

## TC ABSTRACT

### I. Basic Project Data

▪ Country/Region:	REGIONAL/IDB
▪ TC Name:	LAC-China Capacity Building and Policy and Knowledge Partnerships
▪ TC Number:	RG-T2952
▪ Team Leader/Members:	LOO-KUNG AGUERO, RUDY JOEL (IFD/IFD) Team Leader; ALIOUAT, TAOS C (LEG/SGO); SCHINELLER, SARAH (IFD/IFD); TORT SANCHEZ, DANIELA (IFD/IFD)
▪ Taxonomy:	Research and Dissemination
▪ Number and name of operation supported by the TC:	N/A
▪ Date of TC Abstract:	15 Feb 2017
▪ Beneficiary:	IDB borrowing member countries
▪ Executing Agency:	INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK
▪ IDB funding requested:	\$ 495,000.00
▪ Local counterpart funding:	\$ 0.00
▪ Disbursement period:	36 months
▪ Types of consultants:	Individuals; Firms
▪ Prepared by Unit:	Institutions for Development
▪ Unit of Disbursement Responsibility:	Institutions for Development
▪ TC included in Country Strategy (y/n):	No
▪ TC included in CPD (y/n):	No
▪ Alignment to the Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020:	Institutional capacity and rule of law

### II. Objective and Justification

- 2.1 This technical cooperation aims at further deepening the partnership among countries in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) and China. To that end, the program will finance capacity building and policy and knowledge dialogues in a broad range of topics of common interest on institutional development. Through these activities, the two regions will deepen their linkages towards one that is mutually beneficial and constructive for sustainable and long term growth. The TC also seeks to further strengthen the existing partnership with Chinese institutions such as the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) and to facilitate the formation of new partnerships through the proposed activities.
- 2.2 During the past decade, the economic ties between China and countries of the LAC region have gotten significantly close. China has become the second largest trading partner of the region and also a major investor in the region through Foreign Direct Investment. As the economic relationship advances, the need to increase the mutual understanding beyond the trade and investment agenda, and the quest to build a healthy, sustainable and mutually beneficial relationship between China and countries in LAC have been manifested by both regions.
- 2.3 In addition, both regions face similar development challenges that can benefit from learning and exchanging each other's best practices and lessons learned. Both regions have accumulated their unique and valuable experience in addressing various policy issues, and are open to seek for shared knowledge to bring value added to their own national policy interventions.

- 2.4 Under the uncertain international circumstances, the developing world ought to play more active roles to move forward critical agendas in the global affairs such as free trade and regional integration, climate change, sustainable development goals, cybersecurity, etc. China and LAC are some of the most important developing regions in the world whose development is closely related to the shocks to the international environment. In this context, China and LAC countries will need to continue deepening their collaborations and strengthening the mutual trust in order to adapt to the changing international situation, to build the alliance to confront future risks, and to minimize the adverse impact on their respective development perspectives.
- 2.5 The Bank has been playing a responsive and catalytic role in attending to the demand from LAC countries and China for a better, deeper, and diverse policy and knowledge exchanges. In 2015, IDB and the People's Bank of China (PBC) signed a new framework agreement that expands their ongoing partnership to promote cooperation between China and LAC with a long term vision (5 years) . This MoU promises to promote deeper and broader knowledge exchange between China and LAC in the priority areas included in the Bank's Update to the Institutional Strategy 2010-2020. In June 2013, the Bank approved the project LAC-China Knowledge Exchange Institutions Sustainable and Long-Term Development (RG-T2290), with the objective of generating and facilitating the exchange of knowledge for sustainable long-term development through conferences, seminars as well as dissemination of policy experiences, research papers, and other relevant materials between policymakers in both regions. This project supported the initiation and implementation of the flagship "LAC-China Policy and Knowledge Summit", a series of annual high-level summits co-sponsored by the Bank and CASS that engages policy makers, scholars, private sector executives and international experts in open and profound dialogues about a chosen development challenge of mutual interest. The project, RG-T2290, was financed with ICSF resources.

### III. Description of Activities and Outputs

- 3.1 **Component I. LAC-China Policy and Knowledge Summits.** This component aims at continuing the LAC-China Policy and Knowledge Summit mechanism as one of the major channels for policy dialogues between relevant institutions in China and LAC. It will finance the initial assessment, preparation, and implementation of 3 annual summits. The activities of this component will include: (i) assess the potential topics to be the focus of each summit; (ii) prepare for the summit key document such as participation list, invitation letters, agenda, background briefings, presentations guidelines, press releases, etc.; (iii) conduct logistical organization and on-site support; (iv) create summit webpage for access to information and dissemination.
- 3.2 This component aims at continuing the LAC-China Policy and Knowledge Summit mechanism as one of the major channels for policy dialogues between relevant institutions in China and LAC.
- 3.3 **Component II. Dissemination.** This component aims at disseminating the results of the policy and knowledge exchanges and promoting continued activities in the areas discussed during these exchanges. Main activities include: (i) the production of the summit proceedings; (ii) coordination and preparation of dissemination strategies and materials.
- 3.4 This component aims at disseminating the results of the knowledge exchanges and trainings and promoting continued activities in the areas discussed during the activities in Component I and II.

### IV. Budget

#### Indicative Budget

Activity/Component	IDB/Fund Funding	Counterpart Funding	Total Funding
Component I. LAC-China Policy and Knowledge Summits.	\$ 450,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 450,000.00
Component II. Dissemination.	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 45,000.00

## **V. Executing Agency and Execution Structure**

- 5.1 The executing agency for this TC will be the IFD/IFD.
- 5.2 IFD is the direct collaborating partner with CASS for the project RG-T2290, and has built solid trust with that institution. In addition, IFD has also accumulated considerable experience in implementing the cooperation and convening different stakeholders in the Bank and in LAC countries to achieve fruitful exchanges.

## **VI. Project Risks and Issues**

- 6.1 There is risk that the summit and training program attendance may be under represented. This risk can be mitigated by early planning, frequent communication between stakeholders, and adequate engagement of the technical teams so that the relevant participants have enough time to set aside the dates of the events.
- 6.2 There is also risk that the collaboration may not continue beyond the summit meetings and the training program. This risk can be mitigated by informing the technical teams in advance about the possibility of continuation of the collaboration to raise awareness, engage key participants from LAC and China in informal dialogues during the events to nurture further interest, and to connect the partner in China to jointly develop new proposals.

## **VII. Environmental and Social Classification**

- 7.1 The ESG classification for this operation is "undefined".