

PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

New Delhi, India
27-28 October 2016



AGENDA

26 October 2016 (day 0)

6:00 p.m.	Arrival of participants/Check-in at hotel
7: 30 p.m.–9:00 p. m.	Informal welcome reception, hosted by Asian Development Bank (ADB), Aftab Mahtab Room

27 October 2016 (day 1)

9:30 a.m.	Registration, Long Champ Function Room
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Session 1: OPENING CEREMONIES

Emcees: **Samreen Badr** and **Meghna Paul**, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy

10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m.	Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rathin Roy, Executive Director, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) • Rajat Kathuria, Director and Chief Executive, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) • Naoyuki Yoshino, Dean, ADB Institute
10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m.	Keynote address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shri Arun Jaitley, Minister of Finance, India
11:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.	Photo session and coffee break

Session 2: ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

The global economic environment is challenging and downside risks remain, highlighted by slow growth in international trade and domestic demand, and potential volatility in financial markets. There is uncertainty from the US Federal Reserve's monetary policy actions and the unfolding of the UK separation from the EU. Asian countries need to respond to global economic challenges, using available policy tools and cross border policy coordination to ensure sustainable and inclusive growth. The purpose of this session is to analyze the impact of these challenges on the Asian region and countries, and explore effective policy mix to address the challenges.

Chair: **Xiaoming HUANG**, Wellington Network of Asia-Pacific Research and Policy

11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Presentation by Juzhong Zhuang , Deputy Chief Economist and Deputy Director General, ADB Peter Rosenkranz , Economist, ADB
12:00 p.m.–12:30 p.m.	Selected countries' responses to challenges N R Bhanumurthy , Professor, NIPFP Zhang Qi , Senior Research Fellow and Deputy Director General, Development Research Centre Vusal Gasimli , Executive Director, Center for Analysis and Communication for Economic Reforms, Azerbaijan
12:30 p.m.–1:00 p.m.	Discussants Ngu Wah Win , Policy Coordinator Analyst, Centre for Economic and Social Development Ram Chandra Dhakal , Executive Director, Center for Economic Development and Administration Ponciano Intal, Jr. , Senior Economist, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia
1:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	Open Discussion
1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.	Lunch

Session 3: CHALLENGES OF SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION

Urbanization is a mega trend. Half of humanity lives in cities today and the figure will increase to 60 percent by 2030. Ninety-five percent of urban expansion in the next decades will take place in the developing world, including developing Asia. Rapid urbanization exerts huge pressure on basic services and infrastructure in cities (such as education, public health, water supply, sewage, housing, energy, and transportation). As Asian countries quickly urbanize, the challenges need to be addressed in ways that allow the cities to continue to thrive and grow, while improving resources use and reducing pollution and poverty.

Chair: **Dushni WEERAKOON**, Deputy Director, Institute of Policy Studies

3:00 p.m.–3:20 p.m.	Presentation by Michael Lindfield , Director, Urban Infrastructure Services, Ltd.
3:20 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	Country presentation Nonarit Bisonyabut , Research Fellow, Thailand Development Research Institute Shujaat Farooq , Assistant Professor, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics
3:30 p.m.–4:10 p.m.	Discussants Daniyar Bakchiev , Deputy Director, National Institute of Strategic Studies Tran Kim Chun , Vice President, Central Institute for Economic Management Enkhbaigali Byambasuren , President, Analysis Group
4:10 p.m.–4:30 p.m.	Open Discussion
16:30 p.m.–4:50 p.m.	Coffee break

Session 4: FINANCING FOR SUSTAINABLE URBANIZATION

Mobilizing funds to support sustainable urbanization remains a big challenge in Asia. This session will focus on the financing dimension of urbanization, such as legal and regulatory framework; different financing instruments/models (taxation, land income, transfer payment, equity investment, loans, guarantee, subsidy, municipal bonds, etc.) and their advantages and limits; the roles of governments (including central, provincial and local), MDBs, policy financiers, SOEs, and private sector; public-private-partnership (PPP); tariff issues, etc. Discussions will be policy-oriented and center on lessons, experiences, constraints and areas for improvement.

Chair: **M. Teresa Kho**, Country Director, India Resident Mission, ADB

4:50 p.m.–5:10 p.m.	Presentation: Rana Hasan , Director, ADB
5:10 p.m.–5:40 p.m.	Selected countries' financing schemes Keiichiro Oda , Senior Fellow, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry Qiu Aijun , Senior Fellow, Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry Jeong-Ho Kim , Professor, Korea Development Institute School of Public Policy and Management
5:40 p.m.–6:10 p.m.	Discussants Khan Ahmed Sayeed Murshid , Director General, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies Carunia Mulya Hamid Firdausy , Senior Fellow, National Center for Economic Research Saikat Sinha Roy , Professor, Jadavpur University
6:10 p.m.–7:30 p.m.	Open discussion
7:30 p.m.	Dinner (hosted by NIPFP), Annex Court, India International Centre

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Session 5: DIALOGUE BETWEEN THINK TANKS AND GOVERNMENT CLIENTS

One of the important tasks of government-linked think tanks is to provide policy advice to governments anchored on researches and studies. To be effective, think tanks need to be aware of potential challenges and constraints to the countries, sound these out well-ahead before the threats occur, and propose implementable policy options.

In this session, selected think tanks will describe the services they provide to their clients, discuss difficulties and constraints and how they are dealt with, as well as their future plans. Government agencies will give feedback on how the think tanks' researches have influenced their thinking and strategies and how they hope the think tank's services could be further improved.

Chair: **Rathin ROY**, Executive Director, NIPFP

9:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.	Registration
9:30 a.m.–10:20 a.m.	Think Tanks' Respective Mission and Services/Activities Dushni Weerakoon , Deputy Director, Institute of Policy Studies Qiangwu Zhou , Director General, International Economics and Finance Institute Shaibal Gupta , Director, Asian Development Research Institute

	<p>G Ramesh, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Management Aromar Revi, Director, Indian Institute for Human Settlements Samir Saran, Vice President, Observer Research Foundation Rajat Kathuria, Director and Chief Executive, ICRIER</p>
10:20 a.m.–11:20 a.m.	<p>Feedback from Government Agencies Sarath Amunugama, Minister, Ministry of Special Assignments Yu Hong, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Finance</p>
11:20 a.m.–11:40 a.m.	Open discussion
11:40 a.m.–12:00 p.m.	Coffee break

Session 6: CLOSING CEREMONIES

Chair: **Dongxiang Li**, Lead Regional Cooperation and Integration Specialist, ADB

12:00 p.m.–12:30 p.m.	Updates on ATTN and Next Steps
12:30 a.m.–2:00 p.m.	Lunch break

Afternoon

2:00 p.m.–5:30 p.m.	Informal Networking Activity (Visit to Rashtrapati Bhavan or India President House)
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