

# OECD Regional Approaches

## ASIA

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### OUTPUT AREA 1.1.2 - COUNTRY PEER REVIEWS OF ECONOMIC POLICIES

<b>Output results 2008:</b>	Challenges paper followed by a seminar on Indonesia
<b>Directorate:</b>	ECO
<b>Description:</b>	First EDRC policy seminar for Indonesia, and launch of the final publication on Indonesia, 2008
<b>Events:</b>	EDRC policy seminar (provisional date: July 2008, OECD Headquarters) and launch of the publication in Indonesia, Q3 2008
<b>Publications:</b>	Title unknown yet, Q3 2008
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### OUTPUT AREA 2.1.1 - LIFELONG LEARNING, ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES

<b>Output results 2007-08:</b>	Pilot studies on prevalence statistics on children with disabilities in Cambodia.
<b>Directorate:</b>	EDU/CERI
<b>Description:</b>	The activity began in 2006 to gather prevalence data on students with disabilities in Cambodia. These data serve as basis for the development of education and health services for children with disabilities as progress towards through the UNESCO's Education for All (EFA) initiative. Involvement with the World Bank will ensure funds and mainstreaming of research outcomes into education and health sector development plans funded by the World Bank.
<b>Publications:</b>	Report on pilot study on prevalence statistics on children with disabilities in Cambodia. (Q3 2008)
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### OUTPUT AREA 2.2.2 - MIGRATION POLICIES

<b>Output results 2007-08:</b>	Monitoring of trends and migration policies: Analytical reports.
<b>Directorate:</b>	ELS
<b>Description:</b>	In accordance with the Mandate of the OECD Working Party on Migration and under its auspices, this activity relates to the monitoring of trends and migration policies. It aims at providing comparative analyses and information to Member countries in order to help them in the elaboration of their migration policies and in international co-operation for migration and development.

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- Events:**
- Annual Workshop on International Migration and the Labour Market in Asia (Tokyo, 16 March 2007)
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### **OUTPUT AREA 2.2.3 - WELFARE AND SOCIAL INCLUSION**

**A. Output results 2007-08:** Modernising social protection system to meet demographic challenges.

**Directorate:** ELS

**Description:**

The *Pensions at a Glance*, *Modernising Pension Systems*, and *Child Well Being* projects will increase the awareness of the policy changes needed to reduce fiscal and social stress arising from the demographic changes and explore the opportunities opening up for rebalancing social protection to improve its cost-effectiveness. It is proposed to organise an appropriate policy dialogue among Asian countries and with OECD countries on pension policies and family policies. This activity would be undertaken, subject to additional grants, in co-operation with the OECD-Korea Joint Regional Centre on Health and Social Policy.

- Events:**
- Conference on pensions in Asia, Q3 2007.
  - Conference on family policies in the Asian Region, Q4 2008.

**Publications:** A publication containing indicators similar to those included in *Pensions at a Glance* (publication in June 2007) will be released following the conference.

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**B. Output results 2007:** OECD Social Indicators: Social expenditures data base.

**Directorate:** ELS

**Description:**

Social indicators information will be collected for the Asian region, using the OECD-Korea Joint Regional Centre on Health and Social Policy and subject to additional grants. The initial focus will be on social expenditures data.

**Publications:** Report on social expenditures in Asia, Q4 2007.

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### **OUTPUT AREA 2.3.6 - ENVIRONMENT IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY**

**Output results 2007:** Regional environmental co-operation

**Directorate:** ENV

**Description:**

A programme of co-operation between the OECD and the Asian economies on the environmental protection provides opportunities for:

- Promoting dialogue and collaboration between OECD Member countries and emerging Asian economies on critical environmental issues at the national, regional and global levels;
- Promoting environmentally sustainable development and integration of economic and environmental policy making;

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- Discussing the design and implementation of specific environmental policy instruments for addressing critical environmental issues of mutual interest.

As Asian countries implement policy and structural reforms, these efforts build on opportunities to develop economic and environmental policies that are mutually supportive.

The OECD participates in the activities of the Asian Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Network (AECEN) which was established in 2005. AECEN is supported by the Asian Development Bank and the US Agency for International Development.

