



Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility

PRIF is a multi-partner coordination, research and technical assistance facility for improved infrastructure in the Pacific.

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Advisory note to technical specialists with an interest to contract with the Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility (PRIF).

Background to PRIF

Since its launch in 2008, PRIF has provided a successful mechanism for coordinating PRIF partner infrastructure investments and providing technical assistance to participating Pacific island countries. PRIF provides a platform and dedicated resources to enable development partners to better coordinate their support, and, in doing so, better address the economic infrastructure needs of Pacific island countries. Positioned at the interface between the major donor agencies and the recipients of development assistance in the Pacific, PRIF benefits all stakeholders, including the private sector, to achieve the best development outcomes for Pacific island countries.

PRIF was founded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB); AusAID (now the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade); the Aid Programme of the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (NZMFAT), and the World Bank Group (WBG). The European Union (EU) and the European Investment Bank (EIB) joined in 2010. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), joined as a formal PRIF member in 2013.

The current PRIF partner countries are: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

The Facility contributes coordination, research and technical assistance activities, clustered around several infrastructure subsector groups (energy; telecommunications; roads, aviation and maritime transport; urban development and waste management; water and sanitation; environmental and social safeguards, and sustainable infrastructure management).

Coordination of aid and investment programs

PRIF member agencies are currently investing up to USD\$1bn per year in Pacific island economies and are planning to increase their investments. The World Bank's financing for infrastructure in the Pacific is expected to nearly triple from 2015 to 2018. Financial and technical assistance from the Asian Development Bank, European Union and others will also increase significantly.

While the Pacific governments have limited capacity to absorb the additional burden of planning, coordination and project management required, cooperation among the donor agencies is now critically important to maintain a planned, efficient and sustainable approach to development assistance.

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PRIF Members



To facilitate greater cooperation and coordination, PRIF convenes Sector Working Groups comprising technical specialists from all the PRIF member agencies. The groups meet regularly to share information, review projects, identify opportunities for coordination, discuss issues in the sector that are particularly relevant to the Pacific region and agree on areas for joint research under the PRIF. Sectors covered include energy; transport; water and sanitation; information communication technologies; urban development and solid waste management; social and environmental safeguards.

Procurement of consultants

PRIF utilises the administration procedures and processes of the Asian Development Bank, which hosts the PRIF Coordination Office in Sydney. This includes the procurement and contracting of consultants who provide technical support for PRIF technical assistance and research programs. Those interested to provide consulting services, whether as an individual or as a firm, must therefore first register their profile on the ADB web-based Consulting Management System (CMS), through the following links:

https://uxdmz06.adb.org/OA_HTML/adb/adbpos/jsp/ADBCMSLogin.jsp

or <https://www.adb.org/site/business-opportunities/main>

The screenshot displays the ADB procurement website layout. It is divided into three main columns:

- Operational Procurement:** Features a header with silhouettes of people. Below it, the text reads: "Consulting Services. ADB engages individual consultants and consulting entities, including civil society organizations (CSOs) to provide expert advice such as in contract preparation and project supervision, and to help the ADB to prepare studies, appraisals, and reports. More »". At the bottom of this column are links for "Consultant Management System (CMS) »" and "Consulting Opportunities »".
- Goods, Works, and Related Services:** Features a header with an image of power lines. Below it, the text reads: "Goods, Works, and Related Services. ADB extends loans and provides technical assistance to its developing member countries (DMCs) for a broad range of development projects and programs involving the procurement of goods, works and services. More »". At the bottom of this column is a link for "Procurement Notices »".
- Institutional Procurement:** Features a header with an image of a building. Below it, the text reads: "Institutional Procurement. ADB procures quality goods and/or services for its own institutional requirements. More »". Below this is a link for "Institutional Procurement Notices » Supplier Management System »".

At the bottom right of the screenshot, there is a banner for the "ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK BUSINESS CENTER" with a "Linked in" logo.

Consultants should revise their profile periodically, and ensure all linked documents, CVs, etc, are up to date. Consultants registered on the system receive an automatic weekly Consulting Services Recruitment Notice (CSRN) email which provides detailed information, listed by sector, on the consulting services required for ADB financed or administered projects throughout Asia and the Pacific (including PRIF opportunities in the Pacific region when available). Some examples of recent projects carried out by international consultants and procured by PRIF through this system, are provided in the general PRIF brochure.

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