

**Europe and Central Asia
Capacity Development Trust Fund:
Project Preparation Grants supported by ECAPDEV
10th Call for Proposals**



The Europe and Central Asia (ECA) region Capacity Development Trust Fund ([ECAPDEV](#)) financed seven Project Preparation Grants (PPGs) through its 10th Call for Proposals. PPGs were awarded for the preparation of investment operations to be financed by the World Bank in Uzbekistan.

The ECAPDEV grants support preparation of:

- [Uzbekistan Institutional Capacity Building Technical Assistance Project](#) - grant amount US\$ 250,000
- [Uzbekistan Water Services and Institutional Support Program](#) - grant amount of US\$ 400,000
- [Uzbekistan Agriculture Modernization Project](#) - grant amount of US\$ 408,000
- [Uzbekistan Promoting Early Childhood Development Project](#) - grant amount of US\$ 450,000
- [Uzbekistan Digital CASA \(Central Asia and South Asia\) Program](#) - grant amount of US\$ 450,000
- [Ferghana Valley Development Project](#) - grant amount of US\$ 212,500
- [Support to Uzbekistan Prosperous Villages \(Obod Qishloq\) Project](#) - grant amount of US\$ 187,500

All proposed operations are aligned with the Performance and Learning Review of the Country Partnership Framework for Uzbekistan for the period FY16-FY20 and are aimed at supporting the Government in implementing a deeper and more focused program of reforms.

*“The project preparation grants on this 10th round will allow six Uzbekistan’s projects to be prepared faster and at a higher quality, said **Mr. Sudharshan Canagarajah, World Bank Manager of ECA Development Effectiveness Unit.** “At the same time over 500 national government officials and local business representatives will directly benefit from capacity development activities focused on efficiency, effectiveness and innovation.”*

To date, through its 10 rounds, the ECAPDEV has allocated funding to 46 grants totaling US\$ 19 million, contributing to the preparation of 30 investment projects in Albania, Armenia, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan with a total cost of US\$2.6 billion World Bank Group financing.

The [ECAPDEV](#) is a multi-donor trust fund that supports improvements in the quality and speed of project preparation, as well as capacity building for project implementation in the low-income countries of the ECA region. It was established in 2012, with a contribution of US\$ 23 million from the [Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation](#).