



## ERIA – UNESCAP Joint Virtual Policy Dialogue: the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2020

Date : Wednesday, 10 June 2020

Time : 09:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Venue : Virtual room

On 10 June 2020, the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) are delighted to invite you to a policy dialogue on *The Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2020*.

The event aims to discuss and freely exchange views on policy issues raised in the *'Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2020: Towards sustainable economies.'* Decades of high economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region have transformed its socioeconomic landscape – lifting a billion people out of extreme poverty in the past two decades and raising living standards of even greater numbers. However, such growth has been accompanied by growing inequality of income and opportunity and is beginning to breach planetary limits, thus endangering the well-being of future generations.

The Asia-Pacific region is not on track to achieve any of the 17 Goals by 2030 if we continue on our business-as-usual pathway. The largest regression is in Goal 12: Ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns. This situation calls for a rethink of the economic growth-centric development model.

The *2020 Survey* proposes a transition towards cleaner production and less material-intensive lifestyles supported by enabling policies. It further calls for all stakeholders, notably governments, businesses and consumers, to urgently align their own goals actions with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. It identifies the constraints that different stakeholders face and provides a holistic policy package to power through the challenges.

This Policy Discussion is particularly timely given the urgent need to rethink the 'growth-centric' development model in light of the economic challenges facing the region as it addresses the impact of COVID-19.

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### Schedule

Time	Program
9:30 am – 9:35 am	Opening Remarks – Koji Hachiyama, ERIA
9:35 am – 10.00 am	Presentation of The Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2020 – Zheng Jian, UNESCAP
10.00 am – 10.15 am	Commentary – Venkatachalam Anbumozhi, ERIA
10.15 am –10:25 am	Expert intervention – Arief Anshory Yusuf, University of Padjadjaran, Indonesia
10:25 am – 10:35 am	Expert intervention – Qwanrudee Chotichanathawewong, National Council of Research Thailand
10:35 am – 10:57 am	Open Dialogue
10:57am – 11:00am	Closing
11.00 am	End of the Dialogue

### Speaker Profile



**Koji Hachiyama** is Chief Operating Officer of Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). Mr Hachiyama started his career in the Ministry of International Trade and Industry of Japan (now known as the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry) in 1992 and served in various positions including Embassy of Japan in Indonesia (1997-2001) throughout the years. In the past two years, Mr Hachiyama served as the Counsellor in the National Strategy Office of ICT, the Cabinet Secretariat of Japan. From 2014 to 2017, He served as the Director of IT Department in JETRO New York and the Head of the New York Representative office of IPA (Japan's Information Technology Promotion Agency). Mr. Hachiyama obtained his Bachelor's and Master's degree in Engineering from the Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan.



**Zheng Jian** is Economic Affairs Officer in the Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). His main areas of work include public finance policies, sustainable development policies and financing for development in general, and is currently leading the Division's research and capacity building activities on municipal public finance. He is on the core drafting team of ESCAP's flagship publication – *the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific*, and has been a main contributor to the Division's other research publications, including being a co-editor and lead-author of the book *Tax Policy for Sustainable Development in Asia and the Pacific* in 2018.



**Venkatachalam Anbumozhi** is a Senior Economist at the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Indonesia. He has over 20 years' experience in economic and environmental policy making besides research interests in a range of sustainability issues relating to climate change, clean energy, circular economy and regional cooperation. He has worked with Asian Development Bank Institute, the University of Tokyo, and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies. He has published several books, authored numerous research articles and produced many project reports on renewable energy policies, sustainable infrastructure design, and private sector participation in Green Growth. Anbumozhi was a member of the APEC Expert Panel on Green Finance, G20 Task Force Low Carbon Infrastructure and the ASEAN Working Group on climate-resilient growth. He obtained his PhD from the University of Tokyo.



**Arief Anshory Yusuf** is Professor of Economics at the Department of Economics, Padjadjaran University, Indonesia, Visiting Professor at Department of International Development of King's College London, Honorary Senior Lecturer at Crawford School of Public Policy of the Australian National University and a Non-resident Senior Research Fellow at United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER). He received his Bachelor in Economics from Padjadjaran University, MSc from University College London, and Ph.D. from the Australian National University. His research focuses on economic development, particularly on poverty and inequality as well as on the interlinkage between the economy and the environment. He is also well-known for his expertise in economic modelling particularly computable general equilibrium (CGE) modelling. Prof Yusuf is Founding Director of the Center for Sustainable Development Goals Studies (SDGs Center) of Padjadjaran University, on the editorial board

of Bulletin of Indonesian Economic Studies (BIES) and the current President of Indonesian Regional Science Association (IRSA).



**Qwanruedee Chotichanathawewong** was a Former President of Thailand Environment Institute (TEI). More than 30 years of experiences in the field of energy and environment, Dr Qwanruedee is the expert in various fields of environment. Environmental pollutions, environmental economics, environmental policy, climate change and sustainable development are the key areas of her expertise. She also extensively engages in several projects and forums pertaining to energy, climate change, sustainable development, international cooperation, and other environmental issues.