

<b>SREP FUNDING PROPOSAL</b>			
<b>Project Approval Request</b>			
<b>1. Country/Region:</b>	<i>Maldives</i>	<b>2. CIF Project ID#:</b>	<i>(Trustee will assign ID)</i>
<b>3. Program Title:</b>	<i>Technical Assistance: Republic of the Maldives Capacity Development of the Maldives Energy Authority</i>		
<b>4. Type of SREP Investment</b>	<i>Private:</i>	<i>Public: X</i>	<i>Mixed:</i>
<b>5. Funding Request (in US million total) for Project:</b>	<i>Grant: USD 400,000.00</i>	<i>Loan:</i>	
<b>6. Approved Preparation Grant</b>	<i>Not applicable</i>		
<b>7. Implementing MDB:</b>	<i>Asian Development Bank (ADB)</i>		
<b>8. Other MDB Involvement</b>	<i>MDB: n/a</i>	<i>Type of Involvement:</i>	
<b>9. National Project Focal Point:</b>	<i>Mr. Ajwad Mustapha, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Environment and Energy</i>		
<b>10. National Implementing Agency<sup>1</sup> for project:</b>	<i>Ministry of Environment and Energy (MEE)</i>		
<b>11. MDB SREP Focal Point and Project Task Team Leader (TTL):</b>	<i>HQ-SREP Focal Point for ADB: Mr. Jiwan ACHARYA (<a href="mailto:jacharya@adb.org">jacharya@adb.org</a>)</i>	<i>TTL for ADB: Mr. Priyantha WIJAYATUNGA (<a href="mailto:pwijayatunga@adb.org">pwijayatunga@adb.org</a>) and Mr. Len GEORGE (<a href="mailto:lgeorge@adb.org">lgeorge@adb.org</a>)</i>	
<b>12. Project Description:</b>			
<b><u>Summary of the Project</u></b>			
<p>The Technical Assistance (TA): Capacity Development of the Maldives Energy Authority (MEA) will support the implementation of the Preparing Outer Islands for Sustainable Energy Development (POISED) Project. The TA was approved in 2011 and extended from its original closing date of January 2014 to December 2014. It has already achieved most of its target outputs such as the preparation of key licensing and technical regulations which is now under translation by MEA, capacity building activities for MEA, framework for licensees and support for solar program. However, the TA is proposed to be extended again until 31 Dec 2016 to cover additional activities to be funded by the SREP.</p> <p>During the course of implementation of the existing TA, additional activities have been identified and deemed necessary in the achievement of the TA's target impact and outcome. These additional activities are aligned with the TA's initial outputs of key regulations, capacity building, and energy efficiency.</p> <p>The proposed TA extension will cover the following activities:</p> <p>(i) Periodic update of the renewable energy and energy efficiency investment plan and the</p>			

<sup>1</sup> Can be Government agency or private sector firm

sector roadmap for energy sector; (ii) Address barriers to private sector investments for the outer islands, particularly for smaller islands under Fenaka; (iii) Develop environment management guidelines for maintenance and disposal of energy storage and other associated equipment (iv) GIS based mapping system to support renewable energy investments on the Outer Islands (v) Support measures to encourage productive energy usage for women led enterprises on the outer islands		
<b>13. Objective</b>		
Development of key regulations for the energy sector and capacity building for the regulator and Utilities		
<b>14. Expected Outcomes:</b>		
Enhanced capacity of the regulator to support energy sector objectives		
<b>15. Key Results and Indicators for Success (consistent with SREP results framework):</b>		
<b>Result</b>	<b>Indicator</b>	
<i>Not applicable</i>		
<b>16. Budget:</b>		
<b>Expenditures<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Amount (USD'000) – estimates [SREP funds only]</b>	
1. Consultants (remuneration and per diem, international and local travels)	335.00	
2. Training, seminars, and conferences	30.00	
3. Contingencies	35.00	
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>400.00</b>	
<b>Co-Financing:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>	<b>Type of contribution:</b>
• MDB: ADB	400,000.00	Grant
• Other		
• Government		Counterpart staff, office facilities, administrative support, and other expenses
<b>Co-Financing Total</b>	<b>400,000.00</b>	
<b>17. Program Timeframe</b>		
For ADB Expected Board/MDB Management <sup>3</sup> approval date: Q3 2014 Expected TA closure date: 31 December 2016		

<sup>2</sup> These expenditure categories may be adjusted during project implementation according to emerging needs. The amounts listed are for SREP funds only; a detailed breakdown of the financing plan is presented in the ADB Memo TA Extension Proposal.

<sup>3</sup> In some cases activities will not require MDB Board approval.

**18. Role of other Partners involved in program<sup>4</sup>:**

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will assist in the selection of external experts to be recruited under POISED to provide support to Project Management Unit (PMU, at the Executing Agency level) and Project Implementation Units (PIU, at the implementing agency level). It will clear and approve bidding evaluation report and bidder contracting. Confirmations on the roles and responsibilities of partner agencies will be done in July 2014.

**19. Implementation Arrangements** (incl. procurement of goods and services):

The Ministry of Environment and Energy (MEE) is the executing agency. A steering group headed by MEE and comprising representatives from MEE, MEA, and other agencies will be created to support implementation of the TA. MEE also coordinates with stakeholders, including other ministries, utilities, large consumers, prospective investors, and consumer representatives, to receive their inputs on the TA activities.

The consultants will be engaged by ADB in accordance with ADB's Guidelines on the Use of Consultants (2010, as amended from time to time). Disbursements under the TA will be done in accordance with ADB's Technical Assistance Disbursement Handbook (2010, as amended from time to time).

Monthly progress reports will be submitted to MEE and ADB to ensure appropriate monitoring and evaluation. Good practices and lessons learned through the TA will be disseminated through workshops and the internet.

ADB will follow ADB's policy on procurement. For more information, please refer to:  
<http://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/Guidelines-Procurement.pdf>

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<sup>4</sup> Other local, national and international partners to be involved in implementation of the program.