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<sup>1</sup> *Statement of the Asian Development Bank's Operations in 2013*

## I. ANNOUNCEMENT

### 9th Asia Clean Energy Forum 2014

We would like to encourage you to participate in ADB and USAID's **9<sup>th</sup> Asia Clean Energy Forum 2014** at **ADB Headquarters, Manila, Philippines** from **June 16 – 20, 2014**.

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Websites:

- [http://www.adb.org/news/events/9<sup>th</sup>-asia-clean-energy-forum-2014](http://www.adb.org/news/events/9th-asia-clean-energy-forum-2014)
- <http://www.asiacleanenergyforum.org/>

Registration will be open this **April 2014**.

Registration link:

[http://www.asiacleanenergyforum.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=40&Itemid=36](http://www.asiacleanenergyforum.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=40&Itemid=36)

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## II. PROJECT LIST BY SECTOR

Country	Projects	ADB Assistance
<b>Note: Click on the project title for full details.</b>		
<b>AGRICULTURE and NATURAL RESOURCES SECTOR</b>		
India	<a href="#">Horticulture Cold Chain Project</a>	Approved private sector loan
<b>ENERGY SECTOR</b>		
Bangladesh	<a href="#">Bibiyana II Gas Power Project</a>	Proposed private sector loan
China	<a href="#">Urban - Rural Integration Water Distribution Project</a>	Approved private Sector Loan
China	<a href="#">Energy Efficiency Multi-Project Financing Program</a>	Approved TA for private sector
China	<a href="#">Dynagreen Waste to Energy Project</a>	Proposed TA
Georgia	<a href="#">Adjaristsqali Hydropower Project</a>	Proposed private sector Loan
India	<a href="#">Solar and Wind Power Development Project</a>	Approved private sector loan
India	<a href="#">Delhi Electricity Distribution System Improvement</a>	Approved private sector loan
India	<a href="#">Dahej Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal Expansion Phase III</a>	Approved private sector loan
India	<a href="#">Kiran Energy Solar Power Development Project</a>	Proposed equity investment
Indonesia	<a href="#">Sarulla Geothermal Power Generation Project</a>	Approved private sector loan
Kazakhstan	<a href="#">Akmola Electricity Distribution Network Modernization and Expansion Project</a>	Approved private sector loan
Laos	<a href="#">Nam Ngiep 1 Hydropower Project</a>	Proposed private sector loan
<b>ENVIRONMENT SECTOR</b>		
Cambodia	<a href="#">Advance Actions for the Proposed Flood Damage Emergency Reconstruction Project - Additional Financing</a>	Approved TA
China	<a href="#">Wastewater Treatment &amp; Reuse Project</a>	Approved TA & private sector loan
Nepal	<a href="#">Melamchi Water Supply Project - Additional Financing</a>	Approved loan
Vietnam	<a href="#">Water Sector Investment Program - Tranche 1</a>	Approved loan
<b>INDUSTRY, FINANCE, and OTHER SECTORS</b>		
Myanmar	<a href="#">Capacity Development and Institutional Support</a>	Approved TA
Pakistan	<a href="#">Rural Financial Inclusion and Dairy Growth Facility</a>	Approved TA for private sector
Philippines	<a href="#">Local Government Finance and Fiscal Decentralization Reform Program</a>	Approved loan
Regional	<a href="#">South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation Cross-Border Power Trade Development</a>	Approved TA
Regional	<a href="#">Promoting Financial Inclusion and Stability in ADB's Transition Member Countries</a>	Approved TA for private sector
Regional	<a href="#">Capacity Development for the Supply Chain Finance Program</a>	Approved TA for private sector
Regional	<a href="#">Trade Finance Capacity Development (Supplementary)</a>	Proposed TA for private sector
Regional	<a href="#">Enhanced Development Effectiveness Reporting and Monitoring for Private Sector Operations in Developing Member Countries</a>	Proposed TA for private sector
Regional	<a href="#">Capacity Development for DMC Banks under the Trade Finance Program</a>	Proposed TA for private sector
Tajikistan	<a href="#">Capacity Building for Rural Financial Inclusion</a>	Approved TA for private sector

Country	Projects	ADB Assistance
<b>Note: Click on the project title for full details.</b>		
<b>TRANSPORTATION and COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR</b>		
China	<a href="#">Strategy for Restructuring Inland Waterway Transport and Multimodal Logistics in Chongqing</a>	Approved loan
India	<a href="#">Railway Sector Investment Program - Tranche 2</a>	Approved loan
Maldives	<a href="#">Male International Airport Concession</a>	Proposed private sector loan
<b>URBAN DEVELOPMENT SECTOR</b>		
Mongolia	<a href="#">Ulaanbaatar Urban Services and Ger Areas Development Investment Program</a>	Approved loan

### III. LOAN

NOTE: Please click on the project title to access full project information.

