

# Central Operations Services Office

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ADB

# What does COSO do?

- Procurement of Goods and Works
- Consulting Services
- Project Coordination, Reporting
- Project Performance Management System (PPMS)
- Training, Capacity Building

All focused on project execution



# Working with regional departments

- TA processing: designing consulting inputs
- Loan processing: designing procurement and consulting inputs
- TA/Loan administration: hiring consultants
- TA/Loan administration: reviewing procurement by EAs
- COS1/COS2: realignment of COSO

# Statistics (1)

- Consulting contracts for TA projects (firms and individuals)
  - In 2004, 1,248 contracts worth \$126 million
  - In 2005, 1,436 contracts, \$140 million
- Staff consultants (individuals)
  - In 2004, 846 consultants, \$19 million
  - In 2005, 856 consultants, \$21 million

# Statistics (2) for loan projects

In 2004

- \$2.4 billion for contract awards
- \$3.4 billion for disbursements

In 2005

- \$3.8 billion for contract awards
- \$4.5 billion for disbursements

# Statistics (3)

- COSO staffing:
  - 24 professional staff from 14 countries
  - 56 national/support staff

# COSO's strategic priorities

- Helping to restore ADB's relevance and competitiveness as development partner
- Improving project administration outcomes by improving business processes

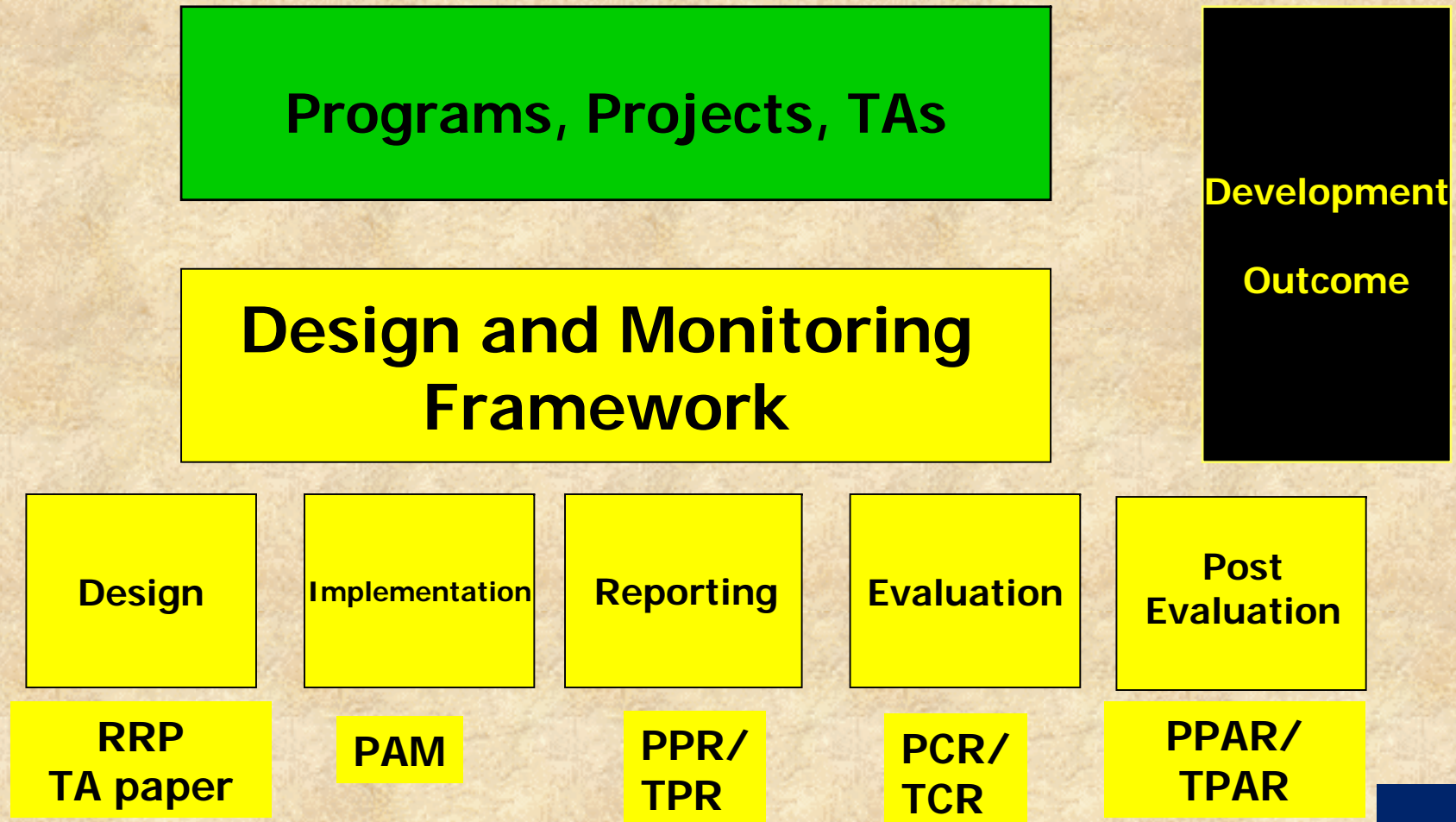
# Helping to restore ADB's relevance and competitiveness by

- Improving procurement and consulting policies and procedures
- Reducing internal transaction costs
- Enhancing operational flexibility and responsiveness to DMCs while upholding fiduciary standards – anticorruption efforts

# Improving project administration outcomes by

- Modifying business processes
- Leading the introduction of an effective Project Performance Management System (PPMS)
- Monitoring and applying service delivery targets for key project preparation and administration outcomes

# Components of PPMS



# Design and Monitoring Framework



# Procurement

- Supporting Executing Agencies and regional departments by pro-active procurement planning
- Participating in high priority loan processing and project administration missions
- Conducting thorough and timely reviews of draft bidding documents and prequalification documents

# Consulting Services

- Ensuring high quality consulting inputs on a timely and economic basis by
  - Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method, and QBS and DS where justified; note new selection methods
  - Reducing the time to recruit TA and staff consultants by ICS and CRAM
  - Assisting EAs to reduce the time taken to recruit and to mobilize loan consultants by streamlining ADB review processes

# New Guidelines

- Revised and modernized Procurement and Consultants Guidelines, effective 1 April 2006
  - MDB harmonization efforts
  - Best practices from other MDBs and development agencies
  - Transparency
  - New methods to recruit and contract with consultants

# Innovation and Efficiency Initiative

- Improving procurement and consulting policies and procedures
- Reducing internal transaction costs
- Enhancing operational flexibility and responsiveness to DMCs while upholding fiduciary standards

# Training

- Delivering tailored training, principally to ADB and EA staff to equip them to design and implement results-focused projects with sound project administration frameworks
  - Developing national consulting industries
  - Project implementation
  - PPMS
  - Business opportunities
  - Presentations to various delegations visiting Manila

