

**World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization
Asian Regional Dialogue**

***“Strategies for Making Globalization More Inclusive for People:
Views from the Asia-Pacific”***

Bangkok, 16-17 December 2002

Monday, 16 December 2002

- 08.30-09.00 Registration
- 09.00-10.30 Inaugural Session** (*Chair: Mr. Yasuyuki Nodera*)
- 09.00-09.10 *Welcome and Introductory remarks, Mr. Yasuyuki Nodera, ILO Regional Director for the Asia-Pacific.*
- 09.10-09.25 *“The World Commission on the Social Dimension of Globalization”, Opening Address by H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, President of Finland and Co-Chair of the World Commission.*
- 09.25-09.45 *“Making Globalization More Inclusive for People”, Keynote Address by Dr. Surin Pitsuwan, M.P., Member of the World Commission.*
- 09.45-10.05 *“The World Commission and the Asian Regional Dialogue”, Commissioners: Lord Bill Brett and Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz.*
- 10.05-10.30 *Coffee Break*
- 10.30-12.45 Session I – *The impact of globalization on people: the experiences of different countries in the region and the perspectives of key actors.***
(Chair: Dr. Surin Pitsuwan)
- 10.30-11.00 *Outcomes of national dialogues on the social dimension of globalization:*
- The Philippines, presented by Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz;
- China and India, presented by Mr. P. Gopinath, Executive Secretary of the World Commission.
- 11.00-11.35 *Experiences and perspectives in the Asia-Pacific region:*
- Mr. Mueen Afzal, former Secretary-General, Ministry of Finance, Pakistan.
- Mr. Zainal Rampak, Secretary-General, Malaysian Trade Union Congress, Malaysia.
- Mr. Dong-eung Lee, Korea Employers’ Federation, Republic of Korea.
- Dr. Ing Kantha Phavi, Secretary of State, Ministry of Women’s and Veteran’s Affairs, Cambodia.
- Mr. Farhad Mazhar, Managing Director of UBINIG (Policy Research for Development Alternatives), Bangladesh.
- 11.35-11.45 Discussant: Ms. Nieves Confesor

- 11.45-12.45 General Discussion
- 12.45-14.30 *Lunch (United Nations Conference Centre Dining Room)*
- 14.30-17.30** **Session II – *The Asian Financial Crisis: lessons learned; regional and sub-regional strategies for globalization.***
(Chair: H.E. M.R. Pridiyathorn Devakula, Governor of the Bank of Thailand)
- 14.30-14.45 Presentation by H.E. M.R. Pridiyathorn Devakula, Governor of the Bank of Thailand.
- 14.45-15.45 Presentations by:
- Mr. Charles Adams, Assistant Director, IMF Regional Office.
 - Mr. Kazi Matin, Lead Economist, World Bank Regional Office.
 - Mr. Walden Bello, Focus on the Global South.
 - Mr. J.K. Robert England, UNDP Resident Coordinator.
- 15.45-16.15 *Coffee Break*
- 16.15-16.25 Discussant: Lord Bill Brett
- 16.25-17.30 General Discussion
- 17.45 *Reception (Public Foyer of the UNCC)*

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- 09.00-12.30** **Session III – *Regional views on international policies and negotiations for globalization: what aspects should be changed in the areas of trade, finance and development?***
(Chair: Prof. Ammar Siamwalla)
- 09.00-09.15 Presentation by Prof. Ammar Siamwalla, Thailand Development Research Institute.
- 09.15-10.15 Presentations by:
- Mr. Mani Shankar Aiyar, Member of Parliament. India.
 - Mr. Yoshinori Ohno, Member of Parliament, Japan.
 - Ms. Nieves Confesor, Dean, Asian Institute of Management, Philippines.
 - Mrs. Apiradi Tantraporn, Director-General, Department of Trade Negotiation, Ministry of Commerce, Thailand.
 - Prof. Rene Ofreneo, University of the Philippines.
- 10.15-11.15 General Discussion
- 11.15-11.45 *Coffee Break*
- 11.45-12.15 Remarks by members of the World Commission: *President Tarja Halonen, Lord Bill Brett and Victoria Tauli-Corpuz.*
- 12.15-12.30 Conclusions of the Regional Dialogue: *Dr. Surin Pitsuwan.*
- 12.30 *Lunch (United Nations Conference Centre Dining Room)*