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Use of National Consultants
Under An Improved Procurement Environment

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A multilateral financial institution dedicated to reduce poverty for inclusive growth in the Asia-Pacific region

- Established in 1966
- 67 member countries including 48 from DMCs
- Headquarters in Manila, 26 field offices



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ADB's operations in Asia-Pacific Region

- Policy dialogue
- Loans for projects in infrastructure and social sectors to DMCs, annual total \$60 billion
- Technical assistance grants, annual total \$2 billion
- Equity investment for private sector projects



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Future Strategic Directions

- Infrastructure
- Financial development
- Energy and environment
- Regional cooperation
- Technological development and knowledge management



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Revised Guidelines in 2006

- to update and define ADB's policies and procedures for selection, contracting and monitoring consultants for ADB-funded projects
- to harmonize with other MDBs
- to regulate the procurement activities of the borrowers
- to create a healthy procurement environment



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Measures taken

- EA's procurement capacity assessment conducted for procurement oversight by ADB and capacity training
- A procurement plan prepared for each loan project covering goods, civil works and consulting services, open to the public
- Capacity training conducted for staff of the project executing agency to follow ADB's Guidelines in the recruitment of consultants for loans



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Streamlined procedures for selection of consultants

- Consultants Selection Activity Monitoring (CRAM)

Norm for each major activity

Responsibility of each party

Explaining reasons for delay and measures to be taken

- Prior review procedure by ADB's Consultants Selection Committee (CSC)



Use of national consultants

- ADB Guidelines promote the development and use of national consultants from DMCs and the training and transfer of knowledge to borrower staff and national consultants
- TOR for consultants requires the association of international and national consultants where available to encourage the use of national consultants



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- Every shortlist includes at least one firm from a DMC unless qualified firms from DMCs are not identified
- Capacity training of national consultants through development of national consulting services (DNC) seminar in selected DMCs
- Technical Assistance provided to selected DMCs for development of the national consulting industry