#### CHINA

##### A. Guangdong Chaonan Water Resources Development and Protection Demonstration Project

**Loan No.** : 3114  
**Project No.** : 46079-002  
**Amount (US \$ million)** : 100  
**Sector** : Multisector

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*Status:* ADB Board approved on 28 February 2014.

*Description:* The expected impact of the project will be sustained economic development in Chaonan District. The outcome of the project will be improved and equitable water supply services inclusive of urban and rural residents in Chaonan District. The project will include four outputs:

- (i) Improved water resources protection. This output will support: (i) reforestation around the three major reservoir areas in the district; (ii) research on pollution prevention and control measures in the reservoir areas; and (iii) pilot programs on solid waste collection and treatment, and nonpoint source pollution control.
- (ii) Inclusive urban and rural water supply system. This output will support: (i) the expansion of the capacity of two water supply plants (Quifeng and Jinxi) from 110,000 cubic meters per day to 182,000 cubic meters per day; (ii) the construction of the Longxi water supply plant with a capacity of 100,000 cubic meters per day; (iii) rehabilitation and newly installation of water delivery and distribution pipelines, including an integrated system connecting the three water supply systems; (iv) construction of an operational center for the integrated water supply system; and (v) establishment of about 40 small-scale water supply facilities for rural residents in hilly areas.
- (iii) Increased awareness on environment and sanitation. This output will support the development of education and training materials for schools, training of school teachers, public awareness campaign, training equipment, and media communication.
- (iv) Strengthened institutional and staff capacity. This output will: (i) provide training, workshops, and study tours; (ii) establish a water quality monitoring center; (iii) develop a monitoring and regulatory system for dam safety and reservoir operations; and (iv) formulate two plans on water resources development and management, and pollution control; and (v) establish a proper operational model for the water supply company aligned to the new integrated water supply system.

#### Business Opportunities

- **Consulting Services:** It is estimated that about 18 person-months of staff time will be required to prepare the project. A PPTA is requested to help prepare the proposed project that would be compliant with ADB's and the government's requirements. It is expected that 12 person-months of international and 32 person-months of national consultants are required. The consultants will support the executing and implementing agencies in completing the project feasibility studies and

safeguard documents to a standard consistent with the requirements of ADB and the government. The consultants will also provide start-up project implementation support to the executing and implementing agencies. ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2010, as amended from time to time) will be applied in recruiting consultants.

There are no Consulting Services Recruitment Notices currently available for this project.

- Procurement Notices: There are no procurement notices currently available for this project.

Procurement plans: <http://www.adb.org/projects/documents/guangdong-chaonan-water-resources-development-and-protection-demonstration-project-pp>

### **B. Yunnan Sustainable Road Maintenance (Sector) Project**

**Loan No.** : 3074  
**Project No.** : 45030-002  
**Amount (US \$ million)** : 80  
**Sector** : Transport

*Responsible ADB Officer:* David Fay  
East Asia Department, Transport and Communications Division

*Status:* ADB Board approved on 2 December 2013.

*Description:* Yunnan is a poor, densely populated province with a population of 46 million. Because it is landlocked and mountainous, trade with other provinces and foreign countries involves transportation over long distances, which makes its products less competitive. There are still large pockets of poverty because of inadequate road access, limited land availability for agriculture, and cultural barriers out-migration. In 2011, 27% of Yunnan's rural population was considered poor, using the PRC's official poverty line of CNY2,300 per year. Yunnan is strategically located along the PRC border with Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, and Viet Nam. About 60% of freight and 80% of passengers travel by road. The Yunnan Highway Administration Bureau (YHAB), under the Yunnan Provincial Department of Transport (YPDOT), manages a trunk road network of 24,089 km, which includes 45% of the province's paved roads. These roads form part of or connect with the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Northern Economic Corridor and North-South Economic Corridors. The project will improve the sustainability of Yunnan's trunk road network. It will (i) rehabilitate about 890 km of trunk roads, (ii) introduce performance-based road maintenance on a pilot based on 164 km of trunk roads, (iii) set up a road asset management system, and (iv) implement an institutional development plan.

*Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy:* The government has asked ADB to support YHAB's trunk road maintenance program and assist in sector reform and institutional strengthening. The proposed project represents a second phase of ADB support to road maintenance in Yunnan. By targeting a poor province and by advancing the agendas of road asset management and safety, the project is aligned with ADB's PRC country partnership strategy and the Sustainable Transport Initiative.

*Impact:* An accessible, affordable and safe transport system developed in Yunnan Province

*Outcome:* Improved road asset management in Yunnan Province

*Outputs:*

1. Road maintenance and rehabilitation program implemented
2. Good road maintenance implementation practices piloted
3. Institutional capacity to manage YHAB roads is strengthened

Business Opportunities:

- Consulting services: There are no Consulting Services Recruitment Notices currently available for this project.
- Procurement: There are no procurement notices currently available for this project.

Procurement plans: [http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/projdocs/2014/45030-002-pam\\_0.pdf#page=35](http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/projdocs/2014/45030-002-pam_0.pdf#page=35)

**C. Anhui Intermodal Sustainable Transport Project**

**Loan No.** : 3112  
**Project No.** : 45021-002  
**Amount (US \$ million)** : 200  
**Sector** : Multisector

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*Status:* ADB Board approved on 27 February 2014

*Description:* The Government of the People's Republic of China has requested a loan of \$200 million from ADB's ordinary capital resources to help finance the Anhui Intermodal Sustainable Transport Project. The project will: (i) upgrade sections of provincial and national highways in Anhui Province and improve the safety features on these roads; (ii) develop new highway sections designed to support public and non-motorized transport; (iii) improve the capacity of the province's inland waterway network, (iv) construct an intermodal inland river port on the upgraded inland water channel, and (v) strengthen institutional capacity for road and inland water transport. The executing agency will be the Anhui provincial government, acting through the Anhui Provincial Department of Transport (APDOT). The existing foreign funds project management office of the APDOT will serve as the provincial management office, oversee overall project implementation, and represent the APDOT. Each city and county will have a local project management office responsible for the day-to-day implementation of individual project road components. The county governments of Dongzhi, Hanshan, Hexian, Nanling, and Wuwei will be the implementing agencies for the road sector inputs. Anhui Provincial Port and Shipping Construction Investment Group will be the implementing agency for the inland waterway transport. The project will be implemented over 5 years.

*Impact:* An environmentally sustainable and multimodal transport system is established in Anhui province

*Outcome:* An efficient, safe and affordable multimodal transport system developed in the Wanjiang Demonstration Zone

*Outputs:*

- 1: Road network and safety improved
- 2: Public transport and highways improved
- 3: Inland waterway network improved
- 4: Intermodal port built
- 5: Institutional capacity developed

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: The project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA) will be implemented using a combination of individual consultants and an international consulting firm. Individual consultants will be engaged for selected activities such as road safety and logistics.



There are no Consulting Services Recruitment Notices currently available for this project.

- Procurement: All procurement to be financed under the ADB loan will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2010, as amended from time to time). All consultant services will be recruited using quality and cost-based selection in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2010, as amended from time to time).

## NEPAL

### Bagmati River Basin Improvement Project

**Loan No.** : 3057  
**Grant No.** : 0367  
**TA No.** : 8500  
**Project No.** : 43448-013  
**Amount (US \$ million)** : 30  
**Executing Agencies** : Ministry of Urban Development  
**Sector** : Multisector

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Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division

*Status:* ADB Board approved on 31 October 2013.

*Impact:* Improved water security in the Bagmati River Basin

*Outcome:* Improved river health and flood management

#### *Outputs:*

- Established systems and capacity for integrated and participatory river basin management
- Improved riverbank environment in urban areas
- Increased water availability in the basin during dry season and watershed conservation
- Functioning flood forecasting and early warning system for the Bagmati River Basin
- Efficient project management with effective stakeholder communication

#### Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: A total of 364 person months of consulting services (43 person-months international and 321 person-months national) will be provided to support the PCMU in project management planning and implementation, design review, RBO formation support, Development of an Integrated River Basin Development Management plan, procurement assistance and construction supervision. 97 person-months of consultancy services (25 person-months international and 72 national) will be provided to support WECS in establishing a Decision Support System for support to Bagmati RBO formation and preparing the 15 years integrated River Basin Development Master Plan. In addition, a total of 20 person-months (8 international person-months and 12 national person-months) will be provided to upgrade the HPCIDBC water quality monitoring system. Moreover, a total of 31 person-months (9 person-months international and 22 person months national) will be provided to Department of Hydrology and Meteorology and upgrade their existing flood forecasting system and provide operational flood warning dissemination. 12 person months (national) will be provided for independent environmental monitoring and evaluation. Under a TA Grant 22 person-months of individual consultants (international) will be provided to support WECS for RBO formation. Further, an estimated 136 person-months (all national) of NGOs will be provided to assist the PCMU in implementing the

Community Awareness and Participation Program and Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Action Plan, Rainwater Harvesting and Solid Waste program at household level and Watershed Management in Shivapuri National Park.

There are no Consulting Services Recruitment Notices currently available for this project.

- Procurement: All procurement of works, goods and services, financed by ADB, will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time). International competitive bidding (ICB) procedures will be used for any civil works contract estimated to cost more than \$1 million, and any goods contract estimated to cost more than \$500,000. National competitive bidding (NCB) procedures will be used for any civil works contract estimated to cost \$1 million or less and any goods contract estimated to cost \$500,000 or less. Shopping will be used for any civil works or goods contract estimated to cost less than \$100,000. Consultants' selections and engagements will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2010, as amended from time to time). ADB will undertake the recruitment of the project management design and supervision consultants (PMDSC) on behalf of the government. The EA retains the responsibility for negotiating and signing the contract with the consultant, issuing the notice to proceed, and supervising the consultant's services (reference: Project Administration Instruction, section 2.05, para. 47). The consulting firms will be engaged using the quality- and cost-based selection (QCBS) method with a standard quality-cost ratio of 90:10. Before the start of any procurement, ADB and the government will review the public procurement laws of the government to ensure consistency with ADB's Procurement Guidelines.

## VIETNAM

### Sustainable Urban Transport for Ho Chi Minh MRT Line 2

**Loan No.** : 3113  
**Project No.** : 45200-002  
**Amount (US \$ million)** : 10  
**Sector** : Transport and ICT

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*Status:* ADB Board approved on 20 February 2014.

*Description:* The Project will develop an integrated public transport system in six districts of Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) that will support effective utilization of HCMC Urban Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Line 2. Improved public transport will facilitate connectivity and greatly enhance access to transport services in five districts of HCMC, as well as support the HCMC Urban Transport Master Plan (HUTMP) objective of increasing public transport usage to over 40% of demand and reducing dependency on private vehicles. The Project will support HCMC's climate change mitigation efforts in adopting a low carbon transport growth path, which is more energy efficient and lowers GHG emissions. The Project will provide infrastructure for improving accessibility to MRT2 stations, implement feeder bus links, integrated multi-modal stations with "park and ride" facilities where appropriate, infrastructure for improving accessibility to MRT2 stations as well as a parking plan for the city. Project management and institutional capacity building measures, together with expected policy and regulatory reforms, will also help achieve an improved public transport system and reduce GHG emissions. The project components, public transport services and other facilities will be designed to incorporate gender sensitive features that will compliment similar measures under the MRT2 project. In addition, any policy and regulatory measures developed will be fully inclusive. ADB proposes concurrent assistance to develop sustainable urban transport in Ha Noi

for metro line 3, and both projects preparation and implementation will be closely coordinated, including between respective city governments.

*Impact:* An integrated and sustainable public transport system in six districts of HCMC

*Outcome:* Improved access to MRT Line 2 stations and connectivity with other modes of public transport.

*Outputs:*

- Establishment of MRT Line 2 station accessibility improvements
- Establishment of public transport information systems
- Enactment of public transport policy development program

Business Opportunities

- Consulting opportunities: There are no Consulting Services Recruitment Notices currently available for this project.
- Procurement: There are no procurement notices currently available for this project.

Procurement plans: <http://www.adb.org/projects/documents/sustainable-urban-transport-ho-chi-minh-city-mrt-line-2-project-pp>

#### IV. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

PLEASE NOTE: Please click on the project title to access full project information. Technical assistance (TA) is used to prepare and implement projects, and support advisory and regional activities of the bank. ADB is no longer issuing TA project alerts classified according to type, i.e., project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA), advisory technical assistance (ADTA), etc. If you want to know the specific TA classification, please contact our office or inquire directly with the bank.

