



Asia-Pacific  
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# DEMOGRAPHIC DIVIDEND AND SILVER ECONOMY

## MIPAA SIDE MEETING BANGKOK

Thursday, 30 June 2022

12.30 pm - 1.45 pm, Bangkok time

ESCAP Meeting Room A

Online via Zoom (*Scan QR code to pre-register*)



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**Host:** UNFPA Asia-Pacific Regional Office

**Co-Hosts:** Embassy of Japan in Thailand, Ministry of National Development Planning of the Republic of Indonesia (BAPPENAS), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE), Government of India, HelpAge International

### Speakers:

#### Opening remarks

- **H.E. Nashida Kazuya**, Ambassador of Japan to Thailand
- **Dr. Annette Sachs Robertson**, Deputy Regional Director of UNFPA Asia and Pacific Office

#### Presenters

- **Dr. Sang-Hyop Lee**, Professor and Chair of Department of Economics of University of Hawaii at Manoa and Senior Fellow of the East-West Center
- **Dr. Mun Sim Lai**, Population Affairs Officer, Population Division of UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs

#### Panelists

- **Dr. Maliki Achmad**, Director of Poverty Alleviation and Community Empowerment, Ministry of National Development Planning of Indonesia (BAPPENAS)
- **Dr. Hayashi, Reiko**, Deputy Director-General of National Institute of Population and Social Security Research of Japan
- **Ms. Worawan Plikamin**, Advisor on Policy and Strategy of Office of National Economic and Social Development Council of Thailand

#### Moderator

- **Mr. Eduardo Klien**, Regional Representative of HelpAge Asia and Pacific Regional Office

#### Closing remarks

- **Mr. R. Subrahmanyam**, Secretary, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India





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**Side Event on Demographic Dividend and Silver Economy**

Thursday 30 June, 2022, 1230-1345

Bangkok and online

**Host and Co-hosts**

Host: UNFPA Asia-Pacific Regional Office

Co-hosts

1. Embassy of Japan in Thailand
2. Ministry of National Development Planning of the Republic of Indonesia (BAPPENAS)
3. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India
4. HelpAge International

**Concept Note**

**Introduction:** With over 4.7 billion people, Asia and the Pacific is home to 60% of the world's current population. The region is both diverse and dynamic in terms of population development trends. There is incredible diversity in the demographic transition among countries in our region. While several countries are among the world's youngest countries that are dedicated to further reducing unplanned pregnancies, an increasing number of countries in the region are experiencing a time of demographic dividend that is particularly conducive to economic development if proper policies are put in place. At the same time, several other countries in the region have rapidly become aged societies with low fertility and increased longevity. Those countries are working to define policies that may enhance their economic development, including through intergenerational transfers, while taking advantage of a second demographic dividend.

The continuing challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic together with emerging economic hardship globally have significantly impact population dynamics and require adjustments by all walks of life. This meeting offers us an opportunity to update how the demographic dividend can be interpreted through the National Transfer Accounts analysis for Asia-Pacific region. The changing demographic profiles by countries from young to old populations keeping in mind the 'intergenerational economy' including public and private transfers of incomes and expenditures through an individual's life course can be considered on how to advance the silver economy being considered among countries in the coming decades.

**Objectives:**

The side meeting will present the evidence on demographic dividends in Asia-Pacific using the National Transfer Accounts analysis focusing on achievements, challenges and opportunities in introducing the silver economy keeping in mind the existing intergenerational transfers. Lessons learned from countries will be presented to generate discussion.

**Speakers:** Two global experts on the National Transfer Accounts, 5 government representatives, and 1 civil society organization.

**Expected outcomes:**

The side meeting will allow the participants during the Q&A to respond to any issues raised during the discussion. The recording of the round-table discussion and a summary of the discussion will be posted on the website of the host and co-hosts.

<b>Agenda</b>	
12:30-12:35 (5 min)	<p>Welcome and Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Annette Sachs Robertson (Host) Deputy Regional Director of UNFPA Asia and Pacific Office</li> <li>• H.E. NASHIDA Kazuya (speech on behalf of all co-hosts) Ambassador of Japan to Thailand</li> </ul>
12:35-13:30 (55 min)	<p><b>Title ‘Demographic Dividend and Silver Economy – Opportunities and Challenges’</b></p> <p><i>How do we define demographic dividend? How diversified are the demographic dividends in the Asia-Pacific region? What evidence do we have to suggest the dividend? What kind of findings the National Transfer Account (NTA) analysis can provide for policymaking? What data and information are needed to support the countries to analyze the demographic dividend and inform policymaking?</i></p> <p><u>Presenters (15 minutes)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Sang-Hyop Lee, Professor and Chair of Department of Economics of University of Hawaii at Manoa and Senior Fellow of the East-West Center</li> <li>• Dr. Mun Sim Lai, Population Affairs Officer, Population Division of UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs</li> </ul> <p><i>How does country define the silver economy keeping in mind the demographic dividend context and the intergenerational transfers? What does it mean and how does it work? What are the expected results and how to achieve them? What are required to make the silver economy a reality? Any success stories and challenges? How to manage the economic resilience in the region through 'silver economy' keeping in mind increasing inequality and economic disruptions?</i></p> <p><u>Panelist discussion (40 minutes)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Maliki Achmad, Director of Poverty Alleviation and Community Empowerment, Ministry of National Development Planning of Indonesia (BAPPENAS)</li> <li>• Dr. HAYASHI, Reiko, Deputy Director-General of National Institute of Population and Social Security Research of Japan</li> <li>• Ms. Worawan Plikamin, Advisor on Policy and Strategy of Office of the National Economic and Social Development Council of Thailand</li> </ul> <p>Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Eduardo Klien, Regional Representative of HelpAge Asia and Pacific Regional Office</li> </ul>
13:30-13:40 (10 min)	Q&A moderated by Mr. Eduardo Klien
13:40-13:45 (5 min)	<p>Closing remarks (speech on behalf of host and co-hosts)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. R. Subrahmanyam, Secretary, Department of Social Justice &amp; Empowerment, Government of India</li> </ul>