

Southeast Asia Regional Programme
Sixth Steering Group Meeting
Thematic Webinar Part I
Ensuring Sustainable Recovery through Resilient and Effective Infrastructure
Tuesday, 6 October 2020

Draft Agenda

09:40-11:00 PART 1. Ensuring Sustainable Recovery through Resilient Infrastructure and Global Value Chains

In all Southeast Asian countries, infrastructure development is considered as key to the economic recovery post-Covid-19, not only as a tool to increase public spending to boost growth, but as channel through which the post-recovery economy and society could be made more resilient to similar, and different, shocks.

This webinar will address the ongoing policy discussion on the policy discussion surrounding infrastructure planning and development in the ASEAN context, including on changes in priority setting following the crisis, how Covid-19 has impacted or likely to impact into the future on the financing of infrastructure, as well as impact on climate change consideration. An example of how an OECD Member addressed these issues will follow.

As a response to policy discussion in both ASEAN as well as an OECD member country, the OECD Secretariat will present recent and ongoing work related to infrastructure that could contribute to the post-Covid-19 policy discussion in both Southeast Asia and among OECD Members. These include:

- The **OECD Compendium of Policy Good Practices For Quality Infrastructure Investment** which addresses the six dimensions found in the G20 Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment as well as an additional dimension on financing and liabilities. Of particular interest for the topic would be the dimension related to resilience-building but all other dimensions need to be addressed.
- The **OECD draft Recommendation on the Governance of Infrastructure** develops the ten pillars initially conceived in the previous OECD Framework on the Governance of Infrastructure into more comprehensive policy recommendations, among which is to strengthen critical infrastructure resilience.
- Climate Change is suspected of being one of the root causes of the Covid-19 crisis, and could trigger future similar crisis. Addressing this issue is essential in ensuring that ongoing and future infrastructure development will lead to a resilient economy and society. The OECD is currently leading the development of a **Programme on Sustainable Infrastructure for Low-carbon Development**, together with other stakeholders.
- Since the onset of the crisis, the **International Transport Forum** has carried out extensive consultation on transport connectivity in ASEAN together with regional stakeholders including ASEAN and the UN-ESCAP. [include main conclusions here]
- Trade is a significant engine of economic growth in Southeast Asia. In particular, integration of SEA economies into the Global and Regional Supply Chains is vital. Previous crisis such as the Great East Japan Earthquake and the great flood in Thailand of 2011 had a significant impact on the Global and Regional Value Chains. This time around, the Covid-19 has exacerbated the pressure on the value chains caused by trade tensions that existed prior to the crisis. The OECD Policy Note on **“COVID-19 and global value chains: Policy options to build more resilient production networks”** could shed light onto the role infrastructure could play to render the GVC more resilient

Following these presentations, Southeast Asian and OECD Member Countries could reflect during the webinar as well as during the Steering Group meeting on 7 October, on the direction of future SEARP work on infrastructure.

09:45-09:50	Session Framing and Moderator (one of below) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Andreas SCHAAL, <i>Director, Global Relations Secretariat, OECD</i> (TBC)
09:50-10:15	Southeast Asian Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. LIM Chze Cheen, <i>Director, Connectivity Division, ASEAN Secretariat</i> (TBC) • Mr. Ferdinand A. PECSON, <i>Executive Director, Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Center, The Philippines</i> (TBC) • Dr. Anita PRAKASH, <i>Director, Policy Relations, Office of the President, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia</i>
10:15-10:25	OECD Member Perspective <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. LEE, Dae Joong, <i>Director, Development Finance Division, Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Korea</i>
10:25-10:50	What OECD Can Offer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OECD Compendium of Policy Good Practices For Quality Infrastructure Investment, DAF • OECD draft Recommendation on Infrastructure Governance, GOV • Sustainable Infrastructure for Low-carbon Development, ENV • Transport Connectivity in ASEAN, ITF • Role of Infrastructure for a resilient GVC, TAD
10:50-11:00	Open Discussion and Conclusion