#### AZERBAIJAN

##### Microfinance Sector Development

**TA No.** : 8621  
**Project No.** : 46536-001  
**Amount (US \$ million)** : 0.3  
**Sector** : Multisector

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Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division

*Status:* ADB Board approved on 21 February 2014.

*Description:* The technical assistance (TA) will assist the government to develop a financial inclusion policy and strategy, enhance regulatory rules and practices to support the strategy, and improve the availability of financial inclusion data. It is expected that this policy work will enable and potentially attract strategic investments in new services such as payments, saving products, micro-insurance and new delivery mechanisms for these services such as branchless banking.

*Impact:* Improved access to a wider range of finance services by low-income individuals and microenterprises outside Baku

*Outcome:* Improved policy, regulatory and supervisory framework for microfinance service provision  
Implementation Progress

*Outputs:*

1. Financial inclusion diagnostic report and related assessments completed
2. Financial inclusion strategy and related implementation road map on regulatory and supervision reforms presented to CBA and other stakeholders, and implementation initiated
3. CBA staff capacity to regulate and supervise microfinance sector operations, institutions, development, and deepening of service provision improved

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: The technical assistance (TA) will require the services of three international consultants (for a total of 10.5 person-months) and two national consultants (for 11 person-months) to be recruited as individual consultants in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time).
- Procurement: There is no procurement of goods under the TA.

## **BHUTAN**

### **Adapting to Climate Change through Integrated Water Resources Management**

**TA No.** : 8623  
**Project No.** : 46463-002  
**Amount (US \$ million)** : 1.75  
**Sector** : Multisector

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Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division

*Status:* Board approved on 28 February 2014.

*Description:* This capacity development technical assistance (CDTA) project will support the National Environment Commission (NEC) and other relevant government agencies to implement specific elements of the 2011 Water Act and related Water Regulation (to be approved), and promote IWRM to facilitate effective river basin management and strengthen resilience to current variability and anticipated impacts of future climate change.

*Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy:* The Government of Bhutan identifies integrated water resources management (IWRM) as a cross-cutting objective of the environment sector in the Tenth (2008-2013) and draft Eleventh (2014-2019) Five-Year Plans (FYPs), and has enacted the 2011 Water Act founded on the principles of IWRM. IWRM is to play an important role in Bhutan: facilitating the sustainable development of Bhutan's vast hydro-power resources while protecting the quality of the country's watersheds; addressing water scarcity issues for drinking and agriculture; and managing the risk of water induced disasters.

*Impact:* Climate-adaptive water resource management is adopted

*Outcome:* Institutional capacity for Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) is improved.

Outputs:

NIWRMP is finalized.

River Basin Management Plan for one priority major river basin is finalized.

The National Irrigation Master Plan is finalized.

Water resources governance strengthened.

Business Opportunities

- **Consulting Services:** A team of experts will be provided by a consulting firm recruited using quality- and cost-based selection method with full technical proposal and 90:10 selection criteria. Inputs will comprise 50 person months (pm) from international and 30 pm from national specialists in the areas of institutional strengthening, capacity development, and communications; integrated water resources management; geographic information systems, remote sensing and database; climate change modeling; river basin modeling; hydraulic structures; irrigation planning; water law; social development; and economics.

There are no Consulting Services Recruitment Notices currently available for this project.

- **Procurement:** No major procurement under the TA is envisaged. If any, these will follow ADB's Procurement Guidelines (April 2010 as amended from time to time). There are no procurement notices currently available for this project.

**INDIA**

**Capacity Building of the National Skill Development Agency**

**TA No.** : 8626  
**Project No.** : 46461-001  
**Amount (US \$ million)** : 1.5  
**Sector** : Education

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South Asia Department, Human and Social Development Division

*Status:* ADB Board approved on 7 March 2014.

