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The Southeast Asia Sustainable Tourism Facility will help countries identify and prepare environmentally sustainable tourism projects and catalyze private financing to support them.

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How Is Digitalization Helping Women-owned Micro and Small Businesses Cope During the Pandemic?

Women who own and run micro and small businesses in Indonesia are relying more on digital platforms to market their products and services, but digitalization alone is not enough to help them survive, says a UN-led research.

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Young entrepreneurs are powering up Southeast Asia's largest economy as it moves toward a post-pandemic recovery.

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Executives of Indonesian tech company Gojek and American mobile banking app Simba explain how they advance their social impact through a global online education platform.

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The Hunt for Housing Solutions

Luis Noda, vice-president for Asia-Pacific at Habitat for Humanity International, calls on governments, the private sector, and civil society to come together to craft solutions in providing affordable housing for all.

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The Doctor Is On: How Telemedicine Is Improving Healthcare Access

Philippine start-up Alaga Health hopes to address health gaps by offering patients the convenience of consulting with a healthcare service provider without leaving their home or office.

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Publications

Labor Mobility and Remittances in Asia and the Pacific during and after the COVID-19 Pandemic



This brief from ADB examines the impact of the pandemic on labor mobility and remittances in Asia Pacific and looks at policy recommendations.

Incubating Indonesia's Young Entrepreneurs: Recommendations for Improving Development Programs



This report from ADB examines entrepreneurship development models and incubation centers designed for the youth in Indonesia and comes up with recommendations to bolster training programs for entrepreneurs.

Financing the Ocean Back to Health in Southeast Asia: Approaches for Mainstreaming Blue Finance



This report from ADB gives an overview of Southeast Asia's blue economy with a particular focus on the investment approaches, opportunities, and finance mechanisms that are available to promote and catalyze funds for a sustainable ocean economy.

ASEAN Green Future Phase 1 Reports—Further, Faster, Together



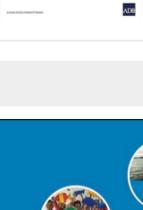
This series of reports from the ASEAN Green Future project builds the economic and technical case for the region to decarbonize.

Social Enterprises and Disability: Promoting Inclusion, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship in ASEAN



This policy brief from ERIA highlights the role of social enterprises in promoting social impact and inclusion for people with disabilities in ASEAN. It explains how the disproportionate number of people with disabilities are still lagging behind in society and how social enterprises can foster innovation for promoting disability inclusion and rights.

Firms' Financial Distress during the COVID-19 Pandemic and Fiscal Incentives



This study from ERIA measures companies' financial distress during the pandemic and examines the potential impact of fiscal incentives on financial performance. It focuses on companies in Indonesia and Malaysia, which have different fiscal policy incentives.

Digital Connectivity and Low Earth Orbit Satellite Constellations: Opportunities for Asia and the Pacific



This publication from ADB explores the potential of low-Earth orbit satellites to enhance global digital connectivity and benefit developing Asia, particularly its more remote areas.

Events



Healthy Oceans Tech and Finance Forum 26–28 January 2022 | 9:00 A.M.–5:30 P.M., Manila Time

Register now for this first flagship event under ADB's Action Plan for Healthy Oceans and Sustainable Blue Economies on 26–28 January 2022.

Check out the forum agenda for details on more than 30 deep-dive and spotlight sessions that feature ocean science, innovations, and technologies along with traditional approaches and solutions (including low-technology and indigenous knowledge) with potential for scale-up. Global experts will set the scene for the forum's four thematic tracks: Plastic-Free Oceans, Coastal Resilience, Ocean Finance, and Blue Foods.

A virtual expo will showcase technology and innovation to protect and enhance ocean health. If you know of companies or organizations with solutions to share, please invite them to apply for a booth. Applications are due 14 January 2022. Application criteria are listed on the application page.

Share and invite others via LinkedIn.

Register

Southeast Asia Development Symposium 2022: Sustainable Solutions for Southeast Asia's Recovery

16–17 March 2022 | 10:00 A.M.–4:00 P.M., Manila Time

The pandemic has had a deep and profound impact throughout Southeast Asia. Many of the region's hard-won gains in reducing poverty, creating jobs, and enhancing health and wellbeing have been reversed, with the poor and vulnerable particularly hard-hit. This year's Southeast Asia Development Symposium (SEADS) will highlight innovative solutions to "build back better" and rebound from the COVID-19 crisis.

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