



3rd China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction 4th ASEAN+3 High-Level Seminar on Poverty Reduction

an Asia-wide Regional Conference and Special Seminar on

THE IMPACT OF THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC SLOWDOWN ON POVERTY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

28-30 September 2009 in Hanoi, Viet Nam

Asia is currently affected by the world's most serious recession since the 1930s. It is different from the Asian Financial Crisis in 1998 in several respects as this global recession affects not only the very poor (i.e. those living under the \$1.25 poverty line) but also the near-poor and those vulnerable to poverty. Impact channels are going through labor markets, migration and remittances, social budgets, social protection, gender, health, education and training, among others.

Unlike in during the Asian Financial crisis, response packages in the region are - however - less focused on social impact. The conference will result in key recommendations for the ASEAN+ Summit on the social dimension of the current crisis.

The high-level conference will cover mainly the impact on East and Southeast Asia. It will discuss however also implications for South and Central Asia and the Pacific regions. Colleagues from bilateral, regional, and international development assistance institutions will also participate.

The conference will also discuss, - in a special seminar, - the implications of the global recession on the environments of the poor through climate change adaptation.

We are expecting about 150-180 participants, many high-level (director general, vice ministers, and ministers). High level representatives from donor and international organizations will include - among others, the ADB President and Vice President, the ASEAN Secretary General, the DFID Regional Director General for Asia, the ILO Regional Director General for East Asia, the NDP Assistant Secretary General for Asia and Pacific, and the World Bank Chief Economist for Asia and Pacific.

The ASEAN Secretariat, the Asian Development Bank, the Government of Vietnam, and the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development of the People's Republic of China are jointly sponsoring the event. Other event partners are listed through their logos below:

For more information on the conference agenda, knowledge papers, participants, invitation and administrative arrangements, please visit the conference website under

<http://adb.org/Documents/Events/2009/Poverty-Social-Development/default.asp>

