Asia-wide regional workshop on

SOCIAL INCLUSIVENESS
IN ASIA’S EMERGING MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES

Workshop Program
13 September 2011, Jakarta, Indonesia

For more information on the conference agenda, knowledge papers, participants and administrative arrangements, please visit the conference website at www.adb.org/poverty/
SOCIAL INCLUSIVENESS IN ASIA’S EMERGING MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES (MICS)

The social policy agenda in emerging middle income countries: Since 1980, rapid economic growth and active macro-economic, industrial, and social policies propelled several Asian states into the ranks of the middle-income countries (MICs). However income poverty remains wide spread, and the social and environmental dimensions of vulnerability in MICs continue to pose major challenges on the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). For MICs to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth requires that they (a) stimulate domestic demand and trade with neighboring countries, (b) moving up the value chain in global production by more effectively participate in growth arising from productivity gains, (c) develop new labor and social policies that address the needs of those living between the $1.25/day international poverty line and the upper part of the middle class, and (d) adjust their policy and program mix to address the multidimensional nature of poverty at a time of increasing inequalities, rapid urbanization, growing environmental stress, and climate change.

The scope of the MIC workshop: The workshop will take stock of the conceptual understandings and empirical evidence developed in recent years on inclusive growth and middle income trap. Most of the discussion on escaping the middle income trap concerns the need for industrial restructuring to sustain per capita growth. However, high per capita growth rates are insufficient to sustain inclusive growth unless growth creates decent jobs for the vast majority of population, and people are more protected against economic and other risks, and basic social and municipal services are provided for the rural poor and the growing migrant population situating in slums. This workshop will give particular attention to areas that have received less attention in economic discussions, namely

- employment-related and social protection requirements to escape both the middle income and the poverty traps; and
- the need for more and better social investments to address challenges of meeting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
- The conference will also explore what Asia can learn from social policy in the transition of Latin America’s MICs.
- In addition, country studies prepared by think tank in the region will address the relevance of inclusive growth for their specific countries, and the learning opportunities from neighboring countries. They will also discuss the impact of those countries' bilateral development cooperation on poverty reduction and inclusive growth.
- The workshop will follow an interactive panel format with parallel working groups.

Fifth ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction: The International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC) is hosting its Fifth China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction on 7-9 September in Jakarta, Indonesia. The forum, jointly organized by the PRC State Council Leading Group on Poverty Alleviation and Development (LGOP) and the Indonesian Coordinating Ministry for People’s Welfare, is organized on the topic, "Quality of Growth and Poverty Reduction." The event is supported by

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1 ADB estimates the Asian middle class (with per capital income between $2 and $20 a day at 2005 purchasing power parity) in 2008 at 56% of the region’s population, and the poor and vulnerable under the $2 international poverty line at 43%. See ADB 2010: See ADB (Aug 2010): Key Indicators (with special chapter on the rise of Asia’s middle class: http://www.adb.org/Documents/Books/Key_Indicators/2010/.

2 For more information on the conceptual background and major questions addressed during the workshop, please see the concept note at the conference website.

3 http://www.iprcc.org/publish/page/en/?sessionid=111E8B35B9414078144276C52BC4AD2A
United Nations Development Programme and the ASEAN Secretariat, among others. ADB will organize the MIC conference immediately prior to this event.

**Partnerships:** The conference is organized by ADB, in close partnership with the International Labor Office (ILO), the International Poverty Reduction Center in China (IPRCC) and the Planning and Poverty Reduction Agency (BAPPENAS) of the Government of Indonesia. It is also supported by research work of various Asian think tank institutions, including BIDS (Bangladesh), CDRI (Cambodia), IPRCC (People’s Republic of China), KDI (Korea), NCAER (India), CEPA (Sri Lanka), TDRI (Thailand), CER (Uzbekistan), LPEM (Indonesia), KIMEP (Malaysia), IIDS (Nepal), PIDE (Pakistan), ISEAS (Singapore), and VASS (Viet Nam), as well as researchers from the Philippines. The workshop is financed by ADB through its poverty network project.

**Conference participants:** The Asia-wide workshop (13 September) will bring together about 60 policy researchers and practitioners working at the technical level, including representatives of Asian governments, think tanks, bilateral development agencies, and inter-governmental organizations. Participants will also be invited to attend the ensuing China-ASEAN Forum (14-15 September 2011) on the Quality of Growth in ASEAN + 3.

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4 The Poverty Network project is a regional technical assistance (RETA) project of the ADB co-financed through the China Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation Fund, and the Korean e-learning Fund. For more information, see http://www.adb.org/Media/Articles/2008/12751-regional-poverties-reductions/.

