



The Infrastructure Transaction and Assistance Network (ITAN)

ITAN has three core functions: 1) strengthening capacity-building programs to improve partner countries' project evaluation processes, regulatory and procurement environments, and project preparation capacity; 2) providing transaction advisory services to support sustainable infrastructure; and 3) coordinating U.S. assistance support for infrastructure and catalyzing private-sector-led investment throughout the region.

1. Capacity-Building Programs: The United States is creating new programs and expanding existing efforts to assist our partners to effectively plan for, and pursue, their infrastructure needs.

Since the July 2018 Indo-Pacific Business Forum, the ITAN has:

- Expanded a South Asia regional technical assistance program, which develops transparent legal and procedural frameworks to oversee complex infrastructure contracts, to allow it to focus on the whole Indo-Pacific.
- Increased technical assistance to support the Philippines' ambitious infrastructure development strategy.
- Advised Vietnam on implementing its Power Development Plan and attracting private sector investment.
- Identified areas for cooperation with the Maldives to improve public financial management, including public procurement.
- Partnered with Indonesia's state electric company to assist in its efforts to modernize their power grids and diversify the country's energy sources.

2. Transaction Advisory Services: The United States established a Transaction Advisory Fund (TAF), which will provide transaction advisory services, including assistance on contract negotiation and bid or proposal evaluation. The TAF will be operational in the second half of 2019.

3. Interagency Coordination: The newly established Global Infrastructure Coordinating Committee (GICC) coordinates the efforts of the Departments of State, Commerce, Treasury, Energy, and Transportation, USAID, USTDA, OPIC/DFC, ExIm and other agencies to catalyze private sector investments around the world, and the deployment of U.S. government technical assistance and development finance tools including project preparation services and commercial advocacy.