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I. PROJECT LIST BY SECTOR

Country	Projects	ADB Assistance
AGRICULTURE and NATURAL RESOURCES SECTOR		
	<i>Note: Click on the project title for full details.</i>	
Cambodia	Climate-Friendly Agribusiness Value Chains Sector Project	Proposed loan
Cambodia	Climate-Friendly Agribusiness Value Chains Sector Project	Proposed grant
Regional	Strengthening Integrated Water Resources Management in Mountainous River Basins	TA
EDUCATION SECTOR		
China	Guangxi Modern Technical and Vocational Education and Training Development Program	TA
Laos	Second Strengthening Higher Education Project	Proposed grant
Myanmar	Preparing Youth for the Workplace Sector Development Program	Proposed Loan
Regional	Improving the Quality of Basic Education in the North Pacific	TA
ENERGY SECTOR		
Bangladesh	Bangladesh Power System Enhancement and Efficiency Improvement Project	TA
Uzbekistan	Power Generation Efficiency Improvement Project	TA
ENVIRONMENT SECTOR		
Philippines	Water District Development Sector Project	Loan, Grant, TA
INDUSTRY, FINANCE, and OTHER SECTORS		
China	Supporting the Reform of the Role of the People's Bank of China	TA
	Strengthening Institutional Framework and Management Capacity Project	
Mongolia	Regional Improvement of Border Services	Loan
Mongolia	Strengthening Institutional Framework and Management Capacity Project	Loan
Mongolia	Capacity Project	Proposed TA
Philippines	Enhancing Rural Enterprise and Rural Employment Project	Proposed Loan
	Scaling Up Private Sector Participation and Use of Market-Based Approaches for Environmental Management	
Regional	Strengthening Project Preparation Capacity in Asia and the Pacific - Support for Capacity Development, Knowledge and Networking (Subproject 1)	TA
Regional	Capital Market Development Program	TA
Sri Lanka	Capital Market Development Program	TA
Vietnam	Financial Sector Development and Inclusion Program	TA
TRANSPORTATION and COMMUNICATIONS SECTOR		
India	Uttar Pradesh Major District Roads Improvement Project	Loan
	Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridors 1 and 3 Connector Road Project	
Kyrgyz	Outer Island Maritime Infrastructure Project	Proposed loan
Tuvalu	Outer Island Maritime Infrastructure Project	Proposed grant
Vietnam	Second GMS Southern Coastal Corridor Project	Proposed loan
URBAN DEVELOPMENT SECTOR		
Mongolia	Southeast Gobi Urban and Border Town Development Project — Additional Financing	Loan, TA

II. LOAN

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

CAMBODIA

Climate-Friendly Agribusiness Value Chains Sector Project

Project No. : 48409-002 (Proposed)
Amount (US \$ million) : 60
Executing Agency : Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries
Sector : Agriculture, natural resources and rural development
Subsector : Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development -
Agricultural production - Agro-industry, marketing, and trade -
Land-based natural resources management

Responsible ADB Officer: Srinivasan Ancha, Southeast Asia Department, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division

Status: ADB Board will approve in September 2017.

Project description: The project aims to improve critical agribusiness value chain infrastructure, expand bio-energy use and sustainable biomass management, and strengthen agribusiness policy and capacity support services.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

INDIA

Uttar Pradesh Major District Roads Improvement Project

Loan No. : 3386
Project No. : 43574-025
Amount (US \$ million) : 300
Executing Agency : Public Works Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh
Government of Uttar Pradesh
Sector : Transport
Subsector : Road transport (non-urban)

Responsible ADB Officer: Ravi Peri South Asia Department Transport and Communications Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 14 April 2016.