*Description:* The TA "Capacity Building of the National Skill Development Agency" is in line with the country partnership strategy, 2009-2012 for India, which aims at supporting India's efforts toward inclusive growth, and the country operations business plan, 2013-2015 for India, which recognizes education as a new sector in Asian Development Bank (ADB) operations in India. The project is fully aligned with Strategy 2020. The project's impact is strengthened skills ecosystem to ensure that 12<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan (2013-2018) targets and beyond are met, and its outcome is enhanced capacity of NSDA to guide quality skills development initiatives across central ministries, states, and the private sector. Through this CDTA for National Skill Development Agency (NSDA), ADB will be able to engage with NSDA which has the mandate of ensuring convergence across the various national and state level skill development initiatives, and of building the capacity of SSDMs. There will therefore be significant positive synergies between the proposed CDTA and ADB's loan operations in India. It aims to enhance the employability of the youth of that state by improving the quality and delivery of skills training and secondary education. This loan will help the Meghalaya State Skill Development Mission in scaling up outcomes-based skills training by facilitating PPPs in skills training. It will also support tracer studies and skills-gap analyses to guide the skill development programs.

*Impact:* Improved coordination and quality of skills development programs at the central and state levels

*Outcome:* Enhanced capacity of NSDA for quality skills development across central ministries, states, and the private sector

*Outputs:*

1. NSQF operationalized
2. Capacity development program implemented
3. Knowledge product and dissemination workshops conducted
4. Partnership with international vocational development agencies facilitated
5. Improved project management

Business Opportunities

- **Consulting Services:** A total of 104 person-months of consulting inputs will be provided under the TA: 18 person-months of international and 86 person-months of national consultant services. ADB will engage four individual consultants (for 30 person-months) as well as a firm (for 74 person-months). The selection and engagement of the consulting inputs will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). The consulting firm will be selected on the basis of a full technical proposal in accordance with quality- and cost-based selection procedures. A quality to cost ratio of 90:10 will be followed.

There are no Consulting Services Recruitment Notices currently available for this project.

- **Procurement:** All TA-financed goods and equipment such as computers, fax machine, multimedia projector, photocopier, printer, and other required items will be procured in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2013, as amended from time to time). The procured equipment will be handed over to NSDA upon TA completion.

## MYANMAR

### Support for Public-Private Partnership Framework Development

**TA No.** : 8624  
**Project No.** : 47267-001  
**Amount (US \$ million)** : 2  
**Sector** : Multisector

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*Status:* ADB Board Approval 27 February 2014.

*Description:* The technical assistance (TA) will provide the Government tools to better direct and balance PPP project outcomes in the short term, and then set the stage for more holistic and sustainable national management of PPPs. For the MOEP, the TA will help the Government establish fair and balanced terms for private sector investment into power generation projects, establish principles for international competitive tendering, assist the Government in prioritizing PPP investment projects, and strengthen the design and management of future PPP procurements. The TA will provide recommendations on how to scale up the learning from MOEP's PPP experience to the national level, informing how to apply this framework to a broader cross-section of ministries. At the same time, it will provide the Government with draft tools, policies and organizational structures to better plan and manage PPP procurements. As appropriate, the TA will help determine, in close consultation with Government, the nature of a prospective national PPP management structure and how to develop deeper PPP management capabilities within specific sectors. In summary, the TA will: (1) deliver to the Government sound



tendering processes and decision frameworks based on the principles of PPPs; (2) promote consistent, objective and transparent application of PPP project development criteria to an international standard; and (3) create recommendations for development of institutional management capacity for PPP, first within the MOEP and then at national level.

*Impact:* A strategy and plan to mobilize and manage public-private partnerships in infrastructure is established.

*Outcome:* Institutional capacity to direct and manage public-private partnerships at the ministerial level is improved.

*Outputs:*

1. Institutional structure for managing PPP projects and financing proposed.
2. Private sector investment management capacity in MOEP improved.
3. Knowledge of and development in relation to PPPs shared.

#### Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: The technical assistance (TA) will finance the services of 43.5 person-months of international consultants and 31.6 person-months of national consultants. Individual consultants will be recruited on a quality and cost-based selection (QCBS) criterion. Consultants will be recruited in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants.

Consultants will work together as a team to deliver the following outputs:

- (a) International Competitive Bidding (ICB) Framework including framework requests for qualification and proposal, evaluation criteria and operating rules;
- (b) Project selection report documenting the process of narrowing the Government's long-list of projects to a prioritized subset; consultants will undertake workshops that review how projects were screened and prepared;
- (c) Preliminary project profiles prefeasibility level analysis of top priority projects suitable for competitive bidding;
- (d) Workshops, seminars, and communications Capacity-building workshops on ICB procurement, management of PPP processes, fiscal management of PPP contracts, international study exchange, an international PPP forum in Myanmar, and development of a national PPP web portal;
- (e) TA implementation reports consultant reports on TA inception, interim progress, and final findings and recommendations.

