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**3<sup>rd</sup> China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction  
4<sup>th</sup> ASEAN+3 High-Level Seminar on Poverty Reduction**

Asia-wide Regional High-level Meeting on

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

**Conference Program**

28-30 September 2009 in Hanoi, Viet Nam

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

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



## **Why discussing the social impacts of the crisis when developing Asia is bouncing back?**

The Asia and Pacific region has been subjected to severe global and regional economic slowdown in the past, most notably during the 1997/98 Asian Financial Crisis and the fuel and food price spikes in 2008. The current global economic crisis is different from the Asian Financial Crisis: it is global in nature, Asia may not export its way out of this crisis as in 1997, and government response is mainly fiscal in nature. The region has to find a new path out of this crisis.

In the current crisis global economic forces which have been transmitted from the Western industrialized countries have substantially reduced growth rates in Asia, dampened trade and investment flow. The crisis has already spill over effects to other sectors including the rural economies. It resulted in increased unemployment and underemployment and in rising poverty and vulnerability. It is estimated that 60 million people will remain mired in poverty in the Asia and Pacific region. These women, men and children would have been lifted above the \$1.25 extreme poverty line in the absence of the economic crisis in 2009,

Governments in the region have learned from past crises. But the scale of the current crisis is a daunting challenge for almost all countries. It affects mainly the urban educated youth, those around the \$2 poverty line. Women in export industries who gained a lot from the globalization of the last decade, are now the first loosing their jobs. Rather than directly impacting on the very poor in rural Asia, the crisis makes particularly the low income groups in the cities vulnerable to poverty.

Asia's growth is slowly recovering, albeit on a much lower scale than before the crisis. This is further supported by the stimulus packages many governments in the region have launched. These massive public investment programs provide in the short run more fiscal space for infrastructure and industry promotion, as well as large tax cuts, However they much less is allocated for social protection and social services.

The region is making major reforms in the economic and finance sectors to rebalance its growth strategies. However, there are questions whether enough countries properly use the opportunities of this crisis to (a) reform towards a more job generating growth path that includes addressing the related education challenges, and (b) build up more sustainable health financing and social protection systems that can face the challenges of the future.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB), in collaboration with the Government of the People's Republic of China, the Government of Viet Nam, the ASEAN Secretariat and major development partners (i.e. ADBI, BMZ/GTZ/KfW, DFID, ILO, IPRCC, JICA, UNDP, WHO, and the World Bank) are organizing a high-level Asia-wide regional conference on *the Impact of the Global Economic Slowdown on Poverty and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific*. The conference also serves as the *3rd China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction* and the *4th ASEAN+3 High-Level Seminar on Poverty Reduction*. Furthermore, the conference will feature a special seminar on the *impact of the crisis on the environments of the poor*. Nearly 300 representatives from governments, civil society, academia and multilateral and bilateral development agencies will discuss and share country experiences, strategies and responses.

In the context of a globalized world economy in which Asia considers rebalancing towards national and regional growth, this conference, the largest such event in Asia, shall influence policy makers to use the crisis as an opportunity for making urgently needed reforms in the social and labor market systems. Without them, growth and development in the region will not become truly inclusive.

## **The Environments of the Poor in the Context of the Crisis**

The financial crisis poses significant risks for environments of the poor. Massive unemployment has forced millions of urban dwellers into poverty. Many move into overcrowded slums further degrading the environment and putting added pressure on weak urban infrastructure. At the same time – though over a much longer tenor – climate change is making most environments of the poor – both in rural and rural areas - less habitable. Pressure on natural resources especially in the rural areas, accelerated through climate change, reduces the quality of the environment in which the poor and low income groups live and are depended on the most. Sea level rise, extreme events, and shifting rainfall patterns are exacerbating the incidence and severity of their health and welfare in nearly every developing country.

In times of financial crisis, governments change priorities to stimulate growth demand through large-scale infrastructure developments. Spending on a pro-environment agenda tends to take lower priority, and ensuring environmental sustainability of remaining government priorities can take a back seat in such growth oriented fiscal stimulus agenda. Within this context the poor are most affected as they live in the most degraded urban and rural environments, and are most vulnerable to natural disasters and the effects of climate change.

The "Green Growth" strategy approaches the financial crisis as an opportunity for fiscal stimulus recovery packages with a double objective: (a) to stimulate the switch to a low carbon economy in light of increasing global concerns over the effects of climate change, and (b) to create new economic and social opportunities for the poor through labor intensive programs that improve the environments in which the rural and urban poor live.