- Events:**
- AECEN 2007 annual meeting, October 2007, China
  - AECEN 2008 annual meeting (time and place TBD)

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### OUTPUT AREA 3.2.1 - AGRICULTURAL POLICY REFORM

**Output results 2007/08:** Non-Member reviews and policy evaluations

**Directorate:** TAD

**Description:**

As part of its proactive global relations strategy, the Committee for Agriculture asked the Secretariat to increase its contact and co-operation with Indonesia and Chinese Taipei. There is already some contact through the Global Forum on Agriculture. The Secretariat will examine various options to increase dialogue, but the exact form of that co-operation remains to be determined and would depend in large measure on the interest expressed by Indonesia and Chinese Taipei. Initial work with non-Members activities could include a regional event with non-Members in 2008 to provide greater exposure to OECD policy analysis and advice, possibly leading to a country review in the next PWB biennium. The support and direction of the ADB and the Asian Productivity Organisation in such activities will be sought.

- Events:**
- Secretariat Participation in APO PSE workshop – 7 February 2007
  - Secretariat mission to Chinese Taipei, participation in Workshop on agricultural policy reform – March 2007

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### OUTPUT AREA 3.3.1 - TAX POLICIES AND INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS

- Output results 2007-08:**
- Updates to the Model Tax Convention and expansion of its use (Q2, 2008)
  - Updates and extension of Transfer Pricing Guidelines (Q4, 2008)

**Directorate:** CTPA

**Description:**

Apart from the work done at the Korean Multilateral Tax Centre described in the context of the Global Forum on Taxation, there will be a number of tax events in the Asian region which are aimed at strengthening the network of tax treaties, and implementing the transfer pricing guidelines. Events on these issues will be held in Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong, China in 2007. Similar events building on the outcomes are likely to be held in 2008, these will be negotiated in September 2007.

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- Events:**
- Tax Treaty Issues, Malaysia 5-9 March 2007
  - Transfer pricing Guidelines Workshop, Malaysia 21-24 May 2007
  - Transfer pricing regional seminar, Malaysia 28 May to 1 June 2007
  - Recent Developments in Tax treaties, Singapore 16-20 July 2007
  - Tax treaty Issues, Hong Kong, China, 22-26 October 2007
  - 2008: to be determined.
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### OUTPUT AREA 4.1.1 - INVESTMENT

**Output results 2007/08:** APEC/OECD one pilot country review and peer dialogue based on the Policy Framework for Investment.

**Directorate:** DAF

**Description:**

(Subject to the availability of new voluntary contributions.)

As a result of the interest expressed at APEC Ministerial level, the main purpose of this area is to expand the co-operation between OECD and APEC economies in the field of international investment through mutually supportive activities. In particular:

- The review of *Vietnam* will offer valuable lessons into how assessments in the context of the Policy Framework on Investment (PFI) could be conducted within APEC/Asia and how the PFI may be used as the basis for regional peer learning and dialogue in APEC/Asia on investment climate reform.
- The Melbourne *High Level APEC/OECD Policy Dialogue on the Policy Framework for Investment* will provide the occasion to test a methodology for using the PFI as a framework for guiding policy choices by a developing Asian economy and related policy capacity building needs for implementation.
- The APEC/OECD second pilot country review and peer dialogue of *Peru* (see also the chapter on Latin America) based on the Policy Framework for Investment will provide the occasion to test the application of the Principles for Private Sector Participation in Infrastructure to an APEC developing economy engaged in policy reforms aimed at promoting the private sector's contribution to sustainable economic growth and social welfare.

- Events:**
- 26-27 April 2007, Melbourne, APEC High-Level Public-Private Policy Dialogue on the Policy Framework for Investment (PFI)
  - December 2007, presentation of the results of the PFI assessment of Vietnam at the 2007 Global Forum on International Investment (to be confirmed).

