and was endorsed as a corporate priority TA in December 2017.		
Impact	Environment within which policy formulation occurs in DMEs influenced by the ADO. Debates and policy research on important development challenges facing Asia and the Pacific spurred by the ADO.		

Project Outcome

Description of Outcome	Reference to the ADO by the media, economic researchers and DME officials maintained or increased
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Progress Toward Outcome

Implementation Progress

Description of Project Outputs	Disseminated ADO 2019, ADO 2019 Update, and ADO supplements Published background papers
Status of Implementation Progress (Outputs, Activities, and Issues)	
Geographical Location	Regional

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

Business Opportunities

Procurement	To be determined.
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Timetable

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