

**OREI Seminar on
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Knowledge and Priorities
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Presentation Outline

- Regional cooperation and integration in SERD
- Knowledge management in SERD
- Examples of RCI knowledge products and services in SERD
- RCI knowledge priorities in SERD

Regional Cooperation and Integration in SERD

- RCI in national programs (CPSs) in line with S2020
- Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS): Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand, Viet Nam, and Yunnan Province and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in PRC.
GMS Strategic Framework (SF-II), 2012-22
- Brunei Indonesia Malaysia Philippines-East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA).
Implementation Blueprint, 2012-16
- Indonesia Malaysia Thailand-Growth Triangle (IMT-GT).
Implementation Blueprint, 2012-16
- ASEAN (SERD comprises all 10 member states); AIF and new ADB-ASEAN MoU (2012-2015)
- Preparation underway of a Regional Cooperation Strategy (RCS) for Southeast Asia, 2013-15

Knowledge Management in SERD

- **SERD Knowledge Management Framework (2010)** anchored on ADB's Plan of Action for Enhancing Knowledge Management Under S2020 (2009)
- SERD framework emphasizes that knowledge solutions and sharing are integral to SERD's core operational business of development support to the region
- SERD framework aims to improve the generation, capture, and communication of knowledge from the operational cycle and ensure that knowledge products and services (KPS) respond to, and are aligned with, needs of client countries
- SERD framework emphasizes "Knowledge first, finance follows" principle to meet client demands in increasingly sophisticated economies

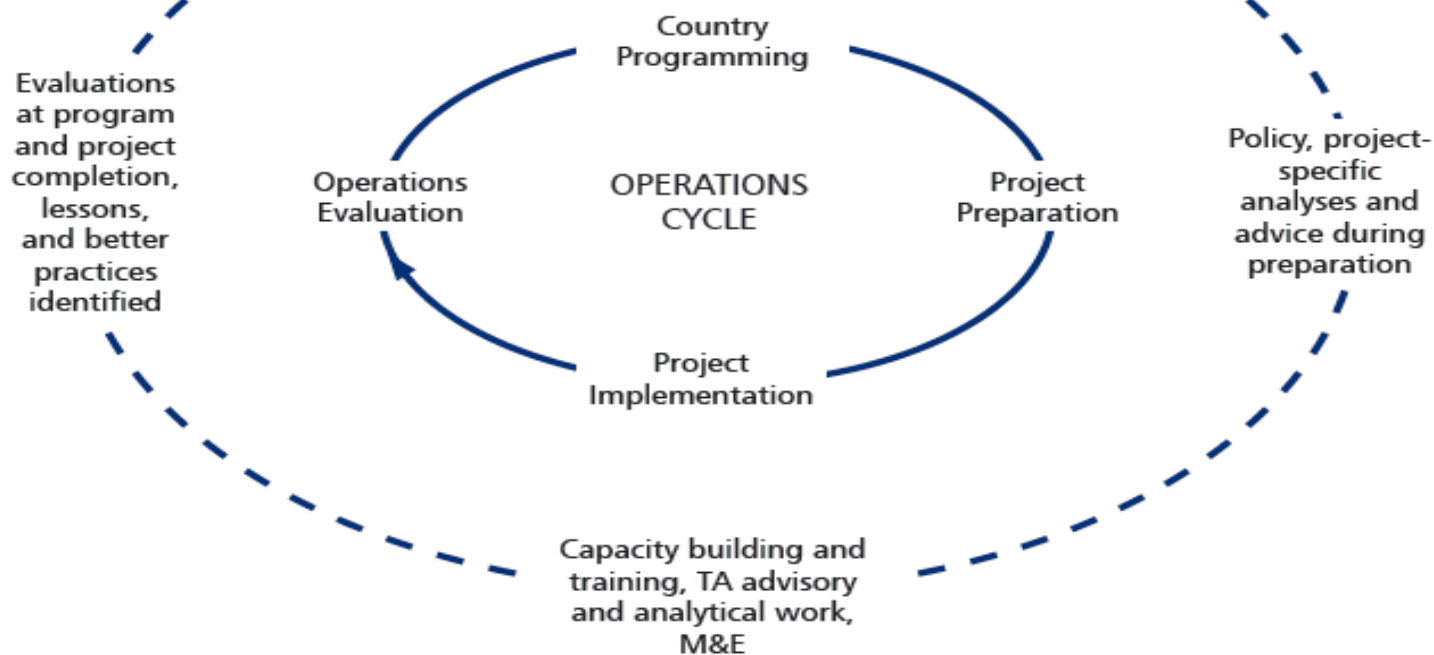
Knowledge Management in SERD

Figure 1 Knowledge from the Operations Cycle

KNOWLEDGE CAPTURE, DISSEMINATION
(e.g., dialogues, reports, knowledge summary
flyers, newsletters, publications, seminars, trainings)

Regional or country
economic, thematic,
and sector analyses
and advisory work

KNOWLEDGE GENERATION



M&E = monitoring and evaluation, TA = technical assistance.

Source: ADB. 2012 SERD Knowledge Management Framework. Manila. Unpublished.

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Knowledge Needs of SERD Countries

Low-income countries:

- Poverty, employment, rural productivity, infra, trade barriers
- Environmental degradation, climate change

Middle-income countries:

- Poverty, income disparities, employment
- Labor force skills
- Global and regional market competitiveness
- Middle-income trap

Upper middle-income countries:

- Environment, climate change
- Global and regional market competitiveness
- Energy supply and alternatives

Examples of RCI Knowledge Products and Services in SERD

Regional/country economic, thematic and sector and advisory:

- Assessment of regional economic corridors (ECF)
- Regional Investment Framework for the GMS
- Regional ASRs as background to RCS for SEA, 2013-15

Policy, project specific analysis and advice

- Corridor/secondary towns development
- Core environment program-biodiversity conservation

Capacity building, training, TA advisory and analytical:

- Transport and trade facilitation, incl. agricultural TF
- Phnom Penh Plan for Development Management

Evaluation at program/project completion:

- Assessing socio-economic effects of regional projects

RCI Knowledge Priorities in SERD

- Deepen relevant, responsive and timely RCI knowledge support as part of ADB operations cycle and country/subregional/regional development cycles
- Enhancing use of lessons learned from past operations
- Include RCI knowledge in country knowledge plans that are country-demand driven and led, and coordinated through resident missions
- Build country ownership, and local knowledge network and provider capacity
- Ensure continuity of support and systematic uptake of RCI-knowledge

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