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VALUE FOR MONEY: DRIVING QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMON CONSULTANCY ISSUES AND QUESTIONS

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How can you be engaged as a consultant?

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ADB-administered consultants

- Technical Assistance Project Consultants
- Staff Consultants



Borrower-administered consultants



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**As an ADB
consultant, when can
you start working?**



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Upon signing of the Contract - X
Upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed - X
Upon the Commencement Date - ✓



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**Are ADB consultants
medically insured?**

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ANSWER: IT DEPENDS

Independently engaged Individual Consultants -



Individual Consultants engaged through a Firm -



Firm Consultants -





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Are ADB consultants subject to tax?



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Answer: No

ADB consultants are generally exempt from tax on ADB remuneration.



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**Can an ADB consultant
have several ADB
consultancy contracts?**



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ANSWER: YES

A consultant, if intermittently engaged, can have several consultancy contracts, subject to the absence of conflict of interest.



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**Can an ADB
consultant be a
service provider or a
supplier of goods?**



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ANSWER: YES

An ADB consultant can also be a service provider or a supplier of goods to ADB, subject to the absence of conflict of interest.



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APEX supports key stages of the procurement cycle, including planning, selection, contracting, contract management, disbursement, and performance evaluation. It is integrated with ADB's Sovereign Operations system.

In its initial phase, APEX covers the ADB-administered procurement of goods and nonconsulting services for technical assistance projects, replacing largely manual and offline processes with a transparent, efficient, and user-friendly digital workflow.

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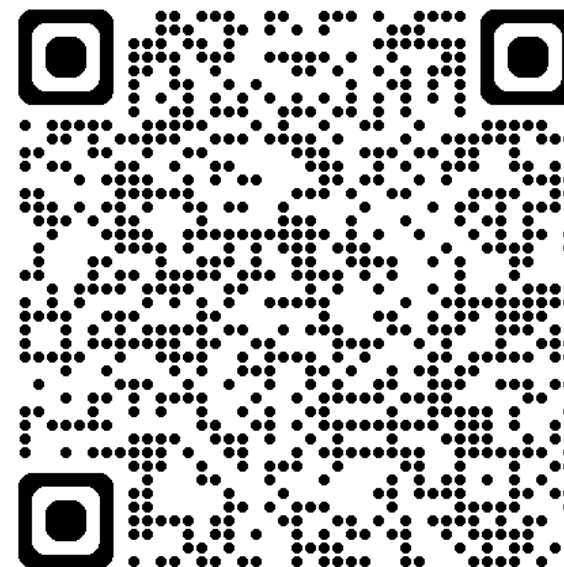
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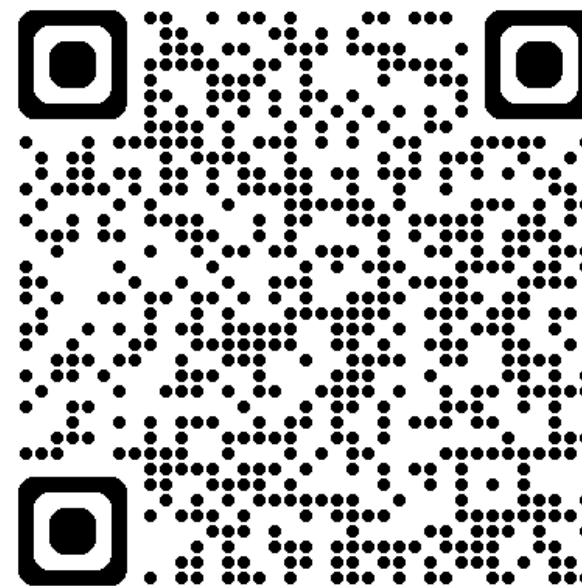


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**Phase 3 (ADB-administered
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