

Asian Development Bank

Launch Seminar:

Lessons from Asia Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Monitor 2021

Accelerating Dynamics of MSMEs post COVID-19 in South Asia

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Virtual Conference
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Provisional Agenda

09:00-09:30	Participants Registration
09:30-09:50	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>by Mr. Bambang Susantono, Vice President (Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development), Asian Development Bank (ADB)</p> <p>Introductory Remarks</p> <p>by Mr. Joseph Ernest Zveglich Jr., Deputy Chief Economist and Director General, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (ERCD), ADB</p>
09:50-10:30	<p>Session 1: Trends and Challenges in MSME Development in South Asia: Lessons from the Asia SME Monitor 2021</p> <p>This session summarizes key findings from the Asia SME Monitor 2021 Volume I (Country and Regional Reviews).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Overview of MSME development in Southeast Asia</i> ➤ <i>MSME access to finance and financial assistance</i> ➤ <i>Policies and regulations</i> ➤ <i>Challenges for scaling up MSMEs and economic revival</i> <p>Moderator: Mr. Satoru Yamadera, Advisor, ERCD, ADB</p> <p>Presentation: [20 min]</p> <p>by Mr. Shigehiro Shinozaki, Senior Economist, ERCD, ADB</p> <p>Question and Answer session [20 min]</p>
10:30-11:30	<p>Session 2: National Efforts to Scale Up MSMEs and Challenges Against the Pandemic</p> <p>In this session, selected government authorities that contributed to the Asia SME Monitor 2021 discuss their efforts on developing the MSME sector and key challenges during the COVID-19 crisis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>What mid-to-long-term policy frameworks have the government developed and promoted to support MSMEs?</i> ➤ <i>What assistance programs for MSMEs have been implemented during the COVID-19 crisis?</i> ➤ <i>What are major constraints and challenges to scale up MSMEs? Are there any differences before and during the COVID-19 crisis?</i>

	<p>Moderator: Mr. Shigehiro Shinozaki, Senior Economist, ERCD, ADB</p> <p>Presentations: [45 min]</p> <p>India’s Efforts and Challenges for Scaling up MSMEs by Dr. Ishita G. Tripathy, Additional Development Commissioner, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, India</p> <p>Pakistan’s Efforts and Challenges for Scaling up MSMEs by Ms. Nadia Jahangir Seth, General Manager Policy and Planning, Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority, Pakistan</p> <p>Nepal’s Efforts and Challenges for Scaling up MSMEs by Ministry of Industries Commerce and Supplies, Nepal</p> <p>Question and Answer session [15 min]</p>
11:30-12:30	<p>Session 3: Enhancing MSME Access to Finance – Financing Models Post COVID-19</p> <p>This session discusses central banks’ efforts to enhance MSME access to finance and their financial inclusion roadmaps, addressing digital financial services solutions and financing modalities post COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>What mid-to-long-term policy frameworks have the central bank developed and promoted to accelerate MSME access to finance? What is the major progress on the national financial inclusion strategy (including digital financial services solutions)?</i> ➤ <i>What financial assistance programs for MSMEs have been implemented during the COVID-19 crisis?</i> ➤ <i>What are major constraints and challenges to enhance MSME access to finance? Are there any differences before and during the COVID-19 crisis?</i> <p>Moderator: Ms. Cyn-Young Park, Director, Regional Cooperation and Integration Division, ERCD, ADB</p> <p>Presentations: [45 min]</p> <p>Bangladesh’s Efforts and Challenges on MSME Access to Finance by Mr. Abu Farah Md. Nasser, Deputy Governor, Bangladesh Bank</p> <p>Sri Lanka’s Efforts and Challenges on MSME Access to Finance by Mr. J P R Karunaratne, Assistant Governor, Central Bank of Sri Lanka</p> <p>India’s Efforts and Challenges on MSME Access to Finance by Mr. Anil Kumar Sharma, Executive Director, Reserve Bank of India</p> <p>Question and Answer session [15 min]</p>
12:30-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-14:00	<p>Session 4: How Asia’s Small Businesses Survived One Year into the COVID-19 Pandemic</p> <p>This session summarizes key findings from the Asia SME Monitor 2021 Volume II.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Business conditions during the COVID-19 pandemic</i> ➤ <i>COVID-19 impact by firm size and business sector</i> ➤ <i>Impacts on digitally-operated, women-led, and internationalized MSMEs</i> ➤ <i>Moving forward for strengthening MSME dynamism post COVID-19</i>

	<p>Moderator: Mr. Joseph Ernest Zveglich Jr., Deputy Chief Economist, ERCD, ADB</p> <p>Presentation: [20 min] by Mr. Shigehiro Shinozaki, Senior Economist, ERCD, ADB</p> <p>Question and Answer session [10 min]</p>
14:00-15:30	<p>Session 5: Panel Discussion – Policy Actions Fighting Against the Pandemic</p> <p>Selected panelists discuss how governments coordinate ongoing MSME policies and what policy approaches and actions would be required post COVID-19.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>What is your country's response to the COVID-19 for MSME support?</i> ➤ <i>What are major constraints and challenges to design and implement MSME assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic?</i> ➤ <i>What policy actions would be required to support MSMEs post COVID-19 crisis?</i> <p>Moderator: Mr. Sabyasachi Mitra, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Trade Division, South Asia Regional Department, ADB</p> <p>Panelists: [60 min]</p> <p>Dr. Md. Mafizur Rahman, Managing Director, SME Foundation, Bangladesh</p> <p>Mr. Manjula Hettiarachchi, Additional Director General, Ministry of Finance, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Ms. Fatima Javaid, Joint Director, State Bank of Pakistan</p> <p>Dr. Gunakar Bhatt, Executive Director, Nepal Rastra Bank</p> <p>Open Floor Discussion [30 min]</p>
15:30-15:45	<p>Wrap-up and Closing Remarks</p> <p>by Mr. Joseph Ernest Zveglich Jr., Deputy Chief Economist and Director General, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (ERCD), ADB</p>
15:45	<p>End of the Seminar</p>