#### Business Opportunities

- Consulting services: There are no Consulting Services Recruitment Notices currently available for this project.
- Procurement: Goods and services to be financed from the TA will be in accordance with ADB's Guidelines for Procurement. Items will be procured through international shopping, with minor items (i.e., those estimated to cost less than \$100,000) having the option of being purchased locally through national shopping, where appropriate.

There are no procurement notices currently available for this project.

## PHILIPPINES

### Improving National Roads for Inclusive Growth in Mindanao Project

**TA No.** : 8574  
**Project No.** : 41076-045  
**Amount (US \$ million)** : 1.2  
**Sector** : Transport

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*Description:* The impact of the project will be improved accessibility of transport infrastructure. The outcome of the project will be improved quality of the national road network in Mindanao. The outputs will be: (i) improvement of about 400 km of 10 national roads; (ii) detailed engineering design for roads to be improved under future projects; and (iii) strengthened institutional capacity of DPWH. The road improvement works will include paving earth roads, replacing road sections washed out by floods, widening existing roads, adding surface overlays, and replacement and strengthening of bridges. The works will incorporate international best practice for road safety, climate change adaptation, and seismic resistance. The detailed design for the project roads will be carried out under RIIDP. The institutional capacity development component will be designed during the PPTA based on an assessment of DPWH's capacity. It will likely focus on the capacity of the DPWH regional and district offices in the project area, particularly on project implementation and dealing with increasingly frequent natural disasters.

#### Business Opportunities

- **Consulting Services:** An international consulting firm will be engaged to implement the TA. The services will require a total of 24 person-months of international consultants and 40 person-months of national consultants. Quality and Cost-Based Selection (QCBS) will be used in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants. A full technical proposal will be required.

There are no Consulting Services Recruitment Notices currently available for this project.

- **Procurement:** There are no procurement notices currently available for this project.



## REGIONAL

### A. Economic Analysis for Gender and Development

TA No. : 8620  
Project No. : 47363-001  
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.5

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*Description:* Gender-related research for purposes of development planning is generally implemented at two levels. Microeconomic approaches focus on the behavior of the household and examine the roles of household members, the decision processes within the household, the allocation of resources, the outcomes at the micro level, and their implications on the efficiency and effectiveness of interventions. Macro-level approaches, on the other hand, examine the impact of gender at an aggregated level, often examining development impacts within a broader context, and in relation to other factors that contribute to economic development. Secondary data available in the selected country will be used for the analysis. A number of gender issues may be relevant across all countries irrespective of region or economic development stage, while some gender issues may be relevant only for a specific group of countries. Women in developing regions tend to have less job security than those in developed regions. In addition, gender issues faced by women in East Asia may not be similar to those faced by women in South Asia. Hence, the TA will look for similarities and differences in gender issues and economic development for selected countries. The country-specific issues relevant to those selected countries will be drawn from existing country gender assessments, and further examined during the TA. The main scope of the TA is to: (i) quantify the economic cost to society due to gender inequality using both macro- and micro-level analyses; and (ii) discuss gender issues and economic development that are common across countries, as well as those that are specific to a country, a subregion, a region. Five countries (in consultation with the Gender CoP members): the Republic of Korea, the People's Republic of China, India, Indonesia, and Pakistan were selected for the country analysis according to the size and development stage of the economy and availability of relevant data.

*Impact:* Improved economic analysis of gender inequality issues and related opportunity cost in selected DMCs for gender policies and strategies.

*Outcome:* Economic analysis methodologies for the study of gender inequality issues and related opportunity costs enhanced in selected DMCs

#### *Outputs:*

1. Gender inequality measured and analyzed.
2. Analysis of opportunity or forgone costs of gender inequality and priority gender issues.
3. Sharing knowledge on economic analysis for gender development.

#### Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: There are no Consulting Services Recruitment Notices currently available for this project.
- Procurement: There are no procurement notices currently available for this project.

## B. Promoting Gender-Inclusive Growth in Central and West Asia Developing Member Countries

**TA No.** : 7563  
**Project No.** : 44067-012  
**Amount (US \$ million)** : 4.87  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**Sector** : Public sector management

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*Description:* The technical assistance (TA) will strengthen the capacity of DMCs in Central and West Asia to: (i) apply gender mainstreaming strategies in the design and implementation of programs and projects; (ii) support innovative and strategic approaches in the DMCs to promote gender equality and women's empowerment; and (iii) promote partnership and cooperation to enhance synergy. Activities will be supported through core areas of operations of ADB's Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), in which country-specific, innovative, and effective design features will be developed to provide equal opportunity for women and men to participate in and benefit from project and programs.

