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by Jaromir Hurnik and Vatcharin Sirimaneetham

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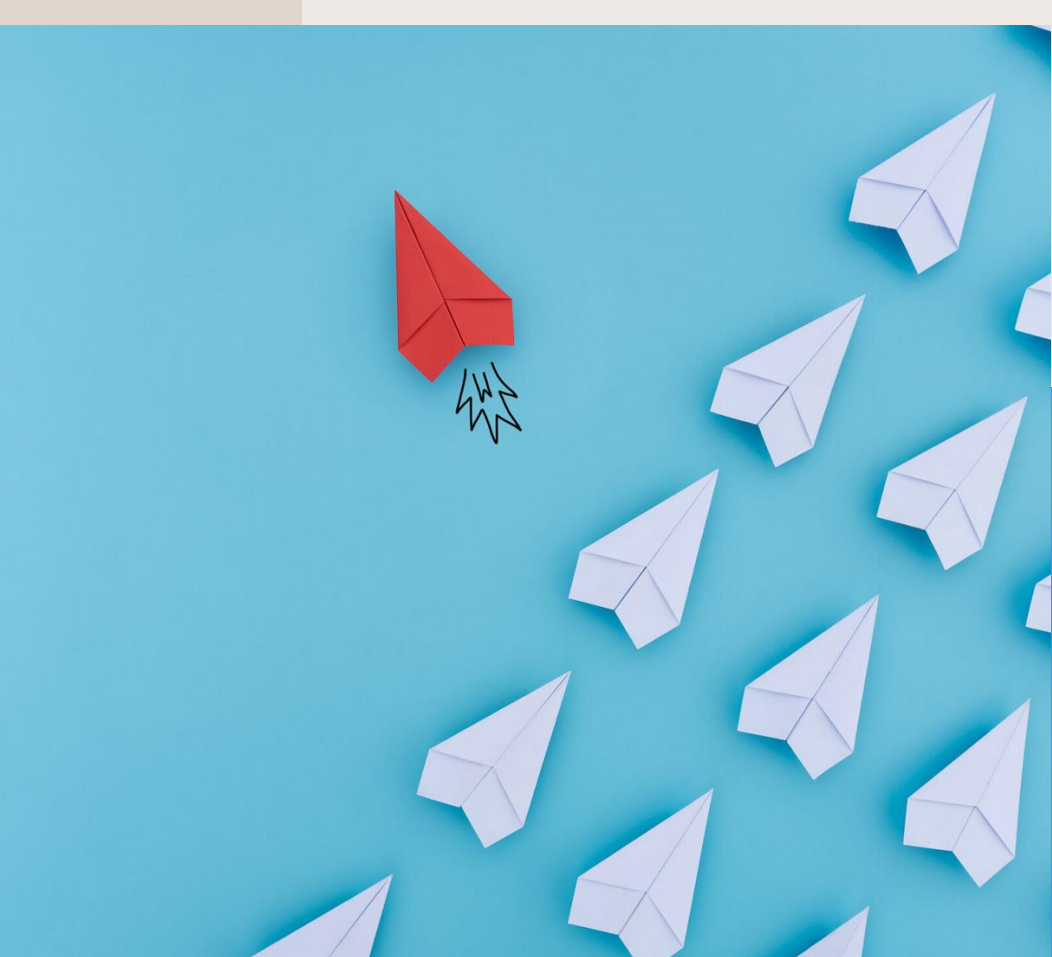
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by Vatcharin Sirimaneetham

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by Vatcharin Sirimaneetham

Should governments borrow more to invest in people and the environment, or should they give up these essential investments to merely achieve “sustainable” public debt level as put forward by creditors and financial markets?

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Events & workshops



Cambodia: Training for sovereign thematic bond issuance to Ministry of Economy and Finance team

16 November and 7-8 December 2023

Seeking to attract investment, create green jobs and close the climate financing gap, the Royal Government of Cambodia is exploring issuing a thematic bond. ESCAP, GGGI and UNDP jointly hosted a series of training workshops engaging with key stakeholders across the government to assess Cambodia's needs, build consensus and establish clear guidelines and best practice.

Viet Nam: National workshop on accelerating sustainable development progress through macroeconomic modelling

14 December 2023

MPFD partnered with the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI) in developing a macroeconomic model to support the government's formulation of sustainable development policies. A national workshop was co-organized by ESCAP, UNRCO and MPI to present the key findings of the preliminary study titled "Accelerate Sustainable Development in Viet Nam: Policy Options" (in English and Vietnamese) and collect feedback from a wider group of stakeholders.



Fourth session of the Committee on Macroeconomic Policy, Poverty Reduction and Financing for Development

1-3 November 2023, Thailand

The fourth session of the Committee focused on the dual challenges of managing debt vulnerabilities amidst the current challenging global macroeconomic environment and closing the sustainable finance gap in Asia and the Pacific to ensure achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

MPFD at COP28

4 and 6 December 2023, United Arab Emirates

MPFD organized three side events during COP28 with Sri Lanka, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and UNFCCC. These events brought together governments and stakeholders to discuss strategies for building project pipelines for implementing NDCs, leveraging finance for climate action and biodiversity conservation, and managing debt vulnerabilities and climate risks.



Side event on Debt-for-climate swaps: a tool to supporting the implementation of the Paris Agreement

