

## INVITATION

### Policy Workshop

organised by Asian Development Bank (ADB) and InWEnt Capacity Building International, Germany

### "Asia's Institutions for Regional Integration: Towards an Asian Economic Community"

**Wednesday, 30 June 2010; 9:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Venue: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development  
Marie-Schlei-Saal, Stresemannstr. 94, 10963 Berlin**

Over the past few decades, Asia has been increasingly successful in expanding its economies and integrating them both within the region and the rest of the world. But while Asian integration is gaining momentum, its progress remains uneven across geographical areas and thematic sectors. Although Asia has a dense web of institutions for regional integration, the powers these institutions receive from national agencies remain quite limited, especially when compared with Europe's.

This policy workshop will present a study on "Institutions for Regionalism" the ADB is finalizing and discuss lessons Asia can learn from Europe in designing an institutional architecture conducive to the creation of a regional economic community. In addition, a panel of experts will discuss further steps to be taken towards the formation of an Asian economic community.

Does Asia need to create more institutions to support economic cooperation among its members? Is the political environment conducive for strengthening Asia's institution for regional integration? What type of governance structure should these institutions follow? Should Asia create a regional bureaucracy with a strong secretariat? What are the lessons Asia could learn from other regions? What are the benefits to Asian countries of participating in subregional, regional, and global institutions? These questions which the ADB study attempts to answer will be the focus of the workshop.

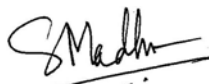
For a synopsis of the ADB study, please see: <http://www.aric.adb.org/institutions>

We would be delighted to benefit from your valuable experience and believe that it will contribute to the success of the seminar. Please return the registration form until **23.06.2010**.

Sincerely,



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Good Governance and Social Development  
InWEnt - Capacity Building International



**Dr. Srinivasa Madhur**  
Senior Director and Officer-in-Charge  
Office of Regional Economic Integration  
Asian Development Bank

## Programme - Wednesday, 30 June 2010

**9.00 am**     *Welcome coffee*

**9.30 am**     **Welcoming Remarks**

- **Dr. Sebastian Paust**, CEO, InWEnt Capacity Building International, Bonn
- **Antonio Andrea Monari**, Resident Director General, European Representative Office, Asian Development Bank, Frankfurt a.M.

**9.45 am**     **Session 1 - Asia's Institutions for Regional Integration: Findings from the ADB Study**

**Presentation of the Study "Institutions for Regionalism"**

- **Dr. Srinivasa Madhur**, Senior Director and Officer-in-Charge, Office of Regional Economic Integration, Asian Development Bank, Manila

**10:05 am**   **Presentation of the Survey "What Asian Opinion Leaders think"**

- **Dr. Giovanni Capannelli**, Principal Economist, Office of Regional Economic Integration, Asian Development Bank, Manila

**10:15 am**   **Discussants**

- **Dr. Heribert Dieter**, Senior Fellow, Research Division Global Issues, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin
- **Prof. Dr. Gunther Schnabl**, Institute for Economic Policy, University of Leipzig

**10:45 am**   **Open Discussion**

**11.15 am**   *Coffee Break*

**11.30 am**   **Session 2 - Further Steps towards an Asian Economic Community**

**Moderator**

- **Karl Bartels**, Senior Project Manager, Department of Economic Policy / Good Governance, InWEnt Capacity Building International, Berlin (*tbc*)

**Panelists**

- **Dr. Srinivasa Madhur**, Senior Director, Office of Regional Economic Integration, Asian Development Bank, Manila
- **Prof. Dr. Dr. Franz Heidhues**, University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart / Scientific Advisory Council, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
- **Prof. Dr. Ph.D. Alfred Steinherr**, School of Economics and Management, University of Bolzano / Honorary Chief Economist, European Investment Bank, Luxembourg

**12.30 pm**   **Book Launch: "Dealing with Multiple Currencies in Transitional Economies. The Scope for Regional Cooperation in Cambodia, Lao PDR, and Viet Nam"**

**Chair**

- **Dr. Alexander Fisher**, Managing Director, German Institute for Economic Research (DIW), Berlin

**Presenters**

- **Dr. Giovanni Capannelli**, Principal Economist, Office of Regional Economic Integration, Asian Development Bank, Manila
- **Dr. Stefan Kooths**, Senior Economist, Kiel Institute for the World Economy

**12.45 pm**   *Lunch*

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