Project description: The project will improve about 430 kilometers (km) of major district roads (MDRs) in the state of Uttar Pradesh, in line with the Strategic Core Road Network Master Plan for Uttar Pradesh. It will involve upgrading of MDRs depending on traffic requirements; reconstruction, widening and strengthening of culverts and bridges; and maintenance of the improved road assets for 5 years after construction. The project will also conduct a road safety audit of the MDRs on the core road network (CRN) and initiate remedial measures at identified critical locations.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: All consultants will be recruited according to ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants. Consulting services are required to facilitate project management and implementation. Construction Supervision Consultants (CSC) will be recruited, to be funded out of loan proceeds. Consulting firms will be engaged using the quality- and cost- based selection (QCBS) method with a standard quality:cost ratio of 80:20.
- Procurement: All consultants will be recruited in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants using quality- and cost-based selection. All civil works will be procured through national competitive bidding. E-procurement is essential for all works contracts in Uttar Pradesh, and will be used in this project. Goods and works will be procured following ADB's Procurement Guidelines

Procurement plan: <http://www.adb.org/projects/documents/ind-uttar-pradesh-major-district-roads-improvement-pp>

KYRGYZ

Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Corridors 1 and 3 Connector Road Project

Project No. : 48401-005 (Proposed)
Amount (US \$ million) : 35
Executing Agency : Ministry of Transport and Communications
Sector : Transport
Subsector : Road transport (non-urban)

Responsible ADB Officer: Susan Lim, Central and West Asia Department, Transport and Communications Division

Status: ADB Board will approve in October 2016.

Description: The Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Corridors 1 and 3 Connector Road (the project) will improve national and regional connectivity by rehabilitating an estimated 253 kilometers (km) of road sections connecting the CAREC Corridors 1 and 3 in the center of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

MONGOLIA

A. Strengthening Institutional Framework and Management Capacity Project

Loan No. : 3385
Project No. : 49409-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 35
Executing Agency : Erdenes-MGL (EM), LLC
Sector : Public sector management
Subsector : Reforms of state owned enterprises

Responsible ADB Officer: Hiroko Shiroishi, East Asia Department, Public Mgt., Financial Sector and Regional Coop Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 31 Mar 2016.

Brief project description:

- EM's corporate strategy developed
- EM's functional capability strengthened
- Capacity to diversify EM's assets-base strengthened

Business Opportunities

- Procurement plan: <http://www.adb.org/projects/documents/mon-erdenes-mongol-strengthening-institutional-framework-and-management-capacity-pp>

B. Southeast Gobi Urban and Border Town Development Project —Additional Financing

Loan No. : 3388
TA No. : 9100
Project No. : 42184-024
Amount (US \$ million) : 20.43
Executing Agency : Ministry of Construction and Urban Development; Asian Development Bank
Sector : Water and other urban infrastructure and services
Subsector : Urban sewerage

Responsible ADB Officer: Antonio Ressano Garcia, East Asia Department, Urban and Social Sectors Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 22 April 2016.

Description: The additional financing and the administration of the technical assistance (TA) grant will scale up and extend the socioeconomic benefits of the project by improving the quality and reliability of wastewater management services in two aimag centers from the current project, and by extending service improvements to two additional prominent and fast-growing aimag centers. The additional financing will also continue to strengthen through the TA, the wastewater management capabilities of aimag public utility service organizations (PUSOs) in both the current and additional project aimag centers.

Business Opportunities

- Procurement: All procurement of goods, works and consulting services financed from the ADB loan will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time).

Procurement plan: <http://www.adb.org/projects/documents/mon-se-gobi-urban-and-border-town-development-project-af-pp>

C. Regional Improvement of Border Services

Loan No. : 3387
Project No. : 47174-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 27
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance
Sector : Industry and trade
Subsector : Trade and services

Responsible ADB Officer: Maria Cristina Lozano Astray, East Asia Department
Public Mgt., Financial Sector and Regional Coop Division, EARD

Status: ADB Board approved on 22 April 2016.

Project objective: The project will upgrade and improve the facilities and equipment at BCPs.

