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Dynamic technological transformation and the expansion of the market place beyond national borders have never been more apparent as in recent years. International input-output tables (IOT) from harmonized and consistent national supply and use tables (SUTs) are critical in any inter-country analysis of trade and production patterns. Quite a number of International IOT databases are currently available but most have either limited Asia country-coverage or are available only for certain benchmark years.

In 2014, the Asian Development Bank approved the project on updating and constructing the SUT for selected developing economies which aimed to ultimately build an international IOT database. It will have more countries from Asia and will benefit from country consultations. As part of the implementation strategies of the project, national SUTs will be harmonized with international trade statistics and will be the basis for building time series international SUTs. The national SUTs from the 2012 Research Study of the ADB on SUT for Selected Countries in Asia and the Pacific along with data from the United Nations Commodity Trade data will be the basis of the estimates.

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