

2021 INDO-PACIFIC STRATEGY FACT SHEET



“By funding projects that develop sustainable infrastructure and foster economic growth, USTDA has established itself as an essential and enduring partner to the Indo-Pacific region. Hosting the 2020 Indo-Pacific Business Forum continues our mission and reaffirms our commitment to the future of this vital part of the world and the opportunities it provides for U.S. companies.”

Todd Abrajano – USTDA Chief Operating Officer and Head of Agency

During the 2020 Indo-Pacific Business Forum, USTDA announced the finalizing of new commitments and unveiled a series of initiatives that will serve to deepen economic ties between the United States and the Indo-Pacific region. These new projects span the energy, healthcare, ICT and transportation sectors in eight countries across the region.

ENERGY

- USTDA will support Indo-Pacific natural gas infrastructure development through a series of reverse trade missions (RTMs) that will bring leaders from Bangladesh, Thailand and Vietnam to the United States to review the best practices for value-based natural gas infrastructure planning and observe the most innovative American natural gas technologies, equipment and services.
- USTDA will train current and future leaders from the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand through a pair of RTMs to the United States showcasing state-of-the-art American technologies and management best practices tailored to Thailand’s power sector.
- USTDA will also support Indonesia’s waste-to-energy goals through an RTM that will introduce its energy sector representatives to U.S. technologies and best practices for biomass and municipal solid waste processing and power generation.
- To support Vietnam’s use of American gas sector solutions, USTDA will host a workshop under its U.S.-Indo-Pacific Standards and Technology Cooperation Program to address regulations, policies and standards impacting potential export of LNG and natural gas from the U.S. Vietnam. The webinar will allow U.S. industry to showcase how its advanced solutions will contribute to Vietnam’s economic growth and energy security.

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ICT

- USTDA will promote 5G solutions for Southeast Asia through a series of RTMs to familiarize key decision makers from Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam with American technologies, wireless networks and enabling regulatory environments to accelerate 5G rollout.
- USTDA will support the security and integrity of the ASEAN region’s financial institutions and utility companies through a series of cybersecurity-focused RTMs that will familiarize their leaders with state-of-the-art U.S. ICT technologies, services and best practice for cybersecurity and digital solutions.
- USTDA is helping Malaysia’s fast-growing Iskandar region transform its urban planning and development. USTDA-funded technical assistance for the Iskandar Malaysia Urban Observatory project will help local officials collect, manage, and disseminate data to facilitate urban planning and policy making.
- USTDA-funded technical assistance for Ho Chi Minh City’s Intelligent Operations Center will help the city use advanced data analytics to transform how it manages its daily operations.
- A USTDA-funded feasibility study will support the objectives of the India National Urban Innovation Stack to develop cutting-edge smart city platforms that drive innovation, data-driven governance, and capacity building across more than 100 Indian smart cities.
- USTDA approved funding for a roadmap that would allow Vietnam’s National Power Transmission Corporation to modernize its information technology, communications, and power transmission systems and enable future smart grid technology investments. USTDA’s first roadmap with NPT led to exports of American grid modernization technologies.

HEALTHCARE

- USTDA will support a key public health initiative in Malaysia through an RTM that will support the Ministry of Health’s development of an electronic medical record systems.

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TRANSPORTATION

- USTDA's U.S.-Southeast Asia Aviation Cooperation Program will support a series of RTMs to the United States that will familiarize the region's aviation leaders with U.S. policies, technologies, and best practices to promote safety, enhance aviation and airport operations, and foster new partnerships with U.S. industry.
- USTDA will support airport security in the Indo-Pacific through an RTM that will connect the region's leading airport officials to the U.S. Transportation Security Administration. The visit will focus on TSA requirements and recommendations for designing airport security checkpoints.
- USTDA will partner with the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration to train Vietnamese airport operators and aviation representatives on the latest technical, operational and managerial tools that will enhance airport operations across Vietnam.
- In collaboration with the U.S.-India Aviation Cooperation Program, USTDA will fund an innovative executive development training program for India's next generation of aviation leaders.
- USTDA will support Bangladesh's efforts to strengthen the management and dredging of its inland waterways through an RTM that will bring public and private sector leaders to the United States to explore best practices and advanced technologies.
- USTDA is helping Bangladesh Railway meet its long-term railway modernization goals by funding a training program that will include tailored academic and field-based training with leading U.S. railway experts and suppliers of railway equipment.
- USTDA will support the modernization and expansion of Thailand's passenger and freight railway systems through an RTM to the United States that will familiarize Thai rail officials with the latest technologies, services and best practices in the rail sector.