### Publications

**Macroeconomic Update No.1, August 2009.**

Having been hit hard by the contagion effect of the crisis, the Asia Pacific region has started to show signs of recovery. Full access [here](#).

**Asia Pacific Development Journal, Vol. 16, No. 1, June 2009.** The topics covered include: Institutions and governance in India; urban governance and the poor in Bangladesh; impact of remittances on household welfare in Viet Nam; Private sector and local-central relations and, Organic agriculture in Chiang Mai Province, Thailand. Full access [here](#).

**Macroeconomic Policy Brief No. 3, June 2009 on Strengthening social protection systems in Asia and the Pacific in the aftermath of the global financial crisis**

The triple threats to development in 2008 and 2009, namely, climate change, food crisis, and economic crisis, highlight the need to strengthen social protection systems. Full access [here](#).

**The Global Economic and Financial Crisis: Regional Impacts, Responses and Solutions, Joint Publication of the five UN Regional Commissions, May 2009.** Download [here](#).

**Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2009 “Addressing triple threats to development”**

The survey homepage has some updates besides the full report. Full access [here](#).

### Events

**Nobel Laureate Professor Joseph E. Stiglitz** spoke on “United Nations System and the economic crisis: towards a new global financial and economic architecture” at ESCAP in Bangkok on 21 August. The transcript of the lecture is available [here](#).

**Professor Rehman Sobhan, Chairman of the Centre for Policy Dialogue in Dhaka, and Professor Rounaq Jahan, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, spoke at ESCAP on Empowerment, Governance and Poverty Eradication in South Asia 1 July 2009. The power point presentation is available [here](#).**

**Dr. Ramkishen S. Rajan, Associate Professor at the School of Public Policy, George, Mason University, spoke on Crises, Private Capital Flows and Financial Instability in Emerging Asia at ESCAP on 10 August 2009. The power point**

**ESCAP – UNDP Regional Technical Seminar on “Local Governance and Basic Services Delivery in Conflict Affected Areas” 2 – 3 June 2009 called for more participatory processes and local forums in the region in order to identify economic areas of comparative advantage that can make employment and growth more inclusive and a cornerstone of effective reconciliation. The Report and papers of the seminar are available [here](#).**

**Regional High–Level Workshop in Dhaka on Strengthening the Response to the Global Financial Crisis in Asia Pacific: The Role of Monetary, Fiscal and External Debt Policies, 27 – 30 July 2009, called for deepening of regional financial cooperation in Asia – Pacific, to sustain the region’s dynamism in the aftermath of the global financial crisis. The conference jointly organized by ESCAP and the Bangladesh Bank was inaugurated by H.E. Mr A.M.A. Muhith, Finance Minister of Bangladesh. It had over 100 participants including representatives of finance ministries and central banks of 17 countries, and representatives of international agencies such as UNDP, ADB, IMF, the World Bank and NGOs. The Report and papers of the meeting are available [here](#).**

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Outreach Activities

Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director, MPDD:
- Delivered a talk on Global Financial Crisis and Regional Economic Cooperation in Asia at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka on Monday 27 July 2009. More information is available here.
- Chaired a session and made a presentation at the Conference on Global Financial Crisis and Asian Developing Countries: Policy Responses and Lessons organized by the Third world Network in Penang on 18-20 August 2009.

Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Chief, Macroeconomic Policy and Analysis Section (MPAS/MPDD):
- Delivered a presentation on the key findings of Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2009 at ESCAP Learning Center “In-focus” series (16 July).
- Presented key findings of the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2009 for a visiting group of professors from various universities in Japan (25 August).

Mr. Eugene Gherman, Economic Affairs Officer:
- Presented key findings of the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2009 at a National Workshop, Dushanbe, Tajikistan (20 May).
- Delivered lectures on Economic Indicators and MDG Indicators for a SIAP Training Course, Chiba, Japan (21-24 July).

Mr. Alberto E. Isugut, Economic Affairs Officer, presented “the food and fuel price shocks of 2007-2008” in the Annual Meeting of the Executives of National Freight Forwarding and Logistics Associations at the UNCC, Bangkok (2 June).

Dr. Shuvojit Banerjee, Economic Affairs Officer:
- Presented, with Ms. Yejin Ha, key findings of the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2009 for students from the Universiteit Maastricht, Netherlands (18 June).
- Spoke on the Impact of the Global Financial Crisis in Asia and the Pacific for the students under the Dragon Global Citizenship Programme 2009 from Hong Kong, China (30 June).

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New MPDD Director

Executive Secretary of ESCAP appointed Dr. Nagesh Kumar as Director of MPDD and Chief Economist ESCAP w.e.f. 10 May 2009. Before joining ESCAP, Dr. Kumar was the Director-General of the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi and has served the Institute for New Technologies of the United Nations University. A brief bio of Dr. Kumar is available here.

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