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ASEAN Needs to Green Global Value Chains amid Climate Risks

Ensuring ASEAN's global value chains are resilient against climate change entails significant policy change, grant of incentives, and reskilling or upskilling of the region's workforce.

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Fulfilling Asia's Offshore Wind Potential

Blessed with long coastlines and favorable government policies, Asia looks set to grow its offshore wind significantly over the next decade and beyond. The International Renewable Energy Agency estimates that by 2050 Asia will be a global leader in wind power, while the Global Wind Energy Council expects the Asian offshore market to have installed nearly 100 gigawatts of offshore wind capacity by 2030.

This article is published in collaboration with Arup.

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Rethinking Dispute Resolution in Infrastructure Projects

In the high-stakes world of infrastructure development, disputes are often complicated, protracted and expensive. Effective dispute management and avoidance will improve the infrastructure ecosystem, reduce the risk for financiers, and enhance investor confidence in new projects.

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Can Renewable Energy Certificates Increase Clean Energy Investments in BIMP-EAGA Countries?

A grant-supported study is looking into the market potential of tradeable certificates and how countries can set up a regional system.

This story was first published by BIMP-EAGA.

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Publications

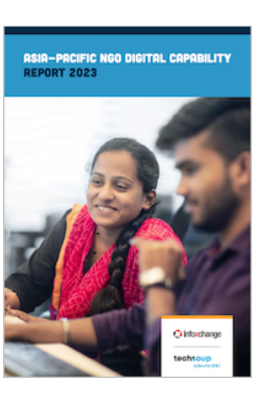
The Philippines' Ecosystem for Technology Startups

This report discusses challenges facing tech startups in the Philippines and provides recommendations. Download

Fostering ASEAN's Digital Future through Cybersecurity Policies and Human Empowerment

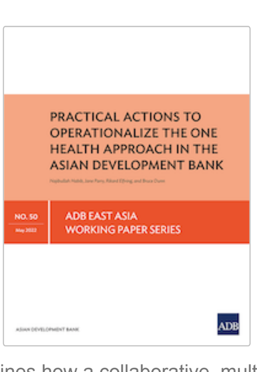
This policy brief proposes policy recommendations to ensure successful investments in cybersecurity. Download

Asia–Pacific NGO Digital Capability Report 2023



This report examines the unique digital capabilities of NGOs, nonprofit organizations, charities, and not-for-profits in the Asia–Pacific. It identifies training and technology priorities that can help bolster organizations' digital capabilities. Download

Practical Actions to Operationalize the One Health Approach in the Asian Development Bank



This working paper examines how a collaborative, multisectoral, and transdisciplinary approach can help tackle some of the biggest threats to development in Asia and the Pacific. Download

Events

Scaling Up Innovation and DigitalTech for Entrepreneurship Ecosystem

27 July 2023, 2:00 p.m.–3:30 p.m. UTC+7 | Jakarta, Indonesia

ASEAN's digital economy is predicted to reach $430 billion by 2025, with e-commerce and financial technology seen driving growth. However, ASEAN members face challenges in providing a nurturing ecosystem for startups.

This seminar from the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia will examine the landscape for innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem and the adoption of digital technology. It will explore ways to navigate the digital transition as well as the importance for startup founders to have the right entrepreneurship mindset, skills, and digital assets.

Register

Indonesia–Japan Fast Track Pitch Event 2023

Deadline: 31 July 2023

Startups from Indonesia have a chance to pitch their ideas and work with leading companies from ASEAN and Japan under the Indonesia–Japan Fast Track Pitch Event. The event is part of the ASEAN–Japan Co-Creation Fast Track Initiative launched by Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and the Japan External Trade Organization to support open innovation through collaboration between startups and large companies from both ASEAN and Japan.

Finalists can also vie for 50 million yen ($352,627) worth of grants under the Asia Digital Transformation Promotion Program, a joint project between ASEAN and Japan that aims to solve socioeconomic challenges in ASEAN using innovative technologies such as digital tech.

Submit Proposal

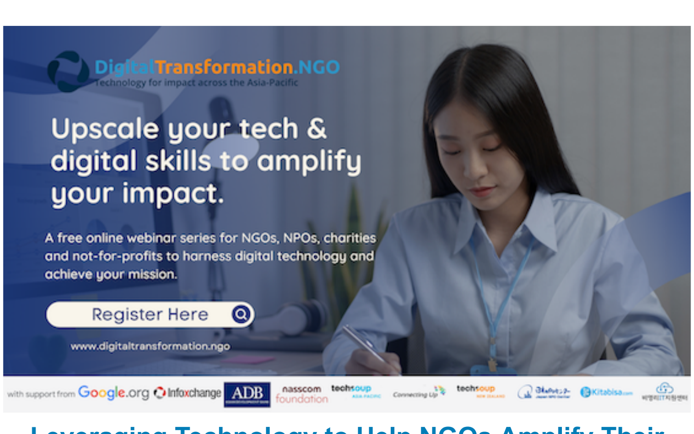
Sustainable Energy Financing and Mobilization of Energy Investments to Ensure Energy Security and Achieve NDCs in ASEAN

23 August 2023, 9:00 a.m.–1:30 p.m. GMT+8 • Hybrid

ASEAN countries pledged bold action toward carbon neutrality at both COP26 and COP27. However, pathways toward carbon neutrality vary between countries. The ASEAN Plan of Action of Energy Cooperation, the regional blueprint for the energy sector, states that availability, accessibility, and affordability of energy supply should be the fundamental goal.

This forum will examine how ASEAN countries can achieve their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) while meeting the goals set out in the region's energy blueprint.

Register



Leveraging Technology to Help NGOs Amplify Their Impact

September 2023 • Online

With the help of hundreds of billions of dollars in international aid, nongovernment organizations (NGOs) across Asia and the Pacific play a key role in delivering vital programs and services to help people in need.

This webinar will help NGOs bolster their digital capabilities in four areas: non-for-profit cloud collaboration, selection, migration, and support; data capture and analysis to track and improve impact; digital marketing techniques to attract funding; cyber security protection to keep data and employees safe.

Exact date to be announced soon.

Register

9th Asia-Pacific Housing Forum

26–27 October 2023 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. KST | Suwon, Republic of Korea

For more than a decade, the Asia–Pacific Housing Forum has convened stakeholders to seek solutions to affordable housing issues and promote decent housing as a driver of economic growth.

The forum will examine themes, including finding adequate housing solutions in the region, policy options for urban informal settlements, climate change and affordable housing, financing and affordable housing, and addressing rising housing challenges.

To learn more, visit www.aphousingforum.org.

Register

Cities for All: An Introduction to Inclusive Cities

Self-paced | Available until June 2024

People are at the heart of smart, livable cities. However, many cities are not properly planned and built to serve their diverse populations, with women and girls, people with disabilities, older persons, and children left vulnerable and marginalized.

This free online course from the ASEAN Australia Smart Cities Trust Fund (AASCTF) introduces key concepts, examines inclusion issues, and provides a toolkit to make cities more inclusive. The course, which can be taken any time, is designed for city government personnel, city planners, policymakers, and members of civil society organizations in Asia and the Pacific. The course is also relevant for urban services and development professionals, researchers and students, and others who are interested in improving and mainstreaming gender equality and social inclusion in urban projects and integrating smart inclusive approaches toward people-centered urban development.

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