Whilst much of the green growth discussion to date has been focused on mitigating CO<sub>2</sub> emissions through investments in the energy and transport sectors, there are significant poverty and environmental/CO<sub>2</sub> reduction co-benefits to be gained from investing in other areas, such as management of natural resources, ecosystems, and social welfare. Such opportunities to bring environmental and poverty reduction concerns closer are often easier to achieve in the climate change adaptation area than in the mitigation field.

The broad range of views and experiences presented in this seminar will give participants a broad understanding of current knowledge and potential options on how to widen fiscal stimulus packages to improve environments of the poor through green growth strategies. In addition to measures for which there is already strong support, speakers will propose additional measures which should be considered in the overall stimulus package.

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an Asia-wide Regional Conference, High-Level Meeting, and Special Seminar on

**The Impact of the Global Economic Slowdown on Poverty and Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific**

(28-30 Sept 2009, Ha Noi, Viet Nam)

	Sunday 27 Sept	Monday 28 Sept	Tuesday 29 Sept	Wednesday 30 Sept	Thursday 1 Oct 09
8:00		Registration (in front of Ballroom 1+2) the conference secretariat is in Function Room 7	08:00-09:30: gender impact (room: Thang Long)	Impact on poverty and vulnerability, and implications for poverty statistics (room: Thang Long)	08:00-10:30: Annual Meeting of the PADI Network (separate meeting; room 7)
9:00		09:00-10:15 opening ceremony (Ballroom 1+2)	08:30-11:30: special discussions for writers and commenters of ADBI financed papers on the social impact of the crisis (room 4)	08:00-10:00: Implications for ASEAN+ poverty statistics (ASEAN+ countries only)	08:30-10:00: informal discussion with donors on preparing the forthcoming ADB conference on social protection in January 2010 (room 6)
10:00	10:15-11:45: MDG monitoring (all participants)				
11:00		10:45-12:15: roundtable discussion: economic and social impact channels: labor markets, social protection, and social sectors (room: Thang Long)	WG 3A: consequences for public expenditures and fiscal space for more inclusive social policy (room 3)	11:45-12:45: integrating working group discussions (Room: Thang Long)	11:00-12:30: Network TA regional hub meeting (separate meeting) (room 7)
12:00		lunch (Ballroom)	WG 3B: impact of the crisis on the non-income MDGs (3): health and health finance (room 6)	addressing vulnerability and poverty reduction	
13:00		country experiences	WG 3C: Labor markets and value chains (room 7)	addressing the environments of the poor	12:30-14:00: lunch for PADI and Poverty Network participants
14:00	arrival of participants	WG 1A: country experiences (1) - export related employment (room 7)	WG 4A: impact of the crisis on the non-income MDGs (1): education and labor markets (room 6)	14:00-15:00: policy implications (Thang Long)	departure of other participants
15:00		WG 1B: country experiences (2) - inclusive growth impact in emerging middle income countries (room 3)	WG 4B: rural to urban migration (room 7)	15:00-15:30: Concluding remarks and closing (Thang Long)	
16:00		WG 1C: country experiences (3) - international migration and remittances (room 6)	Special seminar: Impact of the the Global Recession and Climate Change on the Environments of the Poor (room 3)	16:00-17:00 Press conference (Thang Long)	
17:00		WG 1D: country experiences (4) - commodity exporters and smaller countries (room 4)			
18:00		WG 2A: country experiences I (part 2) - Southeast Asia and the Pacific (room 7)	WG 5A: impact of the crisis on the non-income MDGs (2): municipal services, decentralization and new opportunities for public-private partnerships (room 6)		
20:00		WG 2B: country experiences II (part 2) - East Asia (room 6)	WG 5B: impact of the crisis on the non-income MDGs (4): social protection for the poor and the vulnerable (room 7)		
		WG 2C: country experiences III (Part 2) - South Asia (room 3)			
		WG 2D: country experiences IV (part 2) - Central Asia (room 4)			
		19:00-21:00 reception (gala) dinner and cultural show (Ballroom)			

## Sunday, 27 September 2009,

Arrival of the participants in the conference hotel (*Melia*)

### Monday 28 September 2009

08:00-09:00: **Registration** (in front of Ballroom 1+2)  
the conference secretariat is in function room 8)

09:00-10:00: **Opening ceremony** (Ballroom 1+2)

Welcome Remarks (H.E. Bui Ba Bong, Vice Minister, Ministry for Agriculture and Rural Development, Government of Vietnam)

ZHENG Wenkai (Deputy Director, the State Council Leading Group Office of Poverty Alleviation and Development, Government of the People's Republic of China)

Misran Bin KARMAIN (Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN for the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community)

Haruhiko KURODA (President, Asian Development Bank)

H.E. NGUYEN Sinh Hung (Standing Deputy Prime Minister of Viet Nam):  
Opening Speech