**Publications**

- Early 2008: *OECD Investment Policy Review of Vietnam*

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**OUTPUT AREA 4.1.2 - ANTI-CORRUPTION**

ADB/OECD Anti-Corruption Initiative for Asia and the Pacific

- Output results 2007:**
- Continuous review of progress under the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific through meetings of the Initiative's Member economies.
  - One cross-regional thematic review on mutual legal assistance, extradition and recovery of assets derived from corruption.
  - Capacity building in the areas of mutual legal assistance and bribery.
  - Strengthening and expanding partnerships with countries and relevant constituencies in the fight against corruption in Asia-Pacific.
- Output results 2008:**
- Continuous review of progress under the Anti-Corruption Action Plan for Asia-Pacific through meetings of the Initiative's Member economies and a regional conference.
  - One peer review of a country's anti-bribery framework.
  - One cross-regional thematic review on a cross regional issue;
  - Capacity building to further support countries' efforts to construct the necessary legislative and institutional framework in respect to the application of international anti-corruption instruments.
  - Strengthening and expanding partnerships with countries and relevant constituencies in the fight against corruption in Asia-Pacific.

**Directorate:** DAF

**Description:**

The activities for 2008 are subject to the availability of new voluntary contributions.

In partnership with the Asian Development Bank, DAF/ACD will continue to support the Initiative's 27 Member economies in strengthening their frameworks and practices to curb bribery and corruption. This will be done with reference to the relevant international instruments, primarily the OECD Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions and the United Nations Convention Against Corruption. This work will improve the investment and business environments in Asian and Pacific economies. The Initiative could also be a channel for enhanced dialogue between major Asian economies and the Working Group on Bribery.

The priorities of the Initiative will be:

- To review anti-corruption policies in Asian and Pacific countries for the purpose of assisting economies in identification of reform priorities;
- To facilitate and foster an exchange of experience among economies of the region and with Members of the Working Group on Bribery;
- To build up institutional and human capacities that are of critical importance for further engaging Asia-Pacific economies in the global fight against corruption; and
- To enhance dialogue between the Working Group on Bribery and major economies in Asia, including assessing their anti-bribery frameworks.

- Events:**
- Steering Group meetings, Q4 2007 and Q2, Q4 2008 (tentative).
  - Capacity building seminars, Q4 2007 and Q4 2008 (tentative).
  - Anti-Corruption Conference for Asia-Pacific, Q2 2008 (tentative).

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- Publications**
- Thematic Review of Mutual Legal Assistance, Extradition and Recovery of Proceeds of Corruption in Asia and the Pacific, Q4 2007.
  - Proceedings of the 5th capacity building seminar, Q3 2008.
  - Anti-Corruption Policies in Asia and the Pacific: Progress in Legal and Institutional Reform in 2007-08, Q4 2008.
  - Proceedings of the 6th Anti-Corruption Conference for Asia-Pacific, Q4 2008.

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### OUTPUT AREA 4.1.3 - CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

- Output results 2007:**
- Implementation of the OECD Principles of Corporate Governance: Asian regional corporate governance survey;
  - Privatisation and corporate governance of state-owned enterprises: Asian regional survey of implementation of the OECD Guidelines of Corporate Governance of SOEs;
  - The Forum on Asian Insolvency Reform will issue a publication.
- Output results 2008:**
- Implementation of the OECD Principles of Corporate Governance: Asian regional corporate governance survey;
  - Privatisation and Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises: Asian regional survey of implementation of the OECD Guidelines of Corporate Governance of SOEs;
  - The Forum on Asian Insolvency Reform will meet and complete a regional survey of emerging priorities for insolvency reforms in the region (subject to new voluntary funding).

**Directorate:** DAF

**Description:**

The Asia Roundtable on Corporate Governance will address priorities for implementing the Asian White Paper on Corporate Governance and report on developments since the Asian financial crisis of the late 1990s. The White Paper annex comparing legal and regulatory frameworks in Asia will be updated and will form the basis of a policy statement to be endorsed by the participating 13 Asian economies.

Issues addressed by the Roundtable's most recent stock-take report indicated several possible areas for priority focus for the medium-term: (i) administrative enforcement, (ii) civil enforcement, (iii) ownership structure, (iv) fiduciary duties of directors, (v) corporate governance of groups of companies, and (vi) related party transactions. Outputs will include comparative reports and policy options papers on the priority topics identified by the participants, who represent regulatory bodies, stock exchanges, corporate governance associations and other stakeholders from Asian as well as OECD countries.

