

**ACCELERATING RCI IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH, SHARED PROSPERITY,
AND SUSTAINABILITY**

***RCI Roundtable Conference: Economic Corridors and Cross-border Economic Zones to
Support Economic Growth in the Region***

Monday, 27 November 2017

Auditorium Zones A and B, Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines

PROGRAM

Time	Session	Moderator and Panel
9:00–9:05 am	Welcome Remarks and Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Mr. Arjun Goswami , Chief of Regional Cooperation and Integration Thematic Group, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (ERCD), Asian Development Bank (ADB)
9:05-9:20 am	Keynote Address: <i>“Accelerating RCI in Asia and the Pacific for Economic Growth, Shared Prosperity, and Sustainability”</i>	Mr. Takehiko Nakao President, ADB
9:20–10:40 am	SESSION 1: Strategic Planning Framework of Economic Corridors: Joint ADB, DFID, JICA and WB Report on Economic Corridors <u>Presenter:</u> Mr. Martin Melecky , Lead Economist, South Asia Region, World Bank (WB)	<u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Amy S.P. Leung , Director General, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB <u>Panel:</u> Mr. Yasuyuki Sawada , Chief Economist and Director General, ERCD, ADB Mr. Koki Hirota , Chief Economist, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Mr. Martin Rama , Chief Economist, South Asia Region, WB Mr. Duncan Overfield , Deputy Head and Regional Economic Development Lead, Department for International Development (DFID)
10:40–11:00 am	Coffee/Tea	
11:00 am–12:30 pm	SESSION 2: Economic Corridors and Development Impact in Middle Income Countries <u>Presenters:</u> Mr. Jayant Menon , Lead Economist, ERCD, ADB Mr. Ying Qian , Director, EAPF, ADB	<u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Diwakar Gupta , Vice President - Private Sector and Cofinancing Operations, ADB <u>Panel:</u> Mr. Suthad Setboonsarng , Board Member of Bank of Thailand, Banpu PLC, and Cambodia Development Research Institute (CDRI) Mr. Pham Thanh Tung , Former Director General of International Cooperation Department, Ministry of Transport, Viet Nam Mr. Rishikesh Singh , Director (MI), Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, India Mr. Wu Tiancheng , Director, Foreign Capital Utilization and Overseas Investment Division,

		Guangxi Development and Reform Commission, People's Republic of China
12:30–1:30 pm	Lunch	ADB Executive Dining Room (EDR) Special Facilities Block
1:30–3:00 pm	<p>SESSION 3: Subregional Economic Corridors</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u> Mr. Cuong Minh Nguyen, Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, SERC, ADB – <i>to present the experience of GMS on corridor development and geographic directions of GMS</i></p> <p>Mr. Kristian Rosbach, Economist (Regional Cooperation), CWRC, ADB – <i>to present Almaty–Bishkek Economic Corridor</i></p> <p>Mr. Hoe Yun Jeong, Principal Economist, SARC, ADB – <i>to present on India's East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC)</i></p>	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Ayumi Konishi, Special Senior Advisor to the President, ADB</p> <p><u>Panel:</u> Mr. Thiru S. Krishnan, IAS Principal Secretary to Planning & Development Department, Government of Tamil Nadu and Chief Executive Officer, Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Board, India Mr. Martin Rama, Chief Economist, South Asia Region, WB Mr. Duncan Overfield, Deputy Head and Regional Economic Development Lead, DFID</p>
3:00–3:30 pm	Coffee/Tea	
3:30– 5:00 pm	<p>SESSION 4: Developing New Cross-Border Economic Zones and Economic Corridors</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u> Mr. Alfredo Perdiguero, Director, SERC, ADB – <i>to present Scoping Study for the Special Economic Zone in IMT-GT</i></p> <p>Ms. Anna Fink, Economist (Regional Cooperation), ERCD, ADB – <i>to present Timor-Leste–Indonesia RCI paper</i></p>	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Bambang Susantono, Vice President-Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB</p> <p><u>Panel:</u> Mr. Suahasil Nazara, Deputy Minister of Finance / Chairman of Fiscal Policy Agency, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia Mr. Mothi Kothandabhany, Director, Regional Development Section, Prime Minister's Department, Economic Planning Unit, Malaysia Mr. Paolo Spantigati, Country Director, Timor-Leste Resident Mission, ADB</p>
5:00–5:05 pm	Closing Remarks	Mr. Bambang Susantono , Vice President-Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB
5:05 – 7:00 pm	Cocktails	ADB Private Dining Room, Special Facilities Block

