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**Southeast Asia: Emerging Macro-Fiscal and Governance Challenges and Opportunities**  
**20–23 April 2026**  
**ADB Headquarters Multifunction 4 & 5, Manila**

<b>Day 0</b> <b>20 April 2026, Monday (6:00–8:30 p.m.)</b>
<b>Dinner at Sapphire A, Crowne Plaza, Ortigas, Manila</b>

Time	Day 1 (21 April 2026, Tuesday)
8:30–9:00 a.m.	<b>Registration</b>
9:00–9:30 a.m.	<b>Opening Session</b>  (1) <b>Opening address</b> – Christine Engstrom, Director General, Sectors Department 3, Asian Development Bank (ADB)  (2) <b>Welcome remarks</b> – Tariq Niazi, Senior Director, Public Sector and Governance Sector Office (SD3-PSMG), ADB  <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><b>Short Break for Group Photo</b></div>
9:30–10:15 a.m.	<b>Big picture on macrofiscal and governance issues in the region – culling relevant evidence from <i>Governance at a Glance: Southeast Asia 2025</i> (OECD and ADB)</b>  <b>Expert Lead</b> Irfan Qureshi, Senior Public Sector Economist, SD3-PSMG, ADB  <b>Moderated by</b> Gambhir Bhatta, Consultant (International Policy and Research Specialist), SD3-PSMG, ADB
10:15–10:30 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
10:30 a.m.–12:00 noon	<b>Workshop Session 1: On Climate and Disaster Resilience (CDR)</b> <b><i>Integrating Climate and Disaster Risk Management into PFM Systems</i></b>  <b>Expert Leads</b> (1) Dayna Connolly, Public Finance Specialist (Disaster Risk Management), Climate Change, Resilience, and Environment Cluster (CCRE) (2) Jean T. de Pano, Disaster Risk Management Officer, CCRE
12:00– 1:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00–2:30 p.m.	<b>Workshop Session 2: On CDR, continued...</b> <b><i>Climate and DRM Tagging in National Budgets</i></b>  <b>Expert Leads</b> (1) Dayna Connolly, Public Finance Specialist (Disaster Risk Management), CCRE (2) Jean T. de Pano, Disaster Risk Management Officer, CCRE

2:30–2:45 p.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
2:45–4:15 p.m.	<b>Workshop Session 3: On CDR, continued...</b> <b><i>Disaster Risk Layering and Contingent Disaster Financing</i></b> <b><u>Expert Leads</u></b> (1) Jose Luis Syquia, Principal Public Sector Specialist, SD3-PSMG, ADB (2) Dayna Connolly, Public Finance Specialist (Disaster Risk Management), CCRE
4:15–5:00 p.m.	<b>Discussions on issues raised at the day’s sessions</b> <b><u>Moderated by</u></b> Gambhir Bhatta, Consultant (International Policy & Research Specialist), SD3-PSMG, ADB
5:00 p.m.	<b>End of Day 1</b>

Time	Day 2 (22 April 2026, Wednesday)
8:00–8:45 a.m.	<b>Networking</b>
8:45–9:00 a.m.	Recap of Day 1 proceedings <b><u>Facilitated by</u></b> Dennis Nacario, ADB Consultant (International Governance Assessment and Project Management Expert), SD3-PSMG, ADB Kina Pascua, ADB Consultant (Knowledge Management and Strategic Communications Expert), SD3-PSMG, ADB
9:00–10:30 a.m.	<b>Workshop Session 4: On ADB’s Engagement with CSOs</b> <b><i>ADB’s engagement with CSOs at policy, country, and project levels</i></b> <b><u>Expert Lead</u></b> Haidy Ear-Dupuy, Unit Head, NGO and Civil Society Center (NGOC), ADB <b><u>Rapporteur</u></b> Gambhir Bhatta, Consultant (International Policy & Research Specialist), SD3-PSMG, ADB
10:30–10:45 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45 a.m.–12:00 noon	<b>Workshop Session 5: On Good Governance and Integrity</b> <b><i>Accountability and Good Governance – Responding to Recent Challenges</i></b>  “Macro perspectives on integrity as part of good governance” – Featured address by John Versantvoort, Head, Office of Anticorruption and Integrity (OAI), ADB  Followed by discussions on integrity challenges in the region, and responding to them  <b><u>Expert Leads</u></b> (1) Chiawen Kiew, Advisor, OAI

