

 Early Warning System

ADB-59500-001

Enhancing Power Sector Governance and Regulation Reform in ADB
DMCs



Quick Facts

Countries	Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Tajikistan
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2025-12-23
Borrower	Government of Laos; Government of Kyrgyzstan; Government of Tajikistan
Sectors	Energy, Law and Government, Technical Cooperation
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 1.50 million

Project Description

According to the ADB, as ADB's developing member countries (DMCs) scale up renewable energy, standardized and bankable power purchase agreements (PPAs) remain essential for attracting competitive private capital, safeguarding public finances, and advancing power sector reforms. However, these objectives have not always been fully realized, largely because (i) governance framework guiding the design, negotiation, and implementation of private sector transactions have often lacked the necessary coordination, and (ii) policy efforts have tended to prioritize the rapid addition of generation capacity and achievement of financial closure, without adequate alignment with the broader reform and regulatory agenda of the power sector. Subsequently, some DMCs are now confronted with material fiscal challenges and high cost of electricity.

The technical assistance (TA) will support DMCs in enhancing governance frameworks by promoting regulation reforms advancing private sector participation in the power sector. It will deliver country assessments and policy recommendations covering:

- (i) governance and regulation for private sector participation in the power sector;
- (ii) legal and regulatory adoption pathways for enhanced governance and regulation oversight for private sector participation in the power sector, and
- (iii) roadmap for adoption of disclosure standards required for tariff-setting, fiscal-risk reporting, and contingent liability management.

Country-specific approaches will be informed by in-depth sector assessment, policy dialogue, a senior officials' platform to build ownership, and capacity development to expand knowledge and share best practices. Policy recommendations developed under the TA will also inform the design and implementation of ADB's policy-based lending operations supporting power sector reforms and fiscal resilience.



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