**10:00-10:30: Coffee/Tea Break**

**10:30-12:15: Roundtable discussion: The economic and social impact channels of the current crisis** (room: Thang Long, level 7)

Moderator: Ursula SCHAEFER-PREUSS, Vice President, ADB

Linking real economy and social policy for inclusive growth in East Asia (Vikram NEHRU, Chief Economist, East Asia-Pacific Region, the World Bank)

Labor market implications of the crisis (Sachiko YAMAMOTO, ILO Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific)

The Impact of the financial and food price crisis on Asia and the Pacific: - summary of recent UNDP work (Nicholas ROSELLINI, Deputy Assistant Administrator, and Deputy Director General, Asia and the Pacific Region, UNDP)

Social implications of the crisis and the role of social policy and social protection responses (Bella BIRD, Head of the Governance and Social Development Group, Policy and Research Division, DFID)<sup>1</sup>

Background papers commissioned for the Conference will also be available:

- The social impact of the economic crisis on the poor and vulnerable in Asia and the Pacific <sup>a)</sup>
- ADB (Aug 2009): ADB Response to the Global Economic Crisis. An Update. <http://www.adb.org/Documents/Policies/Global-Economic-Crisis/in221-09.pdf>

<sup>1</sup> Could unfortunately not participate due to last minutes changes in her travel schedule

- ADB (Sept 2009): Asian Development Outlook  
<http://www.adb.org/Documents/Books/ADO/2009/update/default.asp>

**12:15-14:00: Lunch (all conference participants are cordially invited; Ballroom 1+2)**

**14:00-15:30: Country experiences – Part 1 (impact channels)**

Working group 1A (function room 7): **Impacts on export related employment**  
 Chair: Kazu SAKAI, Director General, Strategy and Policy Department, Asian Development Bank

Overview presentations:

- Trade and tourism impact of the crisis on poverty and vulnerability in Thailand (Somchai JITSUCHON, Thailand Development Research Institute <sup>a)</sup>)
- Implications of the global recession on poverty and social development in the People's Republic of China (TANG Min, China Development Research Foundation, Beijing <sup>a)</sup>)
- The importance of remittances and trade for social development in Uzbekistan (Jhanna FATTAKOVA, Center of Economic Research, Uzbekistan <sup>a)</sup>)
- The social impact of the global recession on Cambodia and how the crisis impact on poverty in the country (TONG Kimsun, Cambodia Development Research Institute <sup>a)</sup>)
- Export oriented economy and yet not affected by the crisis – The interesting case of Bangladesh (Nazneen AHMED, Bangladesh Institute for Development Studies)<sup>a)</sup>)

Working group 1B (function room 3): **Impacts on large emerging middle and high-income countries**

Chair: Vikram NEHRU, Chief Economist, East Asia Region, World Bank

Overview presentations:

- Impact channels in the People's Republic of China (ZHANG Lei, Director General, Department of International Cooperation and Social Mobilization, LGOP, PRC)
- Impact channels in India (NN, Government of India)
- Impact channels in Malaysia (Mohammed IDRIS, Deputy Director, Economic Planning Unit, Office of the President, Government of Malaysia)
- Impact channels in Singapore (SEAH Yang Hee, Senior Assistant Director, ComCare and Social Support Division, Ministry of Community Development, Youth and Sports, Government of Singapore)

- Impact channels in Thailand (CHEECHAROEN Chinchai, Deputy Director, Office of the National Commission on Social Welfare Promotion, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security, Government of Thailand)
- Impact channels in the Republic of Korea (NN, Government of the Republic of Korea)

Working group 1C (function room 6): **Impacts on countries with large international migration and remittances streams**

Chair: Gunawan SUMODININGRAT, Coordinating Ministry for People's Welfare, Government of Indonesia

Overview presentations:

- Global financial crisis and its impact on remittances (Daniel MIONT, / Ahmad AHSAN, Lead Economist, East Asia and Pacific Region, World Bank)
- Effects of Premature Return Migration on Individual and Family Well-Being - Evidence from Thailand and the Philippines (Thetis MANGAHAS, ILO)<sup>e)</sup>
- Remittances decline due to the crisis, and impact on poverty in the Philippines (Margarita SONGCO, Deputy Director General for National Development, government of the Philippines)
- Why remittances in Nepal help particularly the poor – and why the crisis challenges poverty reduction (Jan SHARMA, Institute for Integrated Development Studies (IIDS), Nepal)<sup>a)</sup>
- Impact of the global recession on return-migration, and implications for poverty reduction and development in Nepal, Philippines, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan (Andrea RIESTER, GTZ)<sup>d)</sup>
- Remittances in Central Asia and South Caucasus--Implications of the Crisis for Poverty (Bahodur GANIEV, ADB)<sup>a)</sup>
- Impact of the crisis on remittances and migration in Viet Nam (Daniel MIONT, Senior Economist, Viet Nam office, World Bank)