Business Opportunities

- Procurement plan: <http://www.adb.org/projects/documents/mon-se-gobi-urban-and-border-town-development-project-af-pp>

MYANMAR

Preparing Youth for the Workplace Sector Development Program

Project No. : 48431-001 (Proposed)
Amount (US \$ million) : 63
Executing Agency : Ministry of Education
Sector : Agriculture, natural resources and rural development
Subsector : Water-based natural resources management

Responsible ADB Officer: Christopher Spohr, Southeast Asia Department, Myanmar Resident Mission

Status: ADB Board will approve in July 2016.

Description: Building on ongoing Asian Development Bank (ADB) technical assistance (TA) support, the proposed Program will provide cohesive support to secondary education subsector (SES) and technical and vocational education and training (TVET) reforms, to ensure these subsectors are mutually aligned and collectively serve Myanmar's evolving labor market and socioeconomic context. As a sector development program (SDP), complementary policy-level and investment project components will support rationalization of SES and TVET and address key interlinked challenges in subsector management, access, and quality and relevance via 3 outputs: (i) policy frameworks and capacities for cohesive, workforce-responsive education and TVET enhanced; (ii) new SES curriculum delivered and access; and (iii) new TVET programs introduced and access expanded. The Program will provide programmatic support to nationwide reforms, as the main support to SES within the forthcoming National Education Sector Plan (NESP) for 2016-2020 and closely linked to other development partner organization (DPO) support for TVET. It is included in the Myanmar country program.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

PHILIPPINES

A. Water District Development Sector Project

Loan No. : 3389-PHI
Grant No. : 0477-PHI
TA No. : 9103-PHI
Project No. : 41665-013
Amount (US \$ million) : 63
Executing Agency : Local Water Utilities Administration (LWUA)
Sector : Water and other urban infrastructure and services
Subsector : Urban sanitation, urban water supply

Responsible ADB Officer: Marie Stella Tansengco-Schapero, Southeast Asia Department
Urban Development and Water Division

Status: ADB board approved on 22 April 2016.

Project description: Extension and improvement of water supply systems; pilot sanitation projects
Capacity and institutional development for participating water districts (WDs) and LWUA; increased
awareness about sanitation.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

B. Enhancing Rural Enterprise and Rural Employment Project

Project No. : 48144-002 (Proposed)
Amount (US \$ million) : 200
Executing Agency : Department of Trade and Industry
Sector : Agriculture, natural resources and rural development
Subsector : Agro-industry, marketing, and trade - Rural market infrastructure

Responsible ADB Officer: Su Chin Teoh, Southeast Asia Department
Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division

Status: ADB board will approve in September 2016.

Project description: Extension and improvement of water supply systems; pilot sanitation projects
Capacity and institutional development for participating water districts (WDs) and LWUA; increased
awareness about sanitation.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

VIETNAM

Second GMS Southern Coastal Corridor Project

Project No. : 41496-013 (Proposed)
Amount (US \$ million) : 254
Executing Agency : Ministry of Transport
Sector : Transport
Subsector : Road transport (non-urban)

Responsible ADB Officer: Shihiru Date, Southeast Asia Department
Transport and Communications Division

Status: ADB board will approve in October 2016.

Description The proposed Second GMS-SCCP will (i) construct the remaining 84 km (between Ha Tien to Rach Gia) of QL80 route in Viet Nam; and (ii) upgrade Ha Tien (formerly Xa Xia) cross border facilities and streamline border crossing procedures, all under Additional Financing. In tune with one of the strategic thrusts of the GMS Strategic Framework (2012-2022), the proposed Second GMS-SCCP is a necessary precondition for promoting broader economic corridor development. Also, the project will facilitate Viet Nam's plans for implementing ASEAN Single Window border crossing mechanism by 2015. In addition, the project will target mainstreaming gender imbalances, preventing human trafficking and HIV/AIDS, mitigating/adapting to climate change impacts, strengthening institutional capacity, and facilitating regional cooperation between Cambodia and Viet Nam.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting services will be required for developing detailed engineering designs, procurement assistance, construction supervision, and social and environmental safeguards management and assistance to the project's executing agency.
- Procurement will include civil works to construct roads and bridges and will be procured following ADB's Procurement Guidelines through international competitive bidding procedures. Scope, type and value of contracts will be determined after the completion of the detailed engineering designs.

