

## Strategic Dialogue on Poverty and Inequality in Asia and the Pacific

5-6 October 2017, Meeting Room A, UN Conference Centre, Bangkok

### TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Thursday, October 5, 2017

Time	Agenda item
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 09:15	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kaveh Zahedi</b>, Deputy Executive Secretary for Sustainable Development, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)</li> </ul> <p><b>Objectives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nagesh Kumar</b>, Director, Social Development Division, ESCAP</li> </ul>
09:15 - 10:45	<p><b>Session 1: What are the key trends in poverty and inequality around the globe?</b></p> <p>In this discussion, we explore the top-line trends in poverty and inequality around the globe to have a snapshot of how different regions fare.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Wenyan Yang</b>, Chief, Social Perspective on Development Branch, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)</li> <li>• <b>Saurabh Sinha</b>, Chief, Employment and Social Protection, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)</li> <li>• <b>Simone Cecchini</b>, Senior Social Affairs Officer, United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)</li> <li>• <b>Oussama Safa</b>, Chief, Participation and Social Justice Section, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA)</li> <li>• <b>Patrik Andersson</b>, Chief, Sustainable Socioeconomic Transformation Section, ESCAP</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nagesh Kumar</b>, Director, Social Development Division, ESCAP</li> </ul>
10:45 - 11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>

11:00 - 12:30	<p><b>Session 2: What are the insights from key databases and measurements of poverty and inequality?</b></p> <p>In this discussion, we take a deeper look at the data commonly used to understand poverty and inequality, underlying data sources and strategies to overcome gaps.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dean Jolliffe</b>, Development Data Group, Survey Unit, Living Standards Measurement Study, The World Bank</li> <li>• <b>Marco Mira d’Ercole</b>, Head, Division for Household Statistics and Progress Measurement, Statistics Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)</li> <li>• <b>Guanghua Wan</b>, Director of Research, Asian Development Bank (ADB)</li> <li>• <b>Carlos Gradin</b>, Research Fellow, United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER)</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hamza Malik</b>, Director, Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division, ESCAP</li> </ul>
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 - 15:00	<p><b>Session 3: What other databases and measurements are out there?</b></p> <p>In this session, we discuss complementary data and innovative methods that can support research, enhance knowledge and policymaking.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Jenna Slotin</b>, Senior Director for Policy and Strategy, Global Partnership for Sustainable Development</li> <li>• <b>Sabina Alkire</b>, Director, Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative (OPHI), University of Oxford</li> <li>• <b>Diastrika Rahwidiati</b>, Deputy Head of Office, UN Pulse Lab Jakarta</li> <li>• <b>Yang Li</b>, Professor, Paris School of Economics</li> <li>• <b>Harini Kannan</b>, Senior Research Manager and Post-Doctoral Fellow, The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) South Asia</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yanhong Zhang</b>, Officer-in-charge, Statistics Division, ESCAP</li> </ul>
15:00 - 15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:30 - 17:00	<p><b>Session 4: What lessons have we learned from the field?</b></p> <p>In this discussion, we explore lessons learned from implementing programmes designed to reduce poverty and level out inequality and how successful measures can be scaled up and replicated.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arief Yusuf</b>, Professor of Economics and Director of the SDGs Centre at Padjadjaran University</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Celia Reyes</b>, Research Fellow, Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS)</li> <li>• <b>Clara Mi Young Park</b>, Gender Rural and Social Development Officer, Regional Focal Point Strategic Programme on Rural Poverty Reduction, Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)</li> <li>• <b>Riza Bernabe</b>, Coordinator, Policy and Research, Asia Regional Center, Oxfam</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stefanos Fotiou</b>, Director, Environment and Development Division, ESCAP</li> </ul>
17:30 – 19:00	<b>Welcome reception</b>

Friday, October 6, 2017

Time	Agenda item
09:00 – 10:30	<p><b>Session 5: Who are the furthest behind in Asia and the Pacific?</b></p> <p>In this session, we discuss ESCAP’s recent work on defining and measuring inequality of opportunity and brainstorm on next steps.</p> <p>Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ermina Sokou</b>, Social Affairs Officer, ESCAP</li> </ul> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Giorgi Kalakashvili</b>, Multiple Indicator Cluster Surveys (MICS) National Consultant, UNICEF Country Office in Georgia and former Head of Social Statistics Division, National Statistics Office, Georgia</li> <li>• <b>Mihika Chatterjee</b>, Researcher, OPHI, University of Oxford</li> <li>• <b>Elan Satriawan</b>, Chief of Policy Working Group, National Team for Acceleration of Poverty Reduction (TNP2K) and Associate Professor, Department of Economics-Universitas Gadjah Mada</li> <li>• <b>Selim Raihan</b>, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Patrik Andersson</b>, Chief, Sustainable Socioeconomic Transformation Section, ESCAP</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10:45 – 12:15	<p><b>Session 6: What does the future of research on poverty and inequality look like?</b></p> <p>In three discussion groups, we explore cutting-edge research on poverty and inequality.</p> <p>Discussion group leaders (themes to be confirmed):</p>

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12:15 - 13:15	<i>Lunch</i>
13:15 - 15:00	<p><b>Session 7: How can employment and public policy more effectively level out inequality and in what ways can evidence be used to inform this process?</b></p> <p>In this session, we discuss the critical role of employment in creating and reducing inequality and poverty and public policy options to reduce inequality.</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sara Elder</b>, Head of the Regional Economic and Social Analysis Unit, International Labour Organisation (ILO) Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</li> <li>• <b>Ilcheong Yi</b>, Senior Research Coordinator, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD)</li> <li>• <b>Saurabh Sinha</b>, Chief, Employment and Social Protection, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)</li> <li>• <b>Nuno Meira Simoes da Cunha</b>, Senior Technical Specialist on Social Protection, ILO</li> <li>• <b>Selim Raihan</b>, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Dhaka</li> <li>• <b>Diana Martirosova</b>, Advisor to President, National Statistical Service, Armenia</li> </ul> <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hongjoo Hahm</b>, Deputy Executive Secretary for Programmes, ESCAP</li> </ul>
15:00 - 15:15	Closing remarks
15:15 - 15:30	<i>Refreshments</i>