



Forum on

Inclusive Growth and Poverty Reduction in the New Asia and Pacific

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FORUM PROGRAM

DAY 1 – Monday, 8 October

8:00 – 8:30 **Registration**

8.30 – 8.45 **Opening and Welcome Remarks**

Ursula Schaefer-Preuss, Vice President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB

Session 1

08:45–09:15 **2020 – Inclusive Growth and the New Poverty Reduction Agenda in Asia and the Pacific**

Keynote Address: Growth, equity and poverty reduction in Asia and the Pacific: key challenges and implications for Multilateral Development Banks in the next decade (*Michael Walton, Harvard University and Centre for Policy Research, Delhi*)

Session 2

09:15–10:45
plenary panel
discussion

Challenges to an Inclusive Growth in the Asia and Pacific Region

Chair: *Rajat Nag, Managing Director General, ADB*

Panelists: (Panelists briefly present their view followed by a discussion with the plenum)

- Supporting inclusive growth – what are the future financial requirements in emerging middle income countries like India and how shall it be financed? *M. Govinda Rao, Director, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, and Member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, India*
- Inclusive growth for Asia's new middle income countries – what are the needs? *NN, Philippines (tbc)*
- Poverty strategy formulation (and implementation) in fragile and small economies – what is different? *Rohantha Athukorala, Director Economic Affairs, Secretariat for Coordinating the Peace Process, Government of Sri Lanka*
- Creating social equity: Lessons from Asia-Pacific
Jehan Arulpragasam, Country Sector Coordinator for the Philippines, World Bank
- Inclusive growth and pro-poor growth – what is different
Ifzal Ali, Chief Economist, ADB

10:45–11:15 Coffee/tea break

Session 3

11:15-12:15
plenum

MDG Update 2007

Chair/moderator: *Shyam Bajpai, Director General, Regional and Sustainable Development Department, ADB*

Introduction: *Omar Noman, Deputy Director, UNDP Regional Center for Asia and the Pacific, Colombo, Sri Lanka*

Presentation:

Haishan Fu, Chief, Statistics Development Section, UN-ESCAP, Bangkok
Shiladitya Chatterjee, Head, Poverty Unit, ADB

11:45-12:15

Press conference

(moderated by ADB Department of External Relations)

12:30–14:00

Lunch (in the ADB cafeteria or Executive Dining Room, own account. Panel participants of session 5A, 5B, 6, 7A, and 7B are encouraged to sit together at the Executive Dining Room (EDR, 2nd floor) at tables labeled to the respective sessions.)

Session 4

14:00-15:00

Country Gallery – Sharing Best Practices in Inclusive Growth

(Participants briefly share their experiences on poverty and equitable growth for the following countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, People's Republic of China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mongolia, Pakistan, Philippines Sri Lanka, Viet Nam. Participants from international organizations may wish to join their respective native country.)

15:00–15:30

Coffee/tea break

Session 5A

15:30-17:00
working
group panel

Inclusive Pattern of Growth

Moderator/Chair: *Ifzal Ali, Chief Economist, ADB*

Scene setting: Poverty and inclusive growth – challenges of the new Asia
Duncan Campbell, Director, Policy Integration Department, ILO, Geneva

Panelists: (Panelists briefly present their view followed by a discussion with the plenum)

- Including the private sector to address the bottom of the pyramid
Maritta Koch-Weser, Chief Executive Officer, The Global Exchange for Social Investment (GEXSI), Germany/UK
- Patterns of inclusive infrastructure investments
Hitoshi Shoji, Advisor, Development Assistance Strategy Department, Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC); and Chair of the DAC Working

Group on Infrastructure for Poverty Reduction

- Growth processes that reduce the rural-urban divide
Peter Warr, Director, School of Asia and Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Australia
- Growth and poverty reduction – Lessons from Latin America for Asia and the Pacific
Michael Walton, Harvard University and Centre for Policy Studies, Delhi
- Labor markets, remittances and inclusive growth
Duncan Campbell, Director, Policy Integration Department, ILO, Geneva

Session 5 B

15:30-17:00
working
group panel

The Political Economy of Social Exclusion

Chair/Moderator: *Jeremy Hovland, The Secretary, ADB*

Scene setting: Social Inclusion in Asia and the Pacific in 2020

Mary Racelis, Research Scientist, Institute of Philippine Culture, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines

Panelists: (Panelists briefly present their views followed by a discussion)

- Ethno-Linguistic Minorities and “Inclusive Growth”
David Feingold, Director, Ophidian Research Institute, and International Coordinator for HIV/AIDS and Trafficking People, UNESCO, Bangkok
- Gender inequality and gender-based exclusion
Jean D’Cunha, Regional Programme Director, UNIFEM, Thailand
- Creating space for local voices through community empowerment by engaging the private-sector
Anita Sims, Team Leader for Corporate Social Responsibility, Population and Community Development Association (PDA), Thailand
- Legal identity and its relevance to inclusive growth – Latin American experience and relevance for Asia
Mia Harbitz, Senior Social Development Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank
- Why inclusion is important for growth, development and peace
Mary Racelis, Research Scientist, Institute of Philippine Culture, Ateneo de Manila University, Philippines

17:15-21:30

Exposure program hosted by ADB (short bus trip, then boat ride to see the faces of growth and poverty along the Pasig river to the historical city of Intramuros, Jeepney ride, Filipino-Spanish dinner, cultural program)

DAY 2 – Tuesday, 9 October**Session 6**08:30-10.00
plenum**Poverty Reduction and Inclusion – Messages from NPRS and PRF Poverty Funds Initiatives****Chair:** *Patrick Brandt, Alternate Director for the Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden***Overview :** *Francis Watkins, Social Development Direct***Comments and country experiences:**