CAREC=Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation; GMS=Greater Mekong Subregional Cooperation Program; SASEC= South Asia Subregional Economic Cooperation

**ACCELERATING RCI IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH, SHARED PROSPERITY,
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Emerging Regional Cooperation and Integration (RCI) Initiatives, Financial Cooperation, and Regional Public Goods: Supporting Shared Prosperity and Sustainability in the Region

Tuesday, 28 November 2017

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Time	Session	Moderator and Panel
9:15–9:20 am	Welcome	Mr. Arjun Goswami , Chief, Regional Cooperation and Integration Thematic Group, ERCD
9:20-9:30 am	Introduction	Mr. Yasuyuki Sawada , Chief Economist and Director General, ERCD, ADB
9:30–12:00 nn (Coffee/Tea: 10:50-11:05am)	<p>SESSION 1: Emerging RCI Initiatives</p> <p><i>A. Trade and Trade Facilitation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectivity and Trade Facilitation for Inclusive Growth • ASEAN+6 Architecture <p><i>B. Connectivity and Competitiveness</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connecting Asian Initiatives • Technology, Competitiveness, and Digital Trade 	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Ramesh Subramaniam, Director General, Southeast Asia Department, ADB</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jong Woo Kang, Principal Economist, ERCI, ERCD, ADB • Ms. Deborah Elms, Executive Director of Asian Trade Centre, Singapore (via videoconference) • Mr. Arjun Goswami, Chief of RCI Thematic Group, ERCD and Mr. Matthew Goodman, William E. Simon Chair in Political Economy and Senior Adviser for Asian Economics, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), USA • Mr. Ziyang Fan, Project Head, Digital Trade and Cross Border Data Flows, World Economic Forum (via videoconference), USA
12:00–1:30 pm	Lunch	ADB Executive Dining Room (EDR) Special Facilities Block
1:30-3:00 pm	<p>SESSION 2: Regional Cooperation for Financial Stability and Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘Special Theme Chapter’ of AEIR 2017 • ASEAN+3 Bond Market Initiative including Asian Bond Monitor 	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. M. Teresa Kho, Deputy Director General, East Asia Department, ADB</p> <p><u>Presenters:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Cyn-Young Park, Director, ERCI, ERCD, ADB • Mr. Noritaka Akamatsu, Senior Advisor (Financial Cooperation and Integration), EROD, ADB • Mr. Joseph Zveglic, Jr., Director, ERM, ERCD, ADB

		<u>Discussants:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Atsuhiko Yoshitsugu, Director for Promotion of Regional Financial Cooperation International Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan • Mr. Thomas Benjamin Marcelo, Director, International Relations Department, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Philippines
3:00-3:15 pm	Coffee/Tea	
3:15–4:45 pm	SESSION 3: Regional Public Goods <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trade and SDG 13 • Carbon Trading in Asia • Renewable Energy in Asia • Collective Action for Climate Change and Environmental Protection 	<u>Moderator:</u> Mr. James Patrick Lynch , Deputy Director General, Pacific Department, ADB <u>Presenters:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Andrew Prag, Energy Analyst, World Energy Outlook, International Energy Agency (via videoconference) • Mr. Andrei Marcu, Director, European Roundtable on Climate Change and Sustainable Transition; Senior Fellow International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD), Geneva, Switzerland • Mr. P.K. Pujari, Adviser, International Solar Alliance (ISA) National Institute of Solar Energy Campus, India • Ms. Cristelle Pratt, Deputy Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), Fiji
4:45– 5:00 pm	Closing Remarks	Mr. Juzhong Zhuang , Deputy Chief Economist and Deputy Director General, ERCD, ADB

AEIR= Asian Economic Integration Report; AMRO= ASEAN +3 Macroeconomic Research Office; ASEAN= Association of Southeast Asian Nations; ERCI = Regional Cooperation and Integration Division, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department; SDG=Sustainable Development Goals