

Welcome to the Fifth edition of the OECD Thailand Country Programme newsletter

The Thailand Country Programme, launched in May 2018, aims to help bolster Thailand's domestic reform agenda, support its transition to high-income status and bring the country closer to OECD legal standards and instruments. This edition highlights activities from October to December 2019.

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Bilateral Meetings between OECD and Thailand



22 November 2019- Paris, France

Mr. Danucha Pichayanan, Deputy Secretary-General of Thailand's National Economic and Social Development Council met with Mr. Andreas Schaal, Director of OECD Global Relations. They discussed ongoing OECD-Thailand Co-operation, including the preparation of the Mid-term Review of the Thailand Country Programme, scheduled for mid-2020 in Bangkok. In addition, Mr. Pichayanan presented the progress of the Thailand Country Programme to the OECD External Relations Committee.



17 October 2019 – Paris, France

Dr. Thosaporn Sirisumphand, Secretary-General of the National Economic and Social Development Council led the Thai delegation to the OECD to attend the Development Centre's Governing Board. On this occasion, he called on Ms. Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20. Dr. Sirisumphand expressed his gratitude to the OECD for supporting Thailand's domestic policy reforms through the [Thailand Country Programme](#) and reiterated Thailand's commitment to working with the OECD.

Highlight Activities

15th OECD-Asian Senior Budget Officials Network Meeting



12-13 December 2019 – Bangkok, Thailand

The OECD, in partnership with Thailand's Bureau of the Budget and Australia's Department of Finance, brought together the budget directors and senior officials from the Asian region to share policy experiences and discuss common budgetary issues. The meeting offered an opportunity to present the preliminary findings of the OECD Review of Budgeting in Thailand, and a Gender Budgeting Action Plan. Bilateral meetings with Mr. Charnkitt Dejvitak, Vice Minister attached to the Prime Minister and the Director of the Budget Bureau aimed at discussing policy recommendations for Thailand's budgetary governance practices.

>> [Read more about OECD's work on budgetary governance and gender budgeting](#)

ASEAN Business and Investment Summit



3 November 2019 – Bangkok, Thailand

Ms. Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20 represented the OECD at the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit, at the 2019 ASEAN Summit in Bangkok, Thailand. At the high-level panel, Ms. Ramos addressed on the need to develop digital skills, provide quality infrastructure, allow for technology dissemination to SMEs and improve inclusiveness. In addition, she presented the [2020 Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India](#) as well as key findings of [SEA Going Digital: Connecting SMEs](#) to government and private sector leaders from the ASEAN region.

OECD Thailand Competition Day



4 October 2019 – Bangkok, Thailand

In collaboration with the Office of Trade Competition Commission, the OECD held the first Competition Day in Thailand, under the theme of "The World of Competition: Good Governance, Increasing Trade Opportunity". The event aimed to raise public awareness of the new Thai Competition Act and sharing experiences on the competition law enforcement from various countries. At the margin of the Competition Day, the OECD also organised a workshop to present the key findings of the ASEAN Competition Assessment in the logistics sector in Thailand on 1-3 October 2019.

>> [Read more about OECD's work on competition in Southeast Asia](#)

Capacity Building Workshop on Regulatory Reform

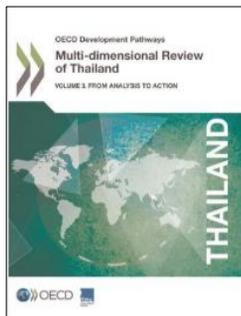


30 September-3 October - Bangkok, Thailand

The OECD and the Office of the Council of State (OCS) held a capacity-building workshop to exchange knowledge and best practices on the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) and ex post evaluation of legislation for Thai policy-makers. The outcomes for the workshop will be fed into the ongoing draft of the Scan of the Good Regulatory Practice of Thailand.

>> [Read more about OECD's work on good regulatory practice](#)

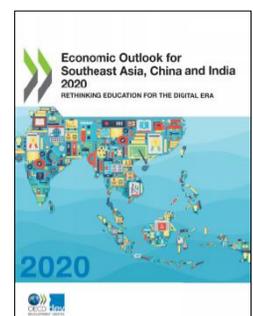
RECENT PUBLICATIONS ON THAILAND



The third volume of the [Multi-dimensional Country Review \(MDCR\) of Thailand](#) draws on the previous volumes' in-depth analysis and policy recommendations. This report focuses on northern Thailand. It proposes a set of actions to support three transitions that Thailand needs to implement in order to move to the next level of development: 1) moving towards a more regionally balanced growth path; 2) simplifying multi-level governance; and 3) improving the management of water resource and risk management.



[The Illegal Wildlife Trade in Southeast Asia: Institutional Capacities in Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam](#) examines the governance frameworks for countering illegal wildlife trade in the countries. After assessing the effectiveness of several responses to wildlife crime in these countries, the report provides recommendations for strengthening the capacities of the institutions involved and improving strategies to counter illegal wildlife trade.



[Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India 2020: Rethinking Education for the Digital Era](#) comprises three main parts, i) regional economic monitoring, depicting the economic outlook and macroeconomic challenges in the region; ii) special thematic chapter on human capital development, in particular education for the digital era and iii) structural country notes offering specific recommendations for each country.

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