



Regional: Asian Development Outlook 2016-2018 - Asian Development Outlook 2018 (Subproject 3)

Project Name	Asian Development Outlook 2016-2018 - Asian Development Outlook 2018 (Subproject 3)	
Project Number	49172-004	
Country	Regional	
Project Status	Active	
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Technical Assistance	
Source of Funding / Amount	TA 9401-REG: Asian Development Outlook 2016-2018 - Asian Development Outlook 2018 (Subproject 3) Technical Assistance Special Fund US\$ 1.20 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	No gender elements	
Description	<p>The proposed subproject, the third of the three, 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 3 years. This publication includes staff analyses of the macroeconomic prospects for all 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.</p>	
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	<p>ADB's Midterm Review of Strategy 2020 identified 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.</p>	
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 ADO 2018, ADO 2018 Update and ADO supplements published
Background papers published
ADO 2018, ADO 2018 Update, and ADO supplements disseminated

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 All consultants and resource persons will be engaged by ADB in accordance with the ADB Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the associated Project Administration Instructions and TA Staff Instructions. Lump-sum payments and output-based contracts will be considered for consulting services in line with the Midterm Review of Strategy 2020 Action Plan Nos. 2.9.2 and 2.10.2, where applicable.

Procurement The TA subproject will finance procurement of information technology equipment and software, and information and knowledge services such as subscription electronic resources 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 Procurement Policy (2017, as amended from time to time) and the associated Project Administration Instructions and TA Staff Instructions. 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	14 Aug 2017 to 22 Sep 2017
MRM	-
Approval	06 Oct 2017
Last Review Mission	-
Last PDS Update	09 Oct 2017

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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	-	0.00

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