The Asian Network on Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprises will also develop a survey of policies and practices in Asian countries, drawing upon the OECD Guidelines on Corporate Governance of SOEs as a reference.

Subject to funding, the Forum on Asian Insolvency Reform (FAIR) will shift from stock-taking to focus on addressing the implementation gap in Asian insolvency reforms. The OECD, in partnership with the Australian Treasury, will also launch a Network of insolvency officials to enhance information exchange on an ongoing basis, which will also serve as a tool for channelling expertise to the FAIR and for spreading its conclusions in the region.

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<b>Events:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Asian Network on Corporate Governance of SOEs, Cebu, Philippines, 19-20 April 2007</li><li>- Asian Roundtable on Corporate Governance, Singapore, June 2007.</li><li>- 2008 events to be determined</li></ul>
<b>Publications</b>	Forum on Asian Insolvency Reform publication, Q2 2007
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### OUTPUT AREA 4.2.1 - COMPETITION

<b>Output results 2007/08:</b>	Regional Centre for Competition programme of capacity building seminars and workshops.
<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>DAF</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<p>The regional Centre for Competition was established jointly with the Korean Government and is located in Seoul. It has a regular programme of events throughout the year. The programme covers most areas of competition law and economics, details of which can be found on the website below.</p>
<b>Events:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Seoul: 7-9 February, 4-6 April, 27-29 June, 10-12 October, 5-7 December 2007.</li><li>- 2008: dates to be determined.</li></ul>
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### OUTPUT AREA 4.2.2 - FINANCE, INSURANCE AND PENSIONS

<b>Output results 2007/08:</b>	Promoting open and efficient financial, insurance, pensions, public debt markets in Asia
<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>DAF/FIN</b>
<b>Description:</b>	<p>OECD has developed a substantial programme of policy dialogue and capacity building to promote modern, open and sound financial markets and insurance and private pensions systems in emerging markets and developing economies. This work has been developed on a global, regional and country basis, with support of substantial voluntary contributions notably from Japan and the International Pension Foundation.</p> <p>Analytical work will be undertaken on issues where emerging economies could benefit from the experience of OECD countries and OECD leading practices for regulation, development and market access developed in the Committee on Financial Markets and the Insurance and Private Pensions Committee. A series of high-level international conferences and workshops will also be organised for issues of particular relevance to Asian emerging economies, such as capital market development, public debt management, management of large-scale risks, private pensions, financial education and public debt management may also be included.</p> <p>The OECD organises annual round table conferences to discuss the challenges that securities market regulators and policy makers should address to develop capital markets in the region.</p>

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### Events:

#### *Financial markets:*

- Roundtable on Capital Market Reform in Asia (late 2007)
- Expert mission devoted to strengthening co-operation on financial issues with India (late 2007)

#### *Insurance:*

- First OECD Conference organised under the auspices of the International Network on the Financial Management of Large-Scale Catastrophes, Hyderabad, India, 26-27 February 2007
- OECD Conference on Improving Financial Management of Large-Scale Catastrophes in China, 2007

#### *Private Pensions:*

- Expert Meeting on the collective pension schemes in Beijing in May 2007
- Expert Meeting on the pension trusteeship in Beijing in October 2007
- OECD/IOPS Global Pension Forum in Beijing in October 2007
- Organisation of an expert meeting on pension regulation in India (late 2007)
- Organisation of a Conference on private pension issues in India (2008, date and venue to be determined)

#### *Public Debt Management:*

- Annual OECD-China Forum on Public Debt Management and Government Securities Markets, Beijing, September 2007.

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## OUTPUT AREA 4.3.3 - TAX ADMINISTRATION

### Output results 2007/08:

Seven guidance and information notes for tax administrations on tax compliance and taxpayer service delivery issues (Q4 2008)

### Directorate:

CTPA

### Description:

Singapore and Hong Kong, China are Members of the Forum on Tax Administration and are contributing directly to the outcomes on tax administration described above. In addition, Vietnam will be hosting an event for the ASEAN countries on auditing of small and medium-sized enterprises

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**Events:** Auditing Small and Medium Size Enterprises, Vietnam,  
3-7 December 2007

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