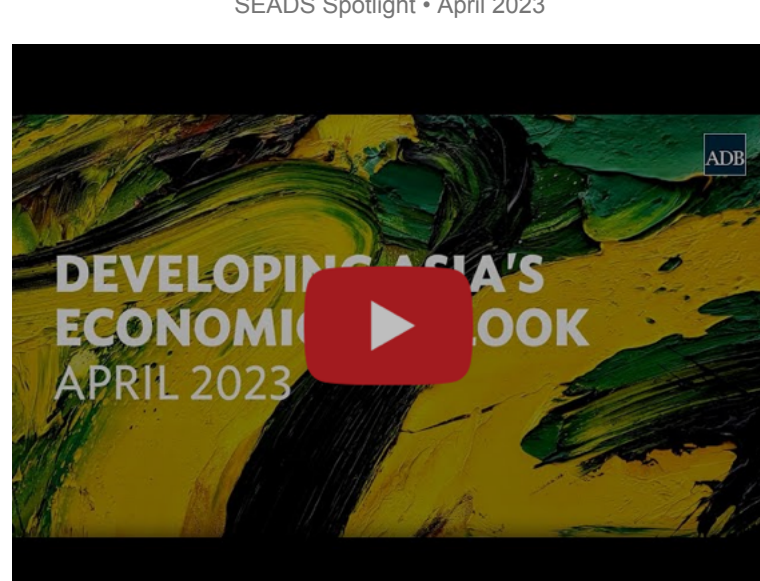


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### ADB Forecasts 4.8% Growth for Asia and Pacific in 2023 and 2024

Growth forecasts for developing economies in Asia and the Pacific are looking brighter, with expansion seen at 4.8% this year and next year versus 4.2% in 2022, according to the Asian Development Bank's Asian Development Outlook 2023. In Southeast Asia, strong tourism and robust domestic demand are lifting the economies of Indonesia, the Philippines, and Viet Nam, with the subregion projected to grow by 4.7% this year and 5.0% in 2024.

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### Positive But Cautious Outlook for Tourism in Southeast Asia

Visitor arrivals are nearing pre-pandemic levels in some regions, but Asia and the Pacific is seeing slow recovery, according to data from the United Nations World Tourism Organization.

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There is an urgent need to accelerate the adoption of solutions that can mitigate climate impacts and advance decarbonization, warned experts at the Asian Development Bank's recently concluded fourth Southeast Asia Development Symposium. Regional and international cooperation, advancing and financing new technologies, and country and corporate initiatives are all vital to meeting net-zero goals.

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### Women Must Be at the Forefront of the Transition to a Low-Carbon Economy

For a gender-just transition, governments and other stakeholders need to accelerate access to clean energy for all, increase women's share in green employment, support more women in education relevant to the transition, and fully engage and amplify women's voices.

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Digital technology can provide opportunities for people with disabilities to participate more fully in the workforce, to access education, and to lead more inclusive lives.

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### To Do Genuine Good, Tech Must Be Responsible, Supportive, Facilitative, and Transformative

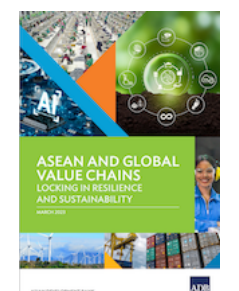
Digital technologies and the digital economy may drive more than economic growth, but also sustainable, equitable, and inclusive development for all. Yet, "tech for good" has proven nebulous as a concept.

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2 May • Incheon (In-person)  
The COVID-19 pandemic has unmasked large infrastructure gaps in healthcare, education, digital, and social infrastructure in the ASEAN+3 region. Thus, there is a pressing need to identify new ways to encourage greater private sector participation in financing infrastructure development in the region to build back infrastructure in a more sustainable and inclusive manner. ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors are jointly launching a report with the Asian Development Bank on innovative financing solutions for infrastructure investments in the ASEAN+3 region.

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**Asia Clean Energy Forum 2023: Navigating toward a Carbon-Neutral Future through Clean Energy Solutions**  
13-16 June • Manila (In-person)  
The Asian Development Bank cordially invites clean energy practitioners to participate in the 19th [Asia Clean Energy Forum \(ACEF\)](#) taking place in Manila on 13-16 June. This forum is co-organized with the United States Agency for International Development and the Korea Energy Agency.  
ACEF is a forum for clean energy practitioners to come together and share insights into possible actions using clean energy solutions, for a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific.

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**PATA Destination Experience Forum and Mart 2023**  
21-23 June • 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 sustainability 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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