



Asia's Institutions for Regional Integration: Toward an Asian Economic Community

28 June, 2010

The Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE), the Asian Development Bank and the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs has the pleasure to invite you to a seminar, on Monday 28 June, 2010.

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 seminar will present a study on "Institutions for Regional Integrations: Toward an Asian Economic Community" the ADB is finalizing, focused on designing an institutional architecture conducive to the creation of a regional economic community. In addition, a panel of experts will discuss the opportunities and challenges of transitional economies in Central Asia and the role of the civil society in shaping the agenda of regional institutions for integration.

The seminar will be introduced and chaired by **Torbjörn Becker**, Director of SITE. Time will be available for questions and answers after the presentation.

Date: *Monday, June 28, 09.30 – 12.00. Starting with registration and coffee and followed by the seminar at 10.00*

Place: *Stockholm School of Economics, Sveavägen 65, **room Ruben, Saltmätargatan 13-17***

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Program

09:30 – 10:00 Welcome coffee

10:00 – 10:15 Opening remarks by Torbjörn Becker, Director, Stockholm Institute for Transitional Economics and Andrea Monari, Resident Director General, ADB European Resident Office

**10:15 – 11:00 ASIA’S INSTITUTIONS FOR REGIONAL INTEGRATION:
FINDINGS FROM THE ADB STUDY**

**Presentation of the main findings and recommendations of the study
'Institutions for *Regional Integration*'**

Srinivasa Madhur

Senior Director, Office of Regional Economic Integration, ADB

'What Asian opinion leaders think on regional integration'

Giovanni Capannelli

Principal Economist, Office of Regional Economic Integration, ADB

11:00 – 12:00 Open Floor Discussion

Moderator: *Torbjörn Becker*

Director, Stockholm Institute for Transitional Economics

12:00 – 13:30 Buffet Lunch