



**ASEAN Community 2015:  
Managing integration for better jobs and shared prosperity**



**Regional Launch and Policy Dialogue**  
20 August 2014

Grand on Thamrin 2, Pullman Hotel  
Jl. M.H. Thamrin 59, Jakarta, Indonesia

## BACKGROUND

The ASEAN Economic Community (AEC), a single regional common market and production base, will become a reality in 2015 for the 600 million women and men of the ten ASEAN Member States. This initiative will lead to the freer flow of goods, services, investment and skilled labour in the region. Tariffs and non-tariff barriers will be reduced which will have implications for intra-regional trade and investment. New opportunities for growth and prosperity are likely to emerge from deeper regional integration, but the challenge is to ensure that growth is inclusive and prosperity is shared.

The International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), with support from the ASEAN Secretariat, have conducted a study on *ASEAN Community 2015: Managing integration for better jobs and shared prosperity*. The report examines the impact of the AEC on labour markets through economic model simulations, with the aim of offering evidence-based policy recommendations towards fostering better jobs and equitable growth. The study highlights priorities to address the challenges and opportunities of the AEC in terms of strengthening regional cooperation mechanisms, facilitating structural change and improving job quality, enhancing skills development, boosting productivity and wages, and managing labour migration.

## AGENDA

Time	Session
8.00-9.00	<i>Registration</i>
9.00-9.30	<p><b>Opening ceremony and presentation of report</b></p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Sophy Fisher, Senior Communication &amp; Public Information Officer, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the report to ASEAN Secretariat and remarks (<i>Representatives of the ILO, ADB and ASEAN Secretariat</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yoshiteru Uramoto, ILO Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific</li> <li>○ Arjun Goswami, Director, Office of Regional Economic Integration of the ADB</li> <li>○ H.E. Muhaimin Iskandar, Minister of Manpower and Transmigration of Indonesia</li> <li>○ Mr Said Iqbal, Vice-Chair of the ASEAN Trade Union Council, President of KSPI: Confederation of Indonesian Trade Union</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Tan Sri Azman Shah Dato' Seri Haron, President of ASEAN Confederation of Employers, President of the Malaysian Employers Federation

- Photo-op
- Remarks by H.E. Le Luong Minh, ASEAN Secretary-General

### **Session 1: Media briefing**

- Overview presentation “ASEAN Community 2015: Managing integration for better jobs and shared prosperity” (*Sukti Dasgupta, Chief of Regional Unit for Economic and Social Analysis Unit, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and Arjun Goswami, Director, Office of Regional Economic Integration of the ADB*)
- Media Q&A

10.30-10.45 *Coffee/tea break*

### **10.45-12.30 Session 2: High-level panel: Opportunities and challenges of ASEAN integration for better jobs and shared prosperity**

*Moderator:* Sharanjit Leyl, Presenter of BBC Business Asia

- Yoshiteru Uramoto, ILO Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific
- Arjun Goswami, Director, Office of Regional Economic Integration of the ADB
- Larry Maramis, Director for Cross-Sectoral Cooperation, the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- Ninasapti Triaswati, Expert Adviser to the Coordinating Minister of Economic Affairs of Indonesia
- Christopher Ng, Regional Secretary, Asian and Pacific Regional Organization of UNI Global Union (UNI APRO)
- Tan Sri Azman Shah Dato' Seri Haron, President of ASEAN Confederation of Employers, President of the Malaysian Employers Federation

12.30 *Lunch*

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