

Publications



Macroeconomic Update No.1, August 2009.

Having been hit hard by the contagion effect of the crisis, the Asia Pacific region has started to show signs of recovery. Full access [here](#).



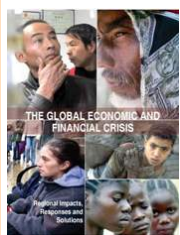
Asia Pacific Development Journal, Vol. 16, No. 1, June 2009.

The topics covered include: Institutions and governance in India; urban governance and the poor in Bangladesh; impact of remittances on household welfare in Viet Nam; Private sector and local-central relations and; Organic agriculture in Chiang Mai Province, Thailand. Full access [here](#).



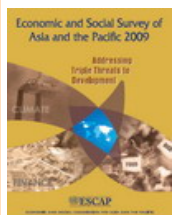
Macroeconomic Policy Brief No. 3, June 2009 on Strengthening social protection systems in Asia and the Pacific in the aftermath of the global financial crisis

The triple threats to development in 2008 and 2009, namely, climate change, food crisis, and economic crisis, highlight the need to strengthen social protection systems. Full access [here](#).



The Global Economic and Financial Crisis: Regional Impacts, Responses and Solutions, Joint Publication of the five UN Regional Commissions,

May 2009. Download [here](#).



Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2009

"Addressing triple threats to development". The survey homepage has

some updates besides the full report. Full access [here](#).

Events



Nobel Laureate Professor Joseph E. Stiglitz spoke on "United Nations System and the economic crisis: towards a new global financial and economic architecture" at ESCAP in Bangkok on 21 August. The transcript of the lecture is available [here](#).



Professor Rehman Sobhan, Chairman of the Centre for Policy Dialogue in Dhaka, and **Professor Rounaq Jahan**, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, spoke at ESCAP on



Empowerment, Governance and Poverty Eradication in South Asia 1 July 2009. The power point presentation is available [here](#).



Dr. Ramkishan S. Rajan, Associate Professor at the School of Public Policy, George Mason University, spoke on Crises, Private Capital Flows and Financial Instability in Emerging Asia at ESCAP on 10 August 2009. The power point



ESCAP – UNDP Regional Technical Seminar on "Local Governance and Basic Services Delivery in Conflict Affected Areas" 2 – 3 June 2009 called for more participatory processes and local forums in the region in order to identify economic areas of comparative advantage that can make employment and growth more inclusive and a cornerstone of effective reconciliation. The Report and papers of the seminar are available [here](#).

Events



Regional High-Level Workshop in Dhaka on Strengthening the Response to the Global Financial Crisis in Asia Pacific: The Role of Monetary, Fiscal and External Debt Policies, 27 – 30 July 2009, called for deepening of regional financial cooperation in Asia – Pacific, to sustain the region's dynamism in the aftermath of the global financial crisis. The conference jointly organized by ESCAP and the Bangladesh Bank was inaugurated by H.E. Mr A.M.A. Muhith, Finance Minister of Bangladesh. It had over 100 participants including representatives of finance ministries and central banks of 17 countries, and representatives of international agencies such as UNDP, ADB, IMF, the World Bank and NGOs. The Report and papers of the meeting are available [here](#).

Upcoming

8-9 October 2009: ESCAP – ISEAS High Level Expert Group Meeting on "Responding to the Global Financial Crisis: Revising the role of the Monetary and Financial Cooperation in the Asia – Pacific Region", Singapore.

26-28 October 2009: UN DESA / ESCAP meeting of Project LINK, Bangkok.

23-24 November 2009: Expert Group Meetings on "economic crisis in the Asia-Pacific region: moving from crisis resilience to crisis resistance through regional cooperation" and "economic and social performance and issues in the ESCAP region".

24-26 November 2009: Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development (First Session). More information is available [here](#).

9-11 December 2009: National workshop on Strengthening the response to the global financial crisis: the role of monetary, fiscal and external debt policies, Thimphu, Bhutan.

Outreach Activities

Dr. Nagesh Kumar, Director, MPDD:

- Delivered a talk on Global Financial Crisis and Regional Economic Cooperation in Asia at the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka on Monday 27 July 2009. More information is available [here](#).
- Chaired a session and made a presentation at the Conference on Global Financial Crisis and Asian Developing Countries: Policy Responses and Lessons organized by the Third world Network in Penang on 18-20 August 2009.

Ms. Tiziana Bonapace, Chief, Macroeconomic Policy and Analysis Section (MPAS/MPDD):

- Delivered a presentation on the key findings of *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2009* at ESCAP Learning Center "In-focus" series (16 July).
- Presented key findings of the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2009 for a visiting group of professors from various universities in Japan (25 August).

Outreach Activities

Mr. Eugene Gherman, Economic Affairs Officer:

- Presented key findings of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2009* at a National Workshop, Dushanbe, Tajikistan (20 May).
- Delivered lectures on Economic Indicators and MDG Indicators for a SIAP Training Course, Chiba, Japan (21-24 July).

Mr. Alberto E. Isgut, Economic Affairs Officer, presented "the food and fuel price shocks of 2007-2008" in the Annual Meeting of the Executives of National Freight Forwarding and Logistics Associations at the UNCC, Bangkok (2 June).

Dr. Shuvojit Banerjee, Economic Affairs Officer:

- Presented, with Ms. Yejin Ha, key findings of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2009* for students from the Universiteit Maastricht, Netherlands (18 June).
- Spoke on the Impact of the Global Financial Crisis in Asia and the Pacific for the students under the Dragon Global Citizenship Programme 2009 from Hong Kong, China (30 June).

New MPDD Director



Executive Secretary of ESCAP appointed **Dr. Nagesh Kumar** as Director of MPDD and Chief Economist ESCAP w.e.f. 10 May 2009. Before joining

ESCAP, Dr. Kumar was the Director-General of the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi and has served the Institute for New Technologies of the United Nations University. A brief bio of Dr. Kumar is available [here](#).

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Macroeconomic Policy and Development Division

<p>What's New</p>	<p>Macroeconomic Update Issue No.1 August 2009</p>
<p>Joint Publication of the five UN Regional Commissions "The Global Economic and Financial Crisis: Regional Impacts, Responses and Solutions"</p>	<p>Macroeconomic Policy Brief "Strengthening Social Protection Systems in Asia and the Pacific in the Aftermath of the Global Financial Crisis"</p>
<p>Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Inclusive Development (First Session) 24-26 November 2009</p>	<p>MPDD Development Seminar Series: "Global Financial Crisis and the Nepalese Economy" 30 September 2009</p>