

AVPN Asia Policy Forum
Enabling the Growth of Social Economy in Asia

Collaborative Policies to Enhance the Social Economy

Date

5 June 2017, Monday

Time

9.00am – 6.00pm

(Networking dinner to be served after, ending at 8.00pm)

Venue

United Nations Conference Centre, Bