



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

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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.

The event will be jointly hosted by ILO, ADB and the Ministry of Human Resources (*to be confirmed*)

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Time	Session
9.30 -10.00	Registration
10.00-10.15	Opening ceremony and welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HE Minister of Human Resources, Mr. Richard Riot Jaem• Mr Yoshiteru Uramoto, ILO Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific• Message from ADB (Tbc)
10.15-10.30	Coffee Break
10:30-11:00	Presentation: ASEAN Community 2015: Managing integration for better jobs and shared prosperity By Mr. Malte Luebker, Senior Regional Wages Specialist, ILO Mr. Phu Hyun, Labour Economist, ILO
11:00 -11:20	Keynote address: Overview of Malaysia's integration into the global/regional economy in the fields of labour and employment. By Mr Sahar Bin Darusman, Deputy Secretary General (Policy and International), MOHR
11:20 -11:30	Questions and Answers

11.30-12.45 **High-level Panel Discussion: Opportunities and challenges of integration for better jobs and shared prosperity in Malaysia**

Moderator: Professional Journalist (Tbc)

- Senior representative of the MOHR *(Tbc)*
- President of the MEF *(Tbc)*
- President of MTUC *(Tbc)*
- Senior representative of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce *(Tbc)*
- Academic *(Tbc)*

12.45-13.00 **Closing remarks**

- Senior representative of the MOHR
 - Senior representative of the ILO
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