III. 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.

BANGLADESH

Bangladesh Power System Enhancement and Efficiency Improvement Project

TA No. : 9083
Project No. : 49423-004
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.23
Executing Agency : Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources; Asian Development Bank
Sector : Energy
Subsector : Electricity transmission and distribution

Responsible ADB Officer: Len George, South Asia Department, Energy Division

Status: ADB Board approved on March 9, 2016.

08 Apr 2016 The Bangladesh Power System Enhancement and Efficiency Improvement Project (the Project) to be prepared using the TA will enhance the coverage and improve the reliability and efficiency of the transmission and distribution network. This will facilitate better utilization of the country's growing power generation capacity to meet the growth in electricity demand across the country. It takes forward support to the transmission and distribution utilities provided under the Power System Expansion and Efficiency Improvement Investment Program, a multi-tranche financing facility (MFF) approved in 2012 of which the final tranche was approved in 2015.

The Government of Bangladesh has requested ADB lending assistance of about \$400 million in 2016 to finance the government's investment plan for transmission and distribution to be taken up by the Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited (PGCB), the Bangladesh Rural Electrification Board (BREB), the Dhaka Power Distribution Company Limited (DPDC), and the Dhaka Electric Supply Company Limited (DESCO). The project is expected to be approved in 2016.

Outcome: A well-designed Bangladesh Power System Enhancement and Efficiency Improvement Project developed

Outputs: Technical and sector due diligence reviews of components of the ensuing project undertaken

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: Individual consultants recruited by ADB for small-scale project preparatory technical assistance (S-PPTA)
- Procurement: Not applicable

CHINA

A. Supporting the Reform of the Role of the People's Bank of China

TA No. : 9091-PRC
Project No. : 49401-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.3
Executing Agency : People's Bank of China
Sector : Finance
Subsector : Central banking systems

Responsible ADB Officer: Giacomo Giannetto East Asia Department

Status: ADB Board approved 8 April 2016.

Description: The technical assistance (TA) will foster inclusive growth by improving the resiliency of the financial system to shocks by supporting reforms in financial system oversight, financial stability and monetary policy management and the role of the PBC. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has previously supported building a stable financial system and strengthening financial regulatory regimes through policy recommendations and capacity development. The proposed TA will build on the achievements from previous ADB support in financial system stability supporting development of a stress testing framework for the banking system with the China Banking Regulatory Commission, a legal system for the credit market and a framework for financial consumer protection with the PBC, and capacity building of the capital markets' regulatory system with the China Securities Regulatory Commission

Business Opportunities

- Consulting services: One international and two national consultants will be engaged individually in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time), and proceeds will be disbursed in accordance with the Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time). Resource persons will also be engaged as needed to provide additional specialist inputs to the project activities. ADB will establish an advance payment facility with the executing agency to administer activities related to workshops and the study tour.

B. Guangxi Modern Technical and Vocational Education and Training Development Program

TA No. : 9096-PRC
Project No. : 49308-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.5
Executing Agency : Guangxi Education Department
Sector : Education
Subsector : Technical and vocational education and training

Responsible ADB Officer: Sofia Shakil, East Asia Department, Urban and Social Sectors Division

Status: ADB Board approved in 18 April 2016.

Description: Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region is located in southwestern part of the People's Republic of China (PRC) along the maritime belt, and sharing a long border with Viet Nam. In March 2015, President Xi Jinping urged Guangxi to become the PRC's pathway to the Association of Southeast

Asian Nations (ASEAN), a new strategic pivot in southwest and central part of the PRC's opening up, and a dynamic portal connecting the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st Century Maritime Silk Road (Belt and Road Initiative). The Belt and Road Initiative extends PRC's opening-up frontiers to western part of the PRC and the border regions, making Guangxi a direct beneficiary. Ranking 27 out of 31 provinces in the PRC, Guangxi is among the poorer with a per capita gross domestic product (GDP) of about CNY35,000 in 2015 (70% of the national per capita GDP). Guangxi has the largest ethnic minority population in the PRC, comprising 11 ethnic groups and making up 38% of a total population of about 55.2 million in 2015. A significant 12.6% (compared to 6.1% national average), or 6.95 million, of the population lives below the national poverty line (CNY2,300/year). However, it is also among the fastest growing economies averaging 10% growth over the last 3 years.