*Impact:* Gender-inclusive growth is attained in participating DMCs

*Outcome:* Improved capacity of DMCs in gender mainstreaming

### *Outcome:*

- Between 28 and 42% of the current portfolio is currently effectively gender mainstreamed with the active participation of government implementing agencies.
- Active participation of non-government and civil society organizations in pilot projects, investment projects and gender learning events.
- Active collaboration with gender networks.

### Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services:
  - National Consultants: 1. ADB Headquarters-based TA Administrator (39 person-months); 2. ADB Headquarters-Based TA Coordinator/GAD consultant (39 person-months); 3. Subregional Project Manager (24 person-months); 3. Implementation Consultants (8 individuals, 168 person-months)
  - International Consultants ( 4 individuals, 23 person-months)

There are no Consulting Services Recruitment Notices currently available for this project.

- Procurement: Computers were provided to the national consultants. There are no procurement notices currently available for this project.

## V. GRANT

### MYANMAR

#### Greater Mekong Subregion Capacity Building for HIV/AIDs Prevention

**Grant No.** : 9176  
**Project No.** : 46490-001  
**Amount (US \$ million)** : 10  
**Sector** : Health

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#### Outputs:

- Strengthened planning and management capacity at national, state or regional, and township levels
- Improved access to HIV and STI services among migrant and mobile populations and high-risk groups
- Strengthened community-based program for HIV risk reduction for key affected populations
- Monitoring and evaluation and project management

#### Business Plans:

- Consulting Services: There are no Consulting Services Recruitment Notices currently available for this project.
- Procurement: There are no procurement notices currently available for this project.

## VI. ASSISTANCE TO PRIVATE SECTOR

### REGIONAL

#### Capacity Development for Developing Member Country Banks under the Trade Finance Program

**TA No.** : 8622  
**Project No.** : 47912-012  
**Executing Agency** : Asian Development Bank  
**Amount (US \$ million)** : 3  
**Sector** : Industry and trade

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*Description:* The proposed regional capacity development technical assistance (R-CDTA) will build on the ongoing work under R-CDTA 7264 and 8323, whose implementation started in 2009 and 2013

respectively. The consultants engaged under the two R-CDTAs have successfully conducted bank assessments on over 100 DMC banks. Also under R-CDTA 7264 and 8323, knowledge sharing seminars were conducted in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Mongolia, Nepal, Uzbekistan, Myanmar, and Tajikistan. The proposed R-CDTA will continue to benefit the DMC banks in ADB's Trade Finance Program (TFP) in the form of ongoing monitoring and knowledge sharing; it will also benefit new banks and promote partnership development when TFP expands into new markets in 2014 and beyond.

*Objectives and Scope:* The proposed R-CDTA for Capacity Development of DMC Banks focuses on filling market gaps for trade finance. Many DMC banks struggle to establish and/or maintain correspondent banking relationships with international banks, which are needed to access liquidity and guarantees in support of trade. Some factors (e.g., political and macroeconomic instability) are beyond their control, but DMC banks often lack knowledge of trade finance instruments, and may be unable to provide standard financial information to international banks. Such information is required to establish trade finance lines of credit between international and DMC banks. The lack of trade finance and financial reporting capacity among many DMC banks extends to transparency and governance issues, and reduces credit line availability from international banks. As a result, less financial support is available for DMC companies engaged in importing and exporting of goods and services. This reduces the availability and increases the cost of trade finance in many least developed countries (LDCs), hindering their full participation in international trade, and increasing the risk that they will become more marginalized.

*Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy:* The proposed TA supports and is complementary to ADB's public operations in trade and trade facilitation projects. It is linked to the Financial Sector Operational Plan (FSOP) as well as a number of the strategies and business opportunities presented in Country Strategy Papers (CSPs), Regional Cooperation Strategy and Programs (RCSPs), and Country Operations Business Plans (COBPs) for ADB's DMCs.

*Outputs:*

1. Knowledge building
2. Partnership development

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: There are no Consulting Services Recruitment Notices currently available for this project.
- Procurement: There are no procurement notices currently available for this project.

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