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and **Asian Poverty Network Think Tanks**
Monday, 12 September 2011

Arrival of the participants in the conference hotel (Hotel Borobudor, Jalan Lapangan Banteng, Selatan, Jakarta, Indonesia, www.hotelborobudur.com, Tel: 0062-21-3805555)

Tuesday, 13 September 2011

08:30-09:00: Registration
the conference secretariat is in room: ___

09:30-09:30: Opening (room:)
- Welcome: ____ , Government of Indonesia,
  Introductory remarks (Kunio SENG, Director General for Southeast Asia, Asian Development Bank, tbc)
- Keynote: ___ Government of Indonesia

09:30-10:30: Keynote 1: The Social Dimensions of Inclusive Growth in Asia: New Challenges for Emerging MICs
- Moderator: ____
- Presentations:
  - Middle Income or Poverty Trap: What do time series data show (Jesus FELIPE, ___, ADB)
  - ____ (_____, tbc)
- Additional background papers:

10:30-11:00: Keynote 2: Escaping the Middle Income Trap – What can Asia Learn from Latin America
- Moderator: ____
- Presentation: Santiago LEVY, Chief Economist and Vice President for Sectors and Knowledge, Inter-American Development Bank (tbc)
- Additional background papers:

11:00-12:30 Panel Discussion: Social Ingredients of Inclusive Growth
- Moderator: RHEE Changyong, Chief Economist, ADB (tbc)
- Panelists:
  - György Sziraczki, Regional Bureau for East Asia and the Pacific, ILO (tbc)
  - ____ , The Importance of Social Protection for Making Growth Inclusive, ____ , Indonesia (tbc)
  - Defining the Middle Income Trap beyond GDP figures: Jesus FELIPE (tbc)
  - Santiago LEVY, Chief Economist and Vice President for Sectors and Knowledge, IADB (tbc)
Additional background papers:

12:30-14:00  Lunch (all conference participants are cordially invited)

14:00-15:30:  Working groups on the Inclusive Growth Experiences in Asian Countries

**Working group 1A: The big and upper income MICs (room: ____)**
- Chair/moderator: ________
- Presentations and papers:
  - New labor market challenges in high-income Korea (KIM ___, KDI)
  - Malaysia’s New Economic Model: An Assessment of its Strategies for Inclusive Growth (Rogayat ZIN, IKMAS)
  - What has growth done for the disadvantaged and poor in India? (Rana HASAN, ADB, tbc)
  - The new poverty and inclusive growth agenda in India (___ NCAER)
  - New social challenge on inclusive growth in the People’s Republic of China (___IPRCC)

**Working group 1B: The lower income MICs (room ____)**
- Chair/moderator:
- Presentations and papers:
  - The new poverty and inclusive growth agenda in Indonesia (Arianto PATUNRU, LPEM)
  - Overcoming the Middle-income Trap in Viet Nam (Dang Nguyen ANH, VASS)
  - Sri Lanka’s social policy as an emerging middle income countries: How can PRC’s development assistance help making growth more inclusive? (K. ROMESHUN, CEPA)

**Working group 1C: The poorer countries (room: ____)**
- Chair/moderator:
- Presentations and papers:
  - Lessons for Pakistan from PRC’s Poverty Reduction Efforts (G.M. Arif, PIDE)
  - PRC’s poverty reduction success: Implications for Bangladesh (Mustapha MUJERI, BIDS)
  - PRC’s poverty reduction success: Implications for Cambodia and for PRC’s development assistance (Vathana ROTH, CDRI)
  - Poverty Reduction Lessons for Nepal from PRC (Mukesh KHANAL / Bishnu Dev PANT, IIDS)
  - Implications of Poverty Reduction in and development cooperation of PRChina for Central Asia (___ CER)
15:30-16:00: Coffee/tea Break

16:00-17:00: Overcoming the Middle Income Trap through Social Policy

**Working group 2A: Inclusive Labor Markets (room ____)**
- Chair/moderator: György Sziraczki, Regional Bureau for East Asia and the Pacific, ILO (tbc)
- Presentations and papers:
  - Informal sector and quality employment in Asian MICs (Guntur SUGiYARTO, ADB, tbc)
  - Making skills development programs in Thailand more inclusive (Ms. Nuntaporn METHAKUNAVUT, TDRI)
  - Implications of Middle Income Trap Value Chains on Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Growth in PRC (Juzhong ZHUANG, ADB, tbc)

**Working group 2B: Inclusive Social Policy (room ____)**
- Chair/moderator:
- Presentations and papers:
  - Can the MICs reach the social MDGs? (Shilo CHATTERJEE, ____, tbc)
  - How inclusive and sustainable are Asia’s social protection systems in Asia? (___)

17:15-17:45: Plenary 2: Making Growth Inclusive: Recommendations for Policy and Finance (room: ___)
- Chair/moderator: ____
- Presentations:

17:45-18:00 **Closing (room:)**

Concluding remarks: ____ Government of Indonesia

18:30-20:00: **Reception**

Dissemination of ADB’s recent work on “Quality Employment in Asia” (Natalie CHUNGH, Lead author of the 2011 Key Indicator’s Special Chapter on “Towards Higher Quality Employment in Asia”)

all conference participants are cordially invited (room: ____)

Government Participants from Southeast and East Asia are invited to also attend the China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction (14-15 September) on “Quality of Growth in ASEAN + 3”