



# Unlocking the Potential Digital Economy in India & South East Asia

Thursday, August 23, 2018 | Hotel Radisson Suites Sukhumvit, Bangkok, Thailand

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

09:30 – 10:00 Registration

10:00 – 11:00 **Opening Session: Digital Economy Enabled Growth Towards Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

**Chair** Alice Pham, Director, CUTS International, Vietnam

**Speakers** Sameer Sharma, Senior Advisor, International Telecommunication Union, Thailand

Mia Mikic, Director, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, Thailand

Sanjay Kumar, Commercial Representative, Embassy of India, Thailand

Pansak Siriruchatapong, Vice Minister for Digital Economy and Society, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society, Thailand

Supruet Thavornnyutikarn, Director, India Studies Centre, Thammasat Institute of Area Studies, Thammasat University, Thailand

**Release of Country (India, Philippines and Vietnam) Research Reports, “Going Digital: From Innovation to Inclusive Growth”**

11:00 – 11:30 Tea Break

11:30 – 13:30 **Session I: The Regional Inclusive Growth Project: A Snapshot**

This session will present insights and recommendations, emanating from research in three countries namely India, Philippines and Vietnam, under the “Regional Inclusive Growth” Project. The session will feature presentations from respective project countries, which will be followed by deliberations on various challenges and identify solutions associated with digital economy.

**Chair** Allan Asher, Chairman, Foundation for Effective Markets and Governance, Australia

**Presenters** Alice Pham, Director, CUTS International, Vietnam

Maureen Rosellon, Supervising Research Specialist, Philippine Institute for Development Studies, Philippines

Sidharth Narayan, Senior Research Associate, CUTS International, India

**Panellists** Sothi Rachagan, Vice Chancellor, Nilai University, Malaysia

Maria Susan P. Dela Rama, Executive Director, Certification Office, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, Philippines

Deepak Maheshwari, Director, Government Affairs India, ASEAN & China, Symantec, India

**13:30 – 14:30**      **Lunch**

**14:30 – 16:00**      **Session II: The Global State of Data Protection vs Data Sovereignty**

Speakers at this session will discuss the creation, as well as effective enforcement of data protection and privacy rules/laws. The session intends to shed some light about the on-going negotiations, similarities and differences between laws, and discuss possible need for global cooperation.

**Chair**                      **Indrani Thuraisingham**, Regional Networker Asia Pacific, Consumer International, Malaysia

**Presenter**                **Lalit Panda**, Research Fellow, Public Law, Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy, India

**Panellists**                **Lurong Chen**, Economist, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, Indonesia

**Juan Paolo Fajardo**, Data Privacy Lawyer and Partner, Fajardo Law Offices, Philippines

**Soontaree Songserm**, Strategy and Planning Division, Ministry of Digital Economy and Society, Thailand

**16:00 – 16:30**      **Tea Break**

**16:30 – 18:00**      **Session III: Automation Plus Artificial Intelligence: Impact on the Future of Work**

This session seeks to bring together representatives from public and private sectors, subject expert, etc., to discuss the array of challenges automation, further exacerbated by Artificial Intelligence, poses to future of work. The goal will not be to arrive at definitive solutions but to frame issues and define avenues for future research and engagement.

**Chair**                      **Raghav Narsalay**, Managing Director, Accenture Research, India

**Panellists**                **Simon Lacey**, Vice-President, Global Government Affairs, Trade Facilitation and Market Access, Huawei, China

**Naman Aggarwal**, Asia Policy Associate, Access Now, India

**Anthony Amunategui Abad**, CEO, Trade Advisors, Philippines

**18:00 – 19:00**      **Closing Session**

**Chair**                      **Udai S Mehta**, Deputy Executive Director, CUTS International, India

**Presenter**                **Sita Zimpel**, Advisor, Competition Policy and Law in ASEAN, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit, Indonesia

**Panellist**                **Supruet Thavornyutikarn**, Director, India Studies Centre, Thammasat Institute of Area Studies, Thammasat University, Thailand

**19:00 – 20:00**      **Evening Reception**

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