During the 2021 Indo-Pacific Business Forum, USTDA announced new funding commitments, a call for proposals, and portfolio updates to deepen business ties between the United States and the Indo-Pacific region. These projects span the clean energy, transportation, and information and communications technology sectors in six countries across the region.

**NEW COMMITMENTS**

**Clean Energy**

- A USTDA feasibility study will help develop four utility-scale solar generation plants in collaboration with the Rural Electrification Finance Corporation in the Philippines.

**Information and Communications Technology**

- USTDA is helping Vietnam’s Ecotek Corporation transform its Ecopark Township into a cutting-edge smart and sustainable city through technical assistance that will develop a project implementation roadmap.

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

**Aviation**

- USTDA announced a call for aviation proposals to support new aviation infrastructure in Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands. Interested U.S. firms as well as Southeast Asian and Pacific Island aviation stakeholders are encouraged to submit initial proposals for feasibility studies, technical assistance and pilot projects to develop airport, airspace, airline and other aviation infrastructure to USTDA by January 10, 2022.
PORTFOLIO UPDATES

• USTDA and the U.S. India Strategic Partnership Forum launched the U.S.-India Climate Technologies Action Group (CTAG) to integrate private and public efforts that advance global action on climate. CTAG will provide India with input on the latest climate resilient technologies, share U.S. business models that accelerate clean energy sector development, and mobilize capital for climate-smart infrastructure projects in India.

• USTDA is partnering with IHS Global Inc., a subsidiary of IHS Markit, and the USIN Foundation on a series of workshops for U.S. and Indian public and private stakeholders to discuss project opportunities that reduce carbon emissions in the Indian energy sector. The series will focus on decarbonization and resilience, and covers topics such as carbon capture, utilization, and storage, improved hydrocarbon technologies, and the hydrogen value chain.

• USTDA is funding technical assistance for the Delhi-area private utility, BSES Yamuna Power Limited, to support the design and implementation of a platform for energy data integration to increase energy utility flexibility and efficiency in India.

• USTDA funded a feasibility study to help Times Group (Private) Limited, an engineering and construction company in Pakistan, develop a renewable biofuels project that will improve environmental conditions in Karachi. The project will process animal waste into fertilizer and a sustainable, renewable source of energy.

• USTDA-funded technical assistance for the Central Bank of the Solomon Islands will help modernize the country’s banking infrastructure. The assistance will develop an ICT roadmap to support the deployment of new banking applications that will strengthen the central bank’s operations.

• USTDA will promote 5G solutions for Southeast Asia through a series of reverse trade missions in 2022 and 2023 that will familiarize key decision makers from Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam with American technologies, wireless networks and enabling regulatory environments to accelerate 5G rollout.
• A USTDA-funded feasibility study for SCG International Corporation Co., Ltd. (SCG), a wholly owned subsidiary of leading Thai conglomerate SCG, will advance the company’s ambitious decarbonization strategy. Under the grant, Black & Veatch Management Consulting will provide SCG a roadmap to guide the electrification of vehicle fleets and deployment of EV charging infrastructure across Thailand.

• In November 2021, USTDA’s U.S.-Southeast Asia Aviation Cooperation Program will execute an airport management training program to share best practices with Vietnamese airport managers. Topics to be covered include airport safety during construction, unmanned aircraft systems, collaborative decision making and slot management.

• Under the U.S.-Southeast Asia Aviation Cooperation Program, USTDA is sponsoring a series of six workshops to promote aviation cooperation between the public and private sectors in the United States, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands. Topics to be covered include airspace and air traffic flow management; aviation infrastructure; airport safety and security; passenger and cargo screening; airline operations; environmental best practices; and professional development. A workshop on new technologies and maintenance for aircraft and avionics will be held December 8-9 (U.S. dates).

For more information on USTDA’s Indo-Pacific portfolio, please visit our website.