

South East Asia Prosperity Fund Call for Bids Objectives 2016 - 2017

Call for Bids under the following themes [Call Number: SEA-EDCC-2016-1]

1. Economic Development & Business Environment

We are particularly keen to support:

- Projects that lead to increased cross-border trade and investment by reducing barriers to trade and liberalising key sectors of the economy.
- Projects that improve the business environment for domestic and foreign firms by promoting regulatory reform and improved legal/arbitration frameworks.
- Projects that improve transparency and tackle corruption, particularly in the areas of public procurement and business licensing, as well as the adoption of international transparency standards/initiatives.
- Projects that lead to the development of efficient and transparent frameworks for financing and developing infrastructure, including through public-private partnerships (PPP).

We are also keen to support:

- Projects that enable a non-discriminatory and transparent intellectual property regime, including by building capacity on implementation and enforcement; adoption of key international Intellectual Property agreements.
- Projects that level the playing field between state-owned and private firms by strengthening competition policy regimes.
- Projects that support financial sector reform and development, in the areas of international financial standards/qualifications and regulations, capital markets, banking, insurance, Islamic Finance, accountancy and anti-money laundering frameworks.
- Projects that support the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) agenda to deepen economic and trade integration in SE Asia.

2. Climate Change, Low Carbon and Energy Security

We are particularly keen to support:

- Projects that work with governments to further develop and implement the priority emissions reduction measures identified in their Intended Nationally Determined Contributions.
- Projects that work with governments to reduce existing and future carbon emissions from the energy sector; including through better interconnectivity, integration, legislation, regulation, policy-making, financing and implementation. Proposals are welcome both on the energy supply side, and on the reduction of energy demand, in particular through improved energy efficiency in key sectors like buildings, industry and transport.
- Projects that work with governments to enhance national and regional energy security, consistent with a lower carbon energy future for SE Asia.
- Projects that help governments to engage at and around UNFCCC, to ensure they can contribute effectively to the further development of robust international governance arrangements for the new global climate treaty to take effect in 2020.

We are also keen to support:

- Projects which work with governments or cities to encourage low carbon economic growth; including through better legislation, regulation, policy-making, financing and implementation.
- Projects that encourage governments to maintain and increase their ambition on climate change through a clearer understanding of the latest information on climate change science and risks, including economic risks and resource availability.