Working group 1D (function room 4): **Impacts on commodity exporting countries**

Chair: Halima BEGUM, First Secretary, DFID-China

Overview presentations:

- Reforming social protection systems when commodity prices crisis hit: the experience of Mongolia (Wendy WALKER (ADB) / David HALL (consultant)<sup>a)</sup>
- Social impact of commodity price volatility in Papua New Guinea (Dominique MELLOR (ADB) / Patrick HETTINGER (consultant), and NN, Central Bank of Papua New Guinea)<sup>a)</sup>
- The impact of the crisis on tourism and the poor in Sri Lanka (Karin FERNANDO, Center for Poverty Analysis, Colombo;<sup>a)</sup>
- Impact channels for economic and social policy in Brunei Darussalam (Noridah HAMID, Deputy Director, Department of Economic Planning and Development/ Datin Sheireen MUSTAPHA, Director, Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports, Government of Brunei Darussalam)

**15:30-15:50: Coffee/tea Break****15:50-17:15: Country experiences – Part 2 (country presentations)**

Working group 2A (function room 7): **Impacts on Southeast Asia**

Chair: BUI Ba Bang, Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Government of Viet Nam

Overview presentations:

- Impact channels in Viet Nam (NN, Ministry of Labor, Invalid People and Social Affairs (MOLISA), Government of Viet Nam)
- Impact channels in Indonesia (Endah MURNININGTYAS, Director, Poverty Reduction Division, Ministry of Planning for Poverty, Labor and Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of Indonesia)
- Impact channels in Cambodia (SEILAVA Ros, Dy Secretary, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Government of Cambodia)
- Impact channels in Lao PDR (Sisouphanthong BOUNTHAVY, Vice Minister, Ministry of Planning and Investment, Government of Lao PDR)
- Impact channels in Myanmar (Myo MYNT, Director General, Department of Development Affairs, Ministry of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, Government of Myanmar)
- Addressing crisis impact on the poor in the Philippines through the conditional cash transfer program and other measures (Luwalhati PABLO, Undersecretary, Department of Social Welfare and Development, Government of the Philippines)

Working group 2B (function room 6): **Impacts on the Pacific**

Chair: Julie DELFORCE, Director, Economics and Growth Section, AusAID

Overview presentations:

- The social impact of the crisis in the Pacific (Julie DELFORCE, Director, Economics and Growth Section, AusAID)
- Impact channels in Papua New Guinea (Manu MOMO, First Assistant Secretary, Economic Policy Division, Department of Treasury, Government of Papua New Guinea)
- Impact channels in Timor L'Este (Antonio FREITAS, Director General, Policy Analysis and Research Department, Ministry of Finance, Government of Timor L'Este, tbc.)<sup>2</sup>
- Impact channels in Solomon Islands (Robert Thomsen, government of Solomon Islands, tbc)<sup>3</sup>
- The social impact of the crisis in the Pacific (Dominic MELLOR, ADB)

<sup>2</sup> Could unfortunately not participate due to last minutes' visa problems.

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Working group 2C (function room 3): **Impacts on Central Asia and Mongolia**  
 Chair: Xianbin YAO, Director General, Regional Sustainable Development Department, Asian Development Bank

Overview presentations:

- Impact of oil rent reduction on social policy in Kazakhstan Impact channels in Kazakhstan (Sholpan BAIOMANGAMBETOVA, Expert, Policy and Interbudgetary Relations Department, Ministry of Economy and Budget Planning, Government of Kazakhstan)
- Impact channels in Tajikistan (Muhibali SAFAROV, Senior Adviser for Economic Affairs, Office of the President, Government of Tajikistan)
- Impact channels in the Kyrgyz Republic (Elmira SUIUMBAEVA, Director, Social Policy Department, Ministry of Finance, Government of the Kyrgyz Republic)
- Impact channels in Mongolia (GALSANDORJ Bhatkurel, Deputy Director of the National Development and Innovation Committee, Government of Mongolia)
- Impact channels in Uzbekistan Tursun M. AKHMEDOV, Institute of Social Research, Cabinet of Ministers, Government of Uzbekistan)

Working group 2D (function room 4): **Impacts on South Asia**  
 Chair: Ashraf HAYAT, Secretary, Ministry of Planning and Development, Government of Pakistan

Overview presentations:

- Social Impacts of Global Economic Slowdown: Impact channels in Bangladesh (Mohammed G. SARWAR, Joint Chief, Ministry of Finance, Government of Bangladesh)
- Social Impacts of Global Economic Slowdown Impact channels in India (NN, Government of India)
- Social Impacts of Global Economic Slowdown: Impact channels in Pakistan
  - Impact channels in Pakistan (NN, Government of Pakistan)
  - The social impact of the global recession on Pakistan (Idrees KHAWAJA / Usman QUADIR, Research Economist, Pakistan Institute for Development Economics)<sup>a)</sup>
- Impact channels in Nepal (Keshav Prasad ACHARYA, Senior Economic Adviser, Ministry of Finance, Government of Nepal)
- Impact channels in Sri Lanka (A.K. SENEVIRATNME, Director, Department of National Budget, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Government of Sri Lanka)

**18:30-21:30: Reception dinner (hosted by the Government of Viet Nam)**

(all conference participants are cordially invited; Ballroom 1+2)

Welcome Address and dinner Speech: Impact of the Crisis on Rural Poverty in Viet Nam (BUI Ba Bang, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Government of Viet Nam)

Cultural show

**Tuesday 29 September 2009****08:00-09:30 Gender implications of the global recession on Asia** (room: Thang Long)

Chair: H.E. KHANTA Pavi, Minister for Women Affairs, Cambodia

Moderator: Shireen Lateef, Director, Social Development Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB

Overview presentations:

- Women, works and social protection in Asia's export industries and informal sectors – Findings on crisis related gender implications in 9 Asian countries (Samantha HUNG, ADB) <sup>a,d,e)</sup>
- At the bottom of value chains: Can women and the informal sector be the cushion of the global recession? Evidence from Field Studies in 4 Asian Countries. (Zoe HORN, WIEGO) <sup>a)</sup>
- Coping with the gender and labor market impact of the crisis in the main growth sector - an analysis of policies and strategies from the garment sector in Cambodia (Kang CHANDRARAROT, Cambodia Institute of Development Studies / Sukti DASGUPTA, ILO) <sup>e)</sup>
- Gender Impact of the Global Recession in the Mekong Region (Shireen LATEEF, ADB) <sup>a)</sup>

Background papers commissioned for the Conference will also be available:

- Gender and value chain labor markets in the People's Republic of China's furniture, electronics and toy making sectors <sup>a)</sup>
- Gender and value chain labor markets in the Indonesian tourism sector <sup>d)</sup>
- Gender and value chain labor markets in the Indonesian furniture making sector <sup>d)</sup>
- Gender and value chain labor markets in the Malaysian automobile accessories sector <sup>a)</sup>
- Gender and value chain labor markets in the Philippines communication services sector <sup>a)</sup>
- Gender and value chain labor markets in the Philippines electronic sector <sup>a)</sup>
- Gender and value chain labor markets in the Thailand automobile accessories sector <sup>e)</sup>
- Gender and value chain labor markets in the Viet Nam leather, shoe and food processing sectors <sup>d)</sup>

- Impact of the crisis on home-based women workers in India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Thailand, and Viet Nam <sup>a)</sup>
- Gender Impact of the Global Recession in the Mekong Region <sup>a)</sup>

**09:30-09:50: Coffee/tea Break**

**09:50-11:45: Thematic Working Groups I**

Working group 3A (function room 3): **Public social expenditure implications of rescue packages**

Chair/moderator: Andrew MASON, Principal Economist, East Asia Department, World Bank<sup>4</sup>

Overview presentations:

- Fiscal space for social protection after the crisis (Armin BAUER / David BLOOM, Harvard University) <sup>a,b)</sup>
- Financing poverty reduction and social protection in Viet Nam – Opportunities for reform in the context of the crisis. (Paulette CASTEL) <sup>c)</sup>
- Addressing Unemployment and Poverty through Infrastructure Development as a Crisis Response Strategy (Chris DONNGES, ILO) <sup>d)</sup>
- Financing Health Security in Thailand – Can the UC scheme, introduced in the aftermath of the 1997 Asian Financial Crisis be sustained in the current global economic crisis? (Reisukle IWANA, Mitsubishi UFJ Consulting Corporation) <sup>f)</sup>

Background papers commissioned for the Conference will also be available:

- How Is the Global Recession Impacting on Poverty and Social Spending? An ex ante assessment methodology with applications to developing Asia (WAN, Guanghua, Senior Poverty Reduction Specialist, ADB) <sup>a)</sup>

Working group 3B (function room 6): **Health systems, health finance, and social health protection**

Chair/moderator: Henk BEKEDAM, Director, Health Sector Development, East Asia and Pacific Office, WHO

Overview presentations:

- The impact of the crisis on health and health finance in Asia (KWON Soonman, University of Seoul) <sup>a,h)</sup>
- The impact of the crisis on mother and child health; Evidences from Sri Lanka and other Asian countries (Azra Abdul CADER, Center for Poverty Analysis, Sri Lanka) <sup>b)</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Representing Victoria Kwakwa, the World Bank Country Director for Viet Nam

- The Impact of the Global Recession on the Poor and Vulnerable in the Philippines Health Insurance System (Helga PIECHULEK, GTZ Philippines) <sup>d)</sup>
- From MDG outcome monitoring to system monitoring: Opportunity of the crisis to establish a regional health system observatory (Henk BEKEDAM, WHO) <sup>a, h)</sup>
- How does the global recession drive rebalancing health finance and health outcomes. Poverty impact of out of pocket expenditures on maternal, newborn, and child health (Ian ANDERSON, Advisor to ADB) <sup>a)</sup>
- AIDS in Asia, Sustaining Action in the Economic Crisis (Ross McLEOD) <sup>a)</sup>

Background papers commissioned for the Conference will also be available:

- Health impact of the crisis in Bangladesh <sup>h)</sup>
- Health impact of the crisis in the People's Republic of China <sup>h)</sup>
- Health impact of the crisis in Malaysia <sup>h)</sup>
- Health impact of the crisis in Nepal <sup>h)</sup>
- Health impact of the crisis in Viet Nam <sup>h)</sup>

Working group 3C (function room 7): **Labor markets and value chains**

Chair/moderator: Gyorgy SZIRACZKI, Senior Economist, ILO Bangkok

Overview presentations:

- How the global economic slowdown manifests jobless growth and employment driven growth in Asia: A comparative study of Indonesia with Bangladesh, India, PRC, and Viet Nam. (Chatib BASRI / Gustav PAPANEK, senior advisors to the Government of Indonesia) <sup>a)</sup>
- Do SMEs generate sufficient productive employment for Asia's poor? Some findings and issues in the context of the global economic crisis. (Rana HASAN, ADB) <sup>a)</sup>
- Labor market implications of value chains in Asia (Rosey HURST, consultant); <sup>a,d,e)</sup>
- Labor market and gender impacts of the slowdown on value chains in Indonesia and Vietnam (Eva WEIDNITZER, GTZ) <sup>d)</sup>
- How the global recession matters for the vulnerable poor – evidence from Malaysia – a middle income country (Rogayat Mat ZIN, IKMAS, Malaysia) <sup>a)</sup>

Background papers commissioned for the Conference will also be available:

- The labor markets and gender impact of the global economic slowdown on the furniture value chain in Indonesia <sup>d)</sup>
- The labor markets and gender impact of the global economic slowdown on the leather & footwear sector in Vietnam <sup>d)</sup>

**11:45-13:30: Lunch** (all conference participants are cordially invited; Ballroom 1+2)

**Luncheon talk: How are women and children affected by the crisis?**

- The long-standing public health problems for mothers, newborns and children that are now being exacerbated by the crisis (Basil RODRIQUES, UNICEF)
- The economic and financial justification for increased and better allocated public expenditure for mother and child health (Ian ANDERSON, ADB; for *Maternal and Newborn Child Health Network in Asia and the Pacific*)

**13:30-15:00: Thematic Working Groups II**

Working group 4A (function room 6): **Education and labor markets**

Chair/moderator: Ayumi KONISHI, ADB country Director for Viet Nam

Overview presentations:

- Implications of the global recession on quality, equity and financing of education in Asia and the Pacific (Jouko SARVI, ADB)<sup>a)</sup>
- Lessons learned from the role of vocational training and skills development in transitional economies – implications for Asian countries rebalancing growth in the context of the current crisis (Anastasia FETSI and Michaela PRIYA; paper sponsored by European Training Foundation [ETF])
- The Global Recession and the Capacity of Colleges and Universities to Serve Vulnerable Populations in Asia (Gerard A. POSTIGLIONE, University of Hong Kong)<sup>b)</sup>
- How education impacts job opportunities of migrant workers. Evidence from Indonesia (Takahiro MORITA, JICA)<sup>f)</sup>

Working group 4B (function room 7): **Internal migration and its impact on poverty reduction and inclusive growth**

Chair/moderator: Armin BAUER, Senior Economist, Asian Development Bank

Overview presentations:

- Impact of the crisis in rural Vietnam (DANG, Kim Son, director, , Institute of Policy and Strategy in Agriculture and Rural Development of the Ministry (IPSARD) Viet Nam Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, tbc)<sup>g)</sup>
- Poverty impact of the global recession on the urban and rural migrants in PRC (ZHANG Xiulang)<sup>a)</sup>
- Urban-rural transmission mechanisms in Indonesia the context of the crisis (Megumi MUTU, JICA)<sup>f)</sup>
- India under Global Economic Meltdown: An Analysis in the Context of Growing Disparity and Formal-Informal Dualism (Amitab KUNDU, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, Jawaharlal Nehru University New Delhi)<sup>a)</sup>
- Internal migration in Viet Nam – will the crisis further enforce the trend? (DANG Nguyen Anh, Vietnam Association of Social Sciences)<sup>a)</sup>

**15:00-15:20: Coffee/tea Break**

**15:20-17:00: Thematic Working Groups III**

Working group 5A (function room 6): **Municipal services, decentralization, and new opportunities for public-private partnerships**

Chair/moderator: Masayuki KARASAWA, Deputy Director General, Strategy Department, JICA

Overview presentations:

- Cities in the financial crisis: an overview (Stefanie DUENAS, GTZ, and Mike LINDFIELD, ADB) <sup>a,d)</sup>
- Opportunities of the crisis for the urban poor – evidences from Vietnam (TRINH Duy Luan, Viet Nam Academy of Social Sciences) <sup>a)</sup>
- Local governance perspective: constraints and opportunities for service delivery in the context of the global recession (NN, Mayor of \_\_\_\_; and \_\_\_\_ Citinet)
- Promoting inclusive business: Seeking opportunity in crisis (Tom DERKSEN, Country Director Viet Nam, and Ximena Mora LOPEZ, paper sponsored by the Netherlands' Development Organization, SNV)
- How the private sector addresses the crisis – examples from Asia (Nieves CONFESOR, paper by AIM sponsored by the ASEAN Foundation)

Working group 5B (function room 7): **Social protection for the poor and vulnerable**

Chair: Ralph Matthias MOHS, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Moderator: Naila KABEER, DFID

Overview presentations:

- Transfer programs to address the crisis (Philipp O'KEEFE, Lead Social Protection Economist, East Asia Department, World Bank)
- Financial crisis and social protection reform -- brake or motor? An analysis of reform dynamics in Viet Nam and Indonesia (Matthias ROMPEL, GTZ) <sup>d)</sup>
- Labor Market Insurance for the low income formal sector: New opportunities for Asia and evidences from the Republic of Korea (Wolfgang SCHOLZ, ILO / Sung Teak KIM, Korea Labor Institute) <sup>b,e)</sup>
- Does the Crisis Provide New Opportunities for Better Social Protection for the Elderly?: Evidences from Asian Countries (Mukul G ASHER, Professor of Public Policy, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore) <sup>b)</sup>
- Gender and social protection in Asia – What does the crisis change (Nicola JONES (ODI) <sup>c)</sup>

Background papers commissioned for the Conference will also be available:

- Effectiveness of conditional cash transfers in the context of the crisis – the poor-vulnerable paradox (Sri HANDAYANI / Myo THANT, ADB) <sup>a)</sup>

**13:30-17:00: Special Seminar on the Environments of the Poor** (function room 3)  
 Chair/moderator: Nicholas ROSELLINI, Deputy Administrator for Asia and Pacific, UNDP

*This seminar will provide insights on how two phenomena – the financial crisis and climate change – are affecting the poor. Links between the two will be explored and insights on interventions that could benefit the poor both in short term (e.g. to withstand economic crises) and long-term (e.g. to strengthen climate resilience) will be explored.*

13:30-15:00: Overview presentations:

- The economics of adaptation, and implications for poverty reduction and addressing vulnerability (Jay ROOP (ADB) / Benoit LAPLANTE, consultant) <sup>a)</sup>
- How climate change affects human development: Opening up the discussions for the 2010 Human Development Report (Paul STEELE, UNDP, tbc) <sup>g)</sup>
- The impact of the 2009 financial crisis on the environment - an overview (Babar N. KHAN (WWF); paper sponsored by World Wildlife Fund)
- Impact of global recession on sustainable development and poverty linkages (V. ANBUMOZHI (ADB) / Armin BAUER (ADB); <sup>(a, b)</sup>)
- Integrating climate change and poverty reduction through spatial planning – experiences from a UNDP project in Vietnam and relevance for Asia (Michael PARSONS, environmental anthropologist, Institute for Strategy and Policy on Natural Resources and the Environment (ISPRONE) under the Viet Nam Ministry of Natural Resources and the Environment) <sup>g)</sup>

15:30-17:00: Technical presentations on climate change mitigation and "green growth"

