

## Structural transformation and poverty reduction in the Asia-Pacific countries with special needs

**Expert Group Meeting  
Meeting Room F, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, UNCC  
Bangkok, 12-13 November 2018**

### PROGRAMME

Day 1, Monday 12 November	
9:00-9:30	<b>Registration</b>
9:30-9:45	<b>Welcome remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hamza Ali Malik, Director, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division (MPFD), ESCAP</li> </ul>
9:45-10:30	<b>Session 1: Overview of the Report 2019</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of the <i>Asia-Pacific Countries with Special Needs Development Report 2019</i> MPFD, ESCAP</li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
10:30-10:45	<b>Photo session and Coffee Break</b>
10:45-12:15	<b>Session 2: Cross-sectoral linkages and implications for structural transformation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross-sectoral linkages to explain structural transformation in CSN Muhammad Aamir Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, COMSATS University, Pakistan</li> <li>• Notes on Structural Transformation and Implications for Cambodia Jesus Felipe, Advisor, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department, Asian Development Bank, Philippines</li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
<b>Lunch - 12:15-13:30</b>	
13:30-15:15	<b>Session 3: The role of structural transformation in poverty reduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structural Transformation in South Asia Sadia Arfin, Deputy Director, Bangladesh Bank, Bangladesh and Visiting Fellow, Arndt Corden Department of Economics, Australian National University, Australia</li> <li>• Bangladesh's experience with structural transformation and poverty reduction Fahmida Khatun, Executive Director, Centre for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh</li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
15:15-15:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>

15:30-17:00	<p><b>Session 4: Policy interventions to facilitate structural transformation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A framework for facilitating structural transformation in CSN Anis Chowdhury, Adjunct Professor and Dean's Unit School of Social Sciences &amp; Psychology, Western Sydney University, Australia</li> <li>• Government policy to support agricultural upgrading and rural economic diversification in Cambodia Veara Kim, Lecture and Researcher, Faculty of Development Studies, Royal University of Phnom Penh, Cambodia</li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
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<b>Day 2, Tuesday 13 November</b>	
9:00-10:30	<p><b>Session 5: Structural transformation and poverty reduction in the Pacific</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status, trends and challenges Yogi Vidyattama, Senior Research Fellow, The National Centre for Social and Economic Modelling (NATSEM), Institute for Governance and Policy Analysis (IGPA), University of Canberra <i>[via Skype]</i></li> <li>• Structural transformation and poverty reduction: experience of Fiji and other SIDS Neelesh Gounder, Senior Lecturer, The University of the South Pacific, Fiji</li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
10:30-10:45	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:45-12:15	<p><b>Session 6: Structural transformation and poverty reduction in LLDCs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Status, trends and challenges Andrzej Bolesta, MPFD, ESCAP</li> <li>• Drivers of structural transformation in Bhutan and its impact on poverty reduction Tandin Wangchuk, Researcher and Manager, Outlook Consulting Service, Bhutan</li> <li>• Open discussion</li> </ul>
12:15-12:30	<p>Closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oliver Paddison, Chief, Countries with Special Needs Section, MPFD, ESCAP</li> </ul>