In line with the PRC's strategy to accelerate development in the south and western regions, Guangxi has pursued an integrated regional development program focused on poverty alleviation, urbanization, agricultural modernization, and industrial transformation and upgrading. Guangxi will use the opportunity of the Belt and Road Initiative to promote interconnectivity and further opening up with Southeast Asia. The Guangxi government aims to strengthen its economic and social positioning to emerge as one of the most important economic regions in southwestern part of the PRC, leading in modern agriculture, diversified industrial growth, and increased regional cooperation.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

REGIONAL

A. Strengthening Integrated Water Resources Management in Mountainous River Basins

TA No. : 9095-REG
Project No. : 46257-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 2
Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
Sector : Agriculture, natural resources and rural development
Subsector : Water-based natural resources management

Responsible ADB Officer: Susumu Fujioka, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department

Status: ADB Board approved on 12 April 2016.

Brief project description: The regional capacity development technical assistance (TA) will help strengthen integrated water resources management (IWRM) in Afghanistan, Bhutan, and Nepal. The TA will contribute to the management of environment and climate change impacts, one of the strategic priorities in the Midterm Review of Strategy 2020 of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). It will do this by assisting target river basins in strengthening water resources management to cope with: (i) expected changes in water availability due to climate change, and (ii) increase in water demand due to economic and population growth. ADB's Water Operational Plan, 2011- 2020 prioritizes embedding the IWRM process in river basins.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting services: ADB will engage international and national consultants through a consulting firm, following the quality- and cost-based selection method with a quality-to-cost ratio of 90:10. ADB will select and engage the consulting firm in accordance with the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). An output-based contract will be used for consulting services. Six international consultants will provide 32 person-months of service and seven national consultants will render 127 person-months.

Ongoing consulting opportunity:

https://uxdmz06.adb.org/OA_HTML/OA.jsp?OAFunc=XXCRS_CSRN_PROFILE_PAGE&csrKey=B6A3BF7F37DC4B54F9D5034B9551709A3D6A62C82FE5931FC510BF70A249735A&fromDER=Y&refresh_csrn=true

- Procurement: The consulting firm will procure equipment through the shopping method following ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time). The disposal procedure of the equipment will follow the project administration instruction on purchasing equipment and vehicles, and turning over or disposing of equipment and vehicles; and the administrative order on asset management and inventory control. All disbursements under the TA will be made in accordance with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time).

B. Scaling Up Private Sector Participation and Use of Market-Based Approaches for Environmental Management

TA No. : 9093-REG
Project No. : 49354-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 1.50
Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
Sector : Agriculture, natural resources and rural development; Public sector management; Water and other urban infrastructure and services
Subsector : Forestry; Public administration; Urban policy, institutional and capacity development

Responsible ADB Officer: Daniele Ponzi, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department

Status: ADB Board approved on 12 April 2016.

Project description: The technical assistant (TA) is consistent with the priorities under Strategy 2020, the MTR priorities and the Environment Operational Directions, 2013-2020, specifically with the objectives relating to strengthening environmental governance, institutions and management capacity. It will also support sustainable development goals supporting environmental management under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development approved by the UNGA in September 2015.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

C. Improving the Quality of Basic Education in the North Pacific

TA No. : 9097-REG
Project No. : 49456-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.5
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance
Sector : Education
Subsector : Pre-primary and primary

Responsible ADB Officer: Chimi Thonden, Pacific Department, Urban, Social Development & Public Management Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 18 Apr 2016.

