EVENT BRIEF

Event title: Toward an Inclusive Economic Recovery and Development in the Asia-Pacific Region and Ensuring Fiscal Sustainability for the Philippines

Date/Time/Venue: July 14, 2022 | 2:00 PM – 4:30 PM | Zoom and Facebook Live

A. ABOUT THE EVENT

Jointly organized by the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), this public virtual forum will be held via Zoom and broadcast on Facebook Live on Thursday, July 14, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

The forum features two presentations. The first is UNESCAP’s Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2022. The report argues that Asia-Pacific economies must prioritize inclusive growth—whereby citizens of all socioeconomic groups are able to improve their livelihoods, incomes, health, and education levels. It has six chapters tackling building a fairer future, macroeconomic performance, fiscal policy choices, central banking, structural transformation, and towards a fairer future.

The second is the PIDS study titled “Fiscal Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Assessing Public Debt Sustainability in the Philippines” which examines whether the current level of debt in the country, given the national government’s fiscal policy and plans, remains on a sustainable path.

The Zoom meeting link and guidelines will be sent to all speakers a few days before the event.
B. PROGRAM

2:00 – 2:05  
Opening Remarks

Dr. Aniceto Orbeta Jr., President  
Philippine Institute for Development Studies

2:05 – 2:10  
Message

Mr. Gustavo Fernando Gonzalez, UN Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator, Philippines

2:10 – 3:10  
Presentations

Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2022: Economic Policies for an Inclusive Recovery and Development

Mr. Michal Podolski, Economics Affairs Officer  
UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific


Dr. Margarita Debuque-Gonzales, Senior Research Fellow  
Philippine Institute for Development Studies

Dr. Justine Diokno-Sicat, Research Fellow  
Philippine Institute for Development Studies

Mr. John Paul Corpus, Supervising Research Specialist  
Philippine Institute for Development Studies

3:10 – 3:40  
Reactions and Insights

Ms. Iluminada Sicat, Senior Assistant Governor  
Monetary Policy Subsector, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

Mr. Gil Beltran, President, Philippine Tax Academy and Chief Economist, Department of Finance

3:40 – 4:25  
Open Forum

4:25 – 4:30  
Wrap-up and Closing

Emcee and Moderator: Sheila Siar, Department Manager for Research Information  
Philippine Institute for Development Studies
C. RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Participants in the platform should send their questions/comments using Zoom’s Q&A facility. Speakers, presenters, and discussants may respond by typing their answers then clicking Send.

Alternatively, they can answer the questions live. If you wish to answer a question out loud during the webinar, click Answer Live.

All unanswered questions—which are related to the presentation(s) or the webinar theme—will be asked by the moderator during the open forum.

Livestream viewers on Facebook should use the Comments section for their questions/comments.

D. TECHNICAL REHEARSAL

The PIDS webinar team will contact all the speakers to schedule the technical rehearsal. This activity is intended to check their internet connection and audio and video capabilities, discuss the program flow, and rehearse their slides, if necessary. Attendance to the rehearsal is highly encouraged to ensure the smooth flow of the webinar.

E. AUDIENCE – PARTICIPANTS

- Government agencies
- Private sector
- Academia, think-tanks
- Civil society
- Development partners
- PIDS staff
- UNESCAP staff

Note: Members of the media may be in the audience as this is a public event.

F. DOCUMENTATION

This event will be streamed live on the PIDS and SERP-P Facebook pages (facebook.com/PIDS.PH/; facebook.com/SERP-PH). Speakers who may wish to crosspost the livestream on their institutions’ social media pages are welcome to do so. Their social media officers may contact the PIDS staff below (see Item F) for cross-posting assistance. The webinar recording shall be made available on the aforementioned Facebook pages and on the PIDS YouTube channel (youtube.com/PIDSPHL). Live tweets of the event’s highlights will also be made on the PIDS Twitter account (twitter.com/PIDS_PH).
The presentations can be accessed after the event on the PIDS website (https://www.pids.gov.ph/events).

G. EVENT CONTACT

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H. BACKGROUND MATERIALS