- Policies and strategies: Experiences from Viet Nam
Ngo Thi Minh Huong, Co-Founder, Board of Advisor, Center for Development and Integration, Vietnam
- Regional integration and poverty
K.A.S. Murshid, Research Director, Bangladesh Institute for Development Studies, Bangladesh
- Pro-poor infrastructure: A Case from the People's Republic of China
Wu Guobao, Professor, Director, Division of Poverty and Development Finance, Rural Development Institute, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, People's Republic of China
- Targeting, Inclusion and Equity: Using Culturally Appropriate Communication to Reduce Risks of HIV/AIDS, Human Trafficking and Non-Traditional-Drug Abuse Among Ethnic minorities in the Greater Mekong Subregio
David Feingold, Director, Ophidian Research Institute, UNESCO, Bangkok
- Poverty and natural resource management
Neou Bonheur, Deputy Director, Department for Natural Conservation and Protection, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia

10:00–10:30 Coffee/tea break

Session 7 A10:30–12:00
working
group panel**Bridging the Geographical Divides – Global, Regional, and Local****Chair/Moderator:** *Philip Erquiaga, Director General, Pacific Department, ADB***Scene setting:** Rural, urban and cross-border poverty in the new Asia
*Peter Warr, Director, School of Asia and Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Australia***Panelists:** (Panelists briefly present their views followed by a discussion with the plenum)

- Does growth help the urban poor in Asia?
Auster Panadero, Undersecretary, Department of Interior and Local Government, Philippines
- Managing regional disparities through urban to rural public transfers
Ou Qingping, Deputy Director, Leading Group on Poverty, People's Republic

of China

- Can regional cooperation and integration be a tool for inclusive growth? Examples from Mekong and South Asia *K.A.S. Murshid, Research Director, Bangladesh Institute for Development Studies, Bangladesh*
- Challenges for growth and poverty reduction in fragile states *Ben Graham, Consultant, Economic Policy, Planning and Statistics Office, Marshall Islands*
- The role of agriculture, migration and the environment in rural poverty reduction *Peter Warr, Director, School of Asia and Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Australia*

Session 7 B

10:30 - 12:00
working
group panel

Inclusive Social Services and Non-Income MDGs

Moderator/Chair: *Juan Miranda, Director General, Central and West Asia Department, ADB*

Scene setting: Emerging issues in social services delivery in Asia
Mai Lu, Secretary General, China Development Research Foundation

Panelists: (Panelists briefly present their view followed by a discussion with the plenum)

- Growth and public finance for the MDGs in growing economies
M. Govinda Rao, Director, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, and Member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, India
- How can Asia progress in health financing and insurance?
Tserendorj Natsagdorj, Senior Advisor, Parliament, Mongolia
- Are budget support and cash transfers effective means of social protection?
Bambang Widianto, Expert Staff to the Minister of National Development Planning for Human Resource and Poverty Affairs, Indonesia
- Is decentralization helping making social services work for the poor?
Farukh Basir Moriani, Office of the Federal Ombudsman, Pakistan
- Education challenges in middle income countries
Mai Lu, Secretary General, China Development Research Foundation

12:00– 13:30 **Lunch** (in the ADB cafeteria or Executive Dining Room, own account)

Session 8

13:30–15:00
plenary panel
discussion

The Role of Development Institutions to Support Inclusive Growth and Poverty Reduction in the New Asia and the Pacific

Chair: *Kazu Sakai, Director General, Strategy and Policy Department, ADB*

Panelists: (Panelists briefly present their views followed by a discussion).

- Emerging middle income country: *Romulo Neri, Cabinet Secretary and Chairman Commission on Higher Education, Philippines*
- Small economy: *Rohantha Athukorala, Director Economic Affairs, Secretariat for Coordinating the Peace Process, Government of Sri Lanka*

- Bilateral donor: *Lucia Hanmer, Senior Economic Advisor, South Asia Strategy and Operations Division, DFID, London-UK*
- World Bank: *Jehan Arulpragasam, Country Sector Coordinator for the Philippines*
- UN: *Hiren Sarkar, Chief, Development Policy Section, Poverty and Development Division, UNESCAP*

15:00–15:30 Coffee/tea break

Session 9

15:30–17:00

Plenary

panel

discussion

Moving Forward with Inclusive Growth – Remaining Tough Questions

- What poverty line to consider – \$1 or \$2?
- Focus on social services in the MICs and Growth in the Fragile States?
- Will environmental poverty replace the importance of income poverty and the MDGs?
- Urban and rural, national and regional development - how to prioritize?
- Address inequality through targeting (poverty focused design, geographical targeting, and poverty impact of general interventions)
- Effective partnership: Are large loans better than small grants? Do the MICs need specific financing tools to address poverty reduction and inclusive development?
- Can ADB address social exclusion?

Chair/moderator: *Shyam Bajpai, Director General, Regional and Sustainable Development Department, ADB*

Summary: Inclusive Growth - What is the most relevant strategy for poverty reduction in the new Asia?

Michael Walton, Harvard University and Centre for Policy Studies, Delhi

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- *Peter Warr, Director, School of Asia and Pacific Studies, Australian National University, Australia*
- *Mary Racelis, Ateneo University, Philippines*
- *Michael Walton, Harvard University and Centre for Policy Studies, Delhi*
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Closing Remarks

Ursula Schaefer-Preuss, Vice President for Knowledge Management and Regional Cooperation, ADB