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Southeast Asia is one of the world's most vulnerable regions to the impacts of climate change, making decarbonization more urgent than ever. Join the Asian Development Bank's Southeast Asia Development Symposium (SEADS) 2023, "Imagining a Net-Zero ASEAN," on 30 March to learn about innovative technologies and solutions, financing mechanisms, and policies that can help the region decarbonize.

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With SEADS 2023 focused on advancing the region's net-zero goals, we are highlighting our net-zero coverage in this issue of the newsletter. Here are our top stories on net zero.



Five Ways to Fund the Philippines' Fight against Climate Change

Financing climate action was a key topic at the COP27 climate change conference in Sharm El-Sheikh. For the Philippines, on the front lines of the global climate emergency, it is a make-or-break question.

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MSMEs Critical for a Greener Future in Southeast Asia

MSMEs are the first and last mile of the economy. As such, more concerted support for MSMEs to chart a greener way forward is needed, from governments, platform companies, and new digital solutions providers.

This article is published in collaboration with the Tech for Good Institute.

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Building a Climate Resilient Asia: What Is Most Needed?

Ensuring cities are livable, adopting nature-based solutions, switching to sustainable transport, and shifting to hydrogen power among initiatives seen to bolster fight against climate change.

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Indonesia's Future Capital Aspires to Be Carbon Neutral by 2045

Nusantara's plan to achieve a carbon-neutral, resource-efficient, and livable city will contribute to Indonesia's target of achieving net-zero emissions by 2060.

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Other stories



Here Is How Employers in Asia-Pacific Are Hiring in the Digital Age

Education systems need retooling to meet the growing demand for higher digital skills.

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Indonesia's Women Impact Entrepreneurs: Her Barriers Are More Systemic Than You Think

Women entrepreneurs face a range of constraints in growing their businesses, including limited access to capital, advice, and training opportunities, as well as support networks for business-related resources.

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Publications

Asian Development Outlook (ADO) 2022 Supplement: Global Gloom Dims Asian Prospects



This report from ADB provides updated economic projections, revising growth forecasts for developing Asia down slightly from 4.3% to 4.2% in 2022 and from 4.9% to 4.6% in 2023. Download.

DKI Jakarta Province Voluntary Local Review 2021—Jakarta Collaboration in Handling the COVID-19 Pandemic: Rise toward a Resilient Jakarta



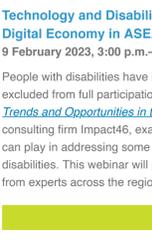
This publication highlights how stakeholders in Jakarta were working together in Jakarta meeting SDG indicators, addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, and building resilience. Download.

Gender Security and Safety in the ASEAN Digital Economy



This paper from ERIA reflects on the implications of gender-based cyber violence for digital equality and economic development. Download.

The Global Green Economy: Capturing the Opportunity



This report from Arup explores how governments, investors, and communities can understand the opportunities promised by green economic strategy and take action to build sustainable prosperity. Download.

Events

Event poster for 'Technology and Disability: Trends and Opportunities in the Digital Economy in ASEAN' on 9 February 2023, 3:00 PM to 4:15 PM. Includes speakers like Kate Goodfruit, Nicole Cresta, Ashling Cashmore, Rubens Singh, Darren Chua, Neelash Bhatia, and Thanchanok Jiraphakorn.

Technology and Disability: Trends and Opportunities in the Digital Economy in ASEAN

9 February 2023, 3:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m. UTC+7. People with disabilities have borne the brunt of prejudice and are often excluded from full participation in society. A study, Technology and Disability: Trends and Opportunities in the Digital Economy in ASEAN, from ERIA and consulting firm Impact46, examined the role digital technology has played and can play in addressing some of the barriers faced by people with disabilities. This webinar will present the study's findings as well as analysis from experts across the region.

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ADB Southeast Asia Development Symposium 2023: Imagining a Net-Zero ASEAN. 30 March - Bali, Indonesia (Hybrid). Countries in Southeast Asia are committed to a net-zero future, with 8 out of 10 ASEAN member states at the COP26 climate conference in Glasgow committing to net-zero targets by 2050. ADB's Southeast Asia Development Symposium (SEADS) 2023, "Imagining a Net-Zero ASEAN," will bring together thought leaders and decision makers from government, industry, academia, and the development sector to discuss innovative solutions that can help countries focus on becoming net-zero economies and rebound from the COVID-19 crisis. For questions on registration, how to attend in-person or virtual sessions, access to recordings, and more, please read our FAQs.

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PATA Destination Experience Forum and Mart 2023. Responsible Tourism, Gastronomy Tourism and Ecotourism. 21-23 Jun | Kuching city, Sarawak, Malaysia. Organized by STB Sarawak Tourism Board and PATA Pacific Asia Travel Association.

PATA Destination Experience Forum and Mart 2023. 21–23 June 2023 • Sarawak, Malaysia

The PATA Destination Experience Forum and Mart, to be held in Kuching in Sarawak, Malaysia, will showcase the host city as a top destination for sustainable and adventure travel destination. The forum, themed "Responsible Tourism, Gastronomy Tourism and Ecotourism," aims to help secondary and tertiary areas grow and develop into widely recognized, bucket-listed tourism destinations.

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