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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 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

Country Programming

Operations Evaluation

Project Preparation

Project Implementation

Capacity building and training, TA advisory and analytical work, M&E

Evaluations at program and project completion, lessons, and better practices identified

Policy, project-specific analyses and advice during preparation

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

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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