

Strategic Policy Dialogue 2019

Building Impactful Economies – From Dialogue to Action

The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), British Council and the Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN) are honoured to invite you to join us at the AVPN Annual Conference for the Strategic Policy Dialogue in Singapore from 24th- 28th June 2019.

Social enterprise and impact investment are increasingly seen as powerful ways to address some of the more pressing social and environmental challenges faced in the Asia-Pacific region. ESCAP, British Council and AVPN are working in partnership to support the growth of social entrepreneurship and investment in the region as a means of supporting the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

During the week of the AVPN Conference ESCAP and the British Council will be hosting a Strategic Policy Dialogue which will bring together a targeted group of countries which are progressing in developing social economy policy. This will be an opportunity to present and discuss the progress that has been made and put in place action plans for progressing the policy agenda beyond the conference.

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The aim of this year's policy dialogue is to move from dialogue to action. ESCAP and British Council have been working with governments to deliver research and support in building an effective environment to grow the impact economy.

In Indonesia, Malaysia and Sri Lanka we have recently published social enterprise landscape survey's, which have set out ideas for how to support the growth of social enterprise and unlock the right type of capital to help them grow and scale. In Pakistan we have recently supported the publication of a social enterprise 'issue paper' which has presented a number of recommendations around developing a social enterprise policy, whilst in Bangladesh our work builds on a number of years of engagement which has included policy analysis and a social enterprise survey along with dialogue with government actors.

The strategic dialogue will be designed to work with policy makers in these countries to implement their ideas and strategies and agree how best this might be achieved.

Strategic Policy Dialogue 2019, 25th June 2019

(Timings are flexible and we aim to respond to the needs and interests of all delegates, the Strategic Policy Dialogue is focused on action and we are therefore keen to develop focused conversations that can lead to clear action plans in each country)

Time	Activity	Additional Information
0900 – 09:30	Opening of Strategic Policy Dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective • Background • Introductions and expectations Facilitators: Tristan Ace, British Council, Jonathan Wong, UNESCAP, Maame Agyeben, UNESCAP	<p>This opening session will outline the key objectives of the session and the week at AVPN and what we hope the outcomes will be.</p> <p>Provide background on British Council ESCAP Policy work and key activities and findings so far</p> <p>Introductions to the group and expectations from the group for the strategic policy dialogue strategically about policy</p>
09:30 – 10:30	Country presentations/ panel discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indonesia • Malaysia • Myanmar • Pakistan • Sri Lanka Moderator: British Council/ESCAP	<p>Each country to present the following information:</p> <p>Progress that has been made so far in developing “impact economy” policy with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Impact Enterprises (Social Enterprises) - Inclusive Business - Impact Investment <p>Each delegate to present using a maximum of 4 slides and is asked to stick to 10 minutes</p> <p>Each delegate is asked to outline 1 or 2 key challenges that government in their country is</p>

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1030 – 1045	Break	
1045 - 1100	Welcome from AVPN Patsian Low	Introduction to AVPNs policy work in Asia
1100 – 1200	Facilitated Group Discussions: Moderator: Alex Hannant	The key issues that have emerged during the country presentations will be addressed in greater depth, the session will either be held in a roundtable format or delegates will be asked to form smaller groups to discuss and formulate strategies to move forward.
1200 - 1230	Presentation of the Policy Makers Toolkit Led by the Global Steering Group for Impact Investing (GSG)	ESCAP and GSG have been collaborating to develop a policy makers toolkit which focuses specifically on supporting the growth of impact investing in the Asia Pacific Region. The project has been led by KPMG and this session will be an opportunity to present the toolkit to delegates and to receive feedback to ensure its usefulness for informing policy development.
1230 – 1300	Final reflections and comments	This session will be an open session for comments, reflections and discussions on how to move the policy agenda forward.
1445 - 1745	One-to-one meetings with each country (exact times to be confirmed, the conference room will be available all day) Delegates will be also be able to attend the breakout sessions of the AVPN	This is an opportunity to agree work plans for progressing policies and strategies in target countries and how ESCAP/British Council can support these endeavours

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Tuesday, 25th June

World Premiere Screening of “Frontiers” co-hosted by DFAT and ANDE, Tuesday June 25th, 6:30 pm, Australian High Commissioner's Residence

Link: <https://www.andeglobal.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1244859>

Wednesday, 26th June

Innovating towards inclusive and creative economies, June 26th, Wednesday, 11:15am - 12:45pm, Room 325

Link: <https://conference.avpn.asia/session/innovating-towards-inclusive-creative-economies/>

APFx Policy Lab: Driving knowledge and experience towards action, June 26th, Wednesday, 2:45pm - 4:15pm, Room 308

Link: <https://conference.avpn.asia/session/apfx-policy-lab/>

Developing impact certification policies in Asia: Market case studies

Thursday 27th June

Developing impact certification policies in Asia: Market case studies, June 27th, Thursday, 2:45pm - 4:15pm, Room 324

Link: <https://conference.avpn.asia/session/developing-impact-certification-policies-in-asia-market-case-studies/>