- Climate change mitigation and green growth – Opportunities of the Crisis (Jay ROOP, ADB) <sup>a)</sup>
- Global economic slowdown and the emergence of green services (Mark STOUGHTON et al., The Cadmus Group, Inc, Kyoto) <sup>b)</sup>
- Adapting mitigation technologies in post-crisis environment (K. RAMANTHAN et al., Asia and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT), New Delhi, India) <sup>b)</sup>
- Alternative energy programs in a post crisis environment (Kaoru YAMAGUCHI et al, The Institute for Energy Economics, Tokyo, Japan) <sup>b)</sup>
- Measuring the environmental impacts of changing trade patterns on the poor (Kaliappa KALIRAJAN, Australian National University) <sup>b)</sup>
- Developing Asia's competitive advantage in green products (Fukuya IINO, United Nations University, Tokyo, Japan) <sup>b)</sup>
- Greening recovery (SUDO, JICA) <sup>f)</sup>

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- 08:00-9:45 Regional Statistics on Poverty and Well-being for ASEAN Member States: Selection of Indicators”** (for participants from ASEAN member states only)  
Chair/moderator: Agus SUTANTO, Head of Statistics Division, the ASEAN Secretariat
- Implications of the crisis for poverty statistics in ASEAN member states – an overview (Eric WEISS, consultant to the ASEAN regional Statistics project)
  - Discussion among ASEAN member states
- 9:45 -10:15- Coffee/Tea Break**
- 10:15-11:30 Monitoring crisis impact and strengthening efforts to achieve the MDGs** (all participants; (room: Thang Long)  
Chair/moderator: Sue WARDELL (Director, Middle East, Caribbean, Asia (North, East & Central) and the British Overseas Territories', DFID)
- Overview presentations:
- Results of rapid assessments of the social impacts of the global financial crisis in five East Asian Countries (Andy MASON (World Bank)
  - Impact of Globalization and Recession on Social and Economic Inequalities in India (C. RAVI, Center for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad)<sup>a)</sup>
  - The role of civil society in poverty monitoring: the case of the Philippines - (Mahar MANGAHAS, Social Weather Stations, Philippines)<sup>a)</sup>
  - Implications for monitoring the MDGs and summary of recent joint ADB-ESCAP-UNDP work (Shiladitya CHATTERJEE (ADB) / Raj KUMAR (ESCAP); paper sponsored jointly sponsored by ADB, ESCAP and UNDP)
  - Beyond crisis monitoring: The importance of ex-ante poverty and social impact assessment: Experiences from GTZ and UNDP studies in Asia (Elke KASMANN, GTZ)<sup>d, g)</sup>
- 11:30-12:30: Reflections for ASEAN+3 country delegates to respond to the social impact of the crisis** (room: Thang Long)  
Chair: LLE Van Minh, Director General, International Cooperation Department of MARD, Government of Viet Nam  
Technical input: ASEAN Secretariat

**12:30-14:00: Lunch** (all conference participants are cordially invited; Ballroom 1+2)

**Presentation: Donors' response to the crisis** (various development partners [ADB, AusAID, BMZ, ILO, JICA, UNDP, WHO, World Bank] will present their thematic, sector and financial support, and operational and strategic focus in response to the crisis and in light of the conference discussions)

**14:00-14:40: Integrating working group discussions** (room: Thang Long)

Moderator: Armin BAUER, Senior Economist, Asian Development Bank

Preparing policy implications for addressing (a) vulnerability and poverty reduction, and (b) the environments of the poor.

**14:40-15:30: Policy implications and conclusions** (room: Thang Long)

Chair: BUI Ba Bang, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development, Government of Viet Nam

Summary remarks from the Government of the People's Republic of China (HUANG Chengwei, Deputy Director General, International Poverty Reduction Center in China, the State Council Leading Group on Poverty Reduction and Development)

From economic crisis to social change: New opportunities for the inclusive growth agenda in Asia and the Pacific (Ursula SCHAEFER-PREUSS, Vice President, ADB)

Chair: Closing remarks (BUI Ba Bang, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development, Government of Viet Nam)

**16:00-17:00: Joint press conference** (room: Thang Lang)

Conference participants are also invited

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Notes:

- Presenters and discussants for ADBI papers will meet on Wednesday 30 September between 08:30 and 11:30 in function room 3 (for papers on the social impact) and function room 4 (for papers on the environmental impact)
- ADB will host an informal meeting with donors on preparing the forthcoming ADB conference on social protection in January 2010. This meeting will be on Wednesday 8:30-10:00 in function room 5.
- PADI members will meet on Thursday 1 Oct 09 between 8:00 and 10:30 AM in function room 7
- Members of coordinating think tank institutions for the Poverty Network project (NCAER, IPRCC, ISEAS, KDI, ADB) will meet on Thursday 1 Oct 09 between 11:00 and 12:30 in function room 7.
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