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**Response of ADB on the Approval by Mail: Tajikistan: Building Capacity for Climate Resilience**

Dear Lesley and Andrea,

Please find attached ADB's response to the Government of Japan on the recently approved Tajikistan project. We'd appreciate if you could post this and share with the Gov't of Japan.

Many thanks,

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**Tajikistan PPCR Project Building Capacity for Climate Resilience:  
ADB Response to the Comments of the Government of Japan**

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) expresses its gratitude to the Government of Japan for the review of the project entitled, Technical Assistance 'Building Capacity for Climate Resilience, to be administered by ADB in the context of the Tajikistan Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR). We offer the following clarifications to the specific points raised regarding the Design and Monitoring Framework (Appendix 1 page 8).

**Comment on performance targets and indicators with baselines of Outputs #2:** *Regarding 'National Strategy on Climate Change Adaptation adopted by Government by Year 2, Outputs#1 says that climate impact assessments completed partly by Year 2 (water resources, energy and agriculture) and by Year 3 (transport and social development), and the government aims to adopt/mobilize the National Strategy on Climate Change Adaptation by the Year 2 without having these assessment reports as the background document. We recommend to revise the timeline to add review process of the adaptation strategy at YEAR 3/4 based on the outcomes of these assessments.*

**Clarification:** The timeline for the National Adaptation Strategy will be amended to Year 3.

**Comment:** *Regarding 'Local Adaptation Plan developed in 5 districts by Year 3', clarification needed on how these 5 districts are to be identified (process, criteria, etc)*

**Clarification:** The districts will be selected on the basis of the vulnerability assessment carried out during Phase 1, and the climate impact assessment and related consultations that will be conducted under the TA.

**Comment on performance targets and indicators with baselines of Outputs #3:**

□ *Regarding 'Climate change information services available to 5 vulnerable districts by Year 2 (2011 baseline=0), clarification needed on how these 5 districts be identified (process, criteria, etc). Are these 5 districts same as those of outputs#2?*

**Clarification:** The climate change information services will support the formulation of the local adaptation plans and will be established in the same districts selected for the development of local adaptation plans.

**Links to Wider Capacity Building Efforts**

Finally, we note the synergies between this capacity building activity in Tajikistan and efforts being carried out under the regional Asia-Pacific Adaptation Network – APAN, especially on mobilizing knowledge and technologies to build resilience and support adaptation in development planning and practices. ADB's contribution to APAN as a member of the Steering Committee will ensure regional cross learning and sharing of experience.