

***Consultative Meeting on
Foreign Direct Investment and Policy Challenges:
Areas for New Research***

United Nations Conference Centre
Bangkok, Thailand
12-13 May 2005

Programme

Thursday, 12 May 2005

0945 – 1045: **Introduction**

- Welcoming remarks and opening statement by Ravi Ratnayake, Director, Trade and Investment Division, UNESCAP
- Opening remarks by Evan Due, IDRC
- Introduction of participants

1045 – 1100: Tea Break

- Group photo session

1100 – 1200: **Session 1: New Approaches in Research: Transaction Costs**

- Presentation by: Ramon Clarete (University of the Philippines, Manila). *FDI in Developing Countries: A Transaction Cost Perspective*.
- Presentation by: Gloria Pasadilla (PIDS, Manila). *Short Survey of FDI in R&D in the Philippines*.
- Discussants: Saman Kelegama (IPS, Colombo); Rashmi Banga (ICRIER, New Delhi); Khondaker Golam Moazzem (CPD)
- Moderated by: Doug Brooks (ADB)
- Open discussion:

1200 – 1330: **Lunch: UNCC Dining Room**

1330 – 1445: **Session 2: Managing FDI: Policy Issues for Research**

- Presentation by: Doug Brooks (ADB). *Managing FDI: Policy Issues for Research*.
- Presentation by: Khondaker Golam Moazzem (CPD). *Foreign Direct Investment in South Asia: Major Policy Challenges*.
- Discussants: Siew Yean Tham (University of Malaysia); Chea Vuthy (Cambodian Investment Board); Vo Tri Thanh (CIEM, Hanoi)
- Moderator: Evan Due (IDRC)
- Open discussion

1445 – 1500: Tea Break

1500 – 1630: **Session 3: FDI, Trade Linkages and Poverty**

- Presentation by: Nagesh Kumar (RIS, New Delhi). *FDI, Trade and Development: Some Issues in the Quality of FDI Inflows.*
- Presentation by: Tulus Tambunan. *Impact of FDI on Poverty Reduction. A Preliminary Finding from Indonesia and Research Agenda.*
- Discussants: Hank Lim (SIIA, Singapore); Saman Kelegama (IPS, Colombo); Nihal Samarappuli (Sri Lankan Board of Investment)
- Moderator: Joong-Wan Cho (UNESCAP)
- Open discussion

1900 – 2100: Dinner: Optional dinner

Venue: In-Love Thai Restaurant, Theves pier

Friday, 13 May 2005

0900 – 1030: **Session 4: Transnational Corporations, Asian Firms, and Development Impacts**

- Presentation by: Pons Intal (AKI, Manila). *Production Networks and Related Initiatives on Managing the Challenges of Globalization.*
- Presentation by: Hank Lim (SIIA). *Investment Frameworks.*
- Discussants: Jean-Christoph Iseux (Renmin Univ., Beijing); Gloria Pasadilla (PIDS, Manila); Chea Vuthy (Cambodian Investment Board)
- Moderated by: Marinus Sikkel (UNESCAP)
- Open discussion

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1030 – 1045: Tea Break

1045 – 1145: **Session 5: FDI, Growth and Productivity**

- Presentation by: Rashmi Banga (ICRIER, New Delhi). *FDI in Services.*
- Presentation by: Vi Tri Thanh (CIEM, Hanoi). *FDI in Vietnam: Facts and Policy Issues.*
- Discussants: Pons Intal (AKI, Manila); Nihal Samarappuli (Sri Lankan Board of Investment)
- Moderator: Jean-Christoph Iseux (Renmin Univ., Beijing)
- Open discussion

1145 – 1300: Concluding Session: Areas for Research

- Moderated by Andrea Spear (UNESCAP)
- Open discussion

Concluding remarks: Evan Due (IDRC)

1730 – 1830: **Opening Ceremony of Asia-Pacific Business Forum 2005**

***** Saturday, 14 May 2005 and Sunday, 15 May 2005: Asia-Pacific Business Forum (APBF) 2005 at UNCC: - Present and discuss research needs with Government, Business and NGO Representatives. *****