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	(2) January Sanchez, Principal Integrity specialist, OAI  <b>Rapporteur</b> Gambhir Bhatta, Consultant (International Policy and Research Specialist), SD3-PSMG, ADB
12:00–1:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00–2:30 p.m.	<b>Workshop Session 6: On Public Financial Management (PFM) Systems and CSOs Strengthening PFM systems at country level – CSO contributions and issues</b>  <b>Expert Lead</b> Emma Walters, Senior Social Development Specialist, NGOC, ADB  <b>Rapporteur</b> Roselle Rasay, Principal Social Development Officer (Civil Society and Participation), NGOC, ADB
2:15–2:30 p.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
2:30–4:00 p.m.	<b>Workshop Session 7: On Good Governance Mechanisms National Asset Registries as Powerful Governance Tools</b>  <b>Strengthening Governance around Unprogrammed Appropriations in the National Budget – Philippine Case Study</b>  <b>Expert Lead</b> Eduardo Anthony Mariño III, Deputy Treasurer, Government of the Philippines  <b>Rapporteur</b> Jose Luis Syquia, Principal Public Sector Specialist, SD3-PSMG, ADB
4:00–5:00 p.m.	<b>Discussions on: (i) issues raised at the day’s sessions; (ii) World Café Presentations on Day 3</b>  <b>Moderated by</b> Haidy Ear-Dupuy, Unit Head, NGOC, ADB (on CSO discussions) Kina Pascua, ADB Consultant (Knowledge Management and Strategic Communications Expert), SD3-PSMG, ADB (on World Café presentation matters)
5:00 p.m.	<b>End of Day 2</b>
Time	Day 3 (23 April 2026, Thursday)
8:00–8:45 a.m.	<b>Networking</b>

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8:45–9:00 a.m.	<p>Recap of Day 2 proceedings</p> <p><b><u>Facilitated by</u></b> Dennis Nacario, ADB Consultant (International Governance Assessment and Project Management Expert), SD3-PSMG, ADB Kina Pascua, ADB Consultant (Knowledge Management and Strategic Communications Expert), SD3-PSMG, ADB</p>
9:00–10:30 a.m.	<p><b>Workshop Session 8 (Focus on Country Experiences – in World Café style)</b></p> <p>This session will use a World Café format—an interactive approach that brings participants into small, rotating group discussions to exchange experiences and generate shared insights. Presentations from DMC delegates on emerging issues and good practices on the themes of CDR and Role of CSOs in their respective countries will be displayed at each station. The presentations at their own table will be assigned to one person (representing the seven participating DMCs). All those participating the event will then visit up to three stations to listen to the specific country experiences and compare the lessons. A wrap-up of the exercise will be provided by the facilitators after hearing the opinions of the other separate groups.</p> <p><b><u>Facilitated by</u></b> Gambhir Bhatta, Consultant (International Policy &amp; Research Specialist), SD3-PSMG, ADB Kina Pascua, ADB Consultant (Knowledge Management and Strategic Communications Expert), SD3-PSMG, ADB Lyka Nichollaine Lacia-Lopez, Senior Project Assistant, SD3-PSMG, ADB</p>
10:30–10:45 a.m.	<b>BREAK</b>
10:45–11:00 a.m.	<b>Closing remarks</b> – Jose Antonio Tan III, Director, SD3-PSMG
11:00 a.m.–12:00 noon	<p><b>Closing Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mentimeter exercise on level 1 learning gained</li><li>• Self-evaluation of the workshop</li><li>• Next steps: continued learning and networking</li><li>• Possible ideas for future programs (both in the region and across Asia-Pacific)</li></ul> <p><b><u>Moderated by</u></b> Jose Luis Syquia, Principal Public Sector Specialist, SD3-PSMG, ADB Kina Pascua (Knowledge Management &amp; Strategic Communications Expert), SD3-PSMG, ADB</p>
12:00–1:30 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:30 p.m.	<b>End of Workshop</b>