Description: The project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA) will support preparatory analyses and assessments for the proposed regional grant Improving Quality Basic Education in the North Pacific, which will build on the successes and lessons learned under RETA 8066 and further improve and expand quality basic education in RMI and FSM

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

D. Strengthening Project Preparation Capacity in Asia and the Pacific - Support for Capacity Development, Knowledge and Networking (Subproject 1)

TA No. : 9098-REG
Project No. : 49456-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 5
Executing Agency : Asian Development Bank
Sector : Energy; Transport; Water and other urban infrastructure and services
Subsector : Energy sector development and institutional reform; Transport policies and institutional development; Urban policy, institutional and capacity development

Responsible ADB Officer: Almazbek Galiev, ADB's Office of the Public-Private Partnership

Status: ADB Board approved on 19 April 2016.

Description: Subproject 1 will provide ancillary capacity development support to DMCs to continuously improve their skills in project identification, preparation, structuring, and financing of infrastructure PPP projects as well as streamline DMC agencies' access to the resources of the AP3F. It will support a range of upstream activities and will give priority to infrastructure projects that: (i) have a positive impact on regional connectivity and support regional economic integration; (ii) take into account climate change and are demonstrably climate-friendly and climate-resilient; and (iii) demonstrate value for money and the potential for replication in the sector, country, and/or region, amongst others.

Subproject 1 resources will be made available to DMC agencies to help assess and build their capacity for integrated infrastructure and strategy planning; capital investment planning and programming; financial management; and project management and supervision. It will also include knowledge generation and dissemination on policy, fiscal, and institutional frameworks for sustainable delivery of PPP projects. This upstream support will enable DMC agencies to apply for project structuring and implementation support from AP3F later on.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: All consultants under Subproject 1 will be engaged by ADB in accordance with its Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2013, as amended from time to time). Subproject 1 will require the services of: (i) two international consultants to assess capacity of DMC agencies submitting applications for AP3F support and to review viability of PPP projects that are linked or otherwise complimentary to such applications; (ii) firms and/or individuals for specific activities relating to capacity building in DMC agencies; (iii) direct charges relating to conferences, forums, workshops, seminars, surveys and other PPP knowledge and networking events including related expenses (such as travel and accommodation costs), with priority for learning events related to the preparation of AP3F-supported projects. The outline terms of reference for consultants for subprojects are in Appendix 3. Estimated input of 120 person-months of international consultants and 51 person-months of national consultants will be required.

Different methods of consultant selection will be applied, depending on the size and nature of the contracts. Consultants may be engaged via consulting firms(s) or individually. Consultants will be engaged using the following procurement modalities: (i) quality- and cost-based selection using a financial ratio of 90:10; (ii) quality-based selection; (iii) consultant qualification selection; (iv) fixed-budget selection; and (v) single source selection, as appropriate. OPPP will also consider the indefinite delivery contract modality.

- Procurement: All procurement under the TA will be carried out in accordance with ADB's Procurement Guidelines (2015, as amended from time to time). Disbursements under the TA will be in accordance with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time). Upon completion of the TA, purchased equipment will be turned over to DMC Government or disposed.

SRI LANKA

Capital Market Development Program

TA No. : 9105-SRI
Project No. : 49365-001
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.5
Executing Agency : Ministry of Finance and Planning
Sector : Finance
Subsector : Money and capital markets

Responsible ADB Officer: Syed Shah, South Asia Department, Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division

Description: A project preparatory technical assistance (PPTA) is required to effectively formulate the program which will support the government's commitment to meaningful capital market reform. The PPTA will build upon the ten point agenda (please refer to Appendix 5) that was established by Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC) and the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE)

Business opportunities

- Consulting Services: The PPTA will be implemented over 6 months, from April 2016 to September 2016. A team of 9 international consultants and 8 domestic consultants will provide a total of 25 person-months of consulting services. Consultants will be recruited, using the quality- and cost-based selection method with a standard quality-cost ratio of 90:10 because of the highly specialized expertise needed. ADB will engage a consulting firm in accordance with the Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2015, as amended from time to time). The selection of the consultant firm will be based on the submission of a simplified technical proposal and effected by the quality- and cost-based selection process.

UZBEKISTAN

Power Generation Efficiency Improvement Project

TA No. : 9099-UZB
Project No. : 49253-002
Amount (US \$ million) : 1.50
Executing Agency : UzbekEnergo
Sector : Energy
Subsector : Energy sector development and institutional reform

Responsible ADB Officer: Keiju Mitsuhashi Central and West Asia Department, Energy Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 19 April 2016.

Description: The project will construct two units of 450 MW energy efficient combined cycle gas turbines at the Talimarjan Thermal Power Plant located in Kashkadarya region, contributing to energy saving, greenhouse gas emission reduction, and reliable power supply in Uzbekistan. The project will build on the experience gained through Talimarjan Power Project (phase 1 project) by further improving the corporate governance and promoting commercialization of the energy sector.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

VIETNAM

Financial Sector Development and Inclusion Program

TA No. : 9101-VIE
Project No. : 49331-002
Amount (US \$ million) : 0.9
Executing Agency : State Bank of Vietnam
Sector : Finance
Subsector : Banking systems and nonbank financial institutions; Inclusive finance; Money and capital markets

Responsible ADB Officer: Stephen Schuster, Southeast Asia Department, Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division

Status: ADB Board approved on 22 April 2016.

Project details yet to be released by ADB.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

IV. GRANT

CAMBODIA

Climate-Friendly Agribusiness Value Chains Sector Project

Project No. : 48409-002 (Proposed)
Amount (US \$ million) : 60
Executing Agency : Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries
Sector : Agriculture, natural resources and rural development
Subsector : Agricultural policy, institutional and capacity development -
Agricultural production - Agro-industry, marketing, and trade -
Land-based natural resources management

Responsible ADB Officer: Srinivasan Ancha, Southeast Asia Department, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division

Status: ADB Board will approve in September 2017.

Description: The Climate-friendly Agribusiness Value Chains Sector Project (the project) will invest in pro-poor and inclusive agricultural value chains in Cambodia. The project will enhance rural household incomes and agricultural competitiveness by: (i) providing improved critical production and post-harvest infrastructure, (ii) reducing energy costs by promoting bio-energy use and sustainable biomass management, and (iii) offering targeted agribusiness policy and capacity support services. Sector lending is proposed, as it will enable improving agribusiness policies and supporting reforms while financing investments in multiple subprojects. Cambodia has experience in sector modality in terms of identifying and carrying out subprojects during project implementation period and meets criteria for sector lending, as it has: (i) agricultural sector development plan, (ii) reasonable institutional capacity to implement the plan, and (iii) suitable policies applicable to the sector. Furthermore, capacity building will be integral to the investment.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

LAOS

Second Strengthening Higher Education Project

Project No. : 48127-002 (Proposed)
Amount (US \$ million) : 40
Executing Agency : Ministry of Education and Sports
Sector : Education
Subsector : Tertiary

Responsible ADB Officer: Joel Mangahas, Southeast Asia Department, Human and Social Development Division

Status: ADB Board will approve in September 2016.

Project description: Project aims to enhance quality and relevance of academic programs, upgrade research capacity of the higher education system, increase access to higher education, and improve governance and management of higher education.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

TUVALU

Outer Island Maritime Infrastructure Project

Project No. : 48484-002 (Proposed)
Amount (US \$ million) : 12.41
Executing Agency : Ministry of Communication and Transport
Sector : Transport
Subsector : Water transport (non-urban)

Responsible ADB Officer: Shigehiko Muramoto, Pacific Department, Transport, Energy and Natural Resources Division

Status: ADB Board will approve in September 2016.

Project description: Project aims to improve and rehabilitate maritime infrastructure in the outer islands; and improve capacity of the outer island communities, MCT, and other relevant national government agencies.

Business Opportunities

- Consulting Services: still to be determined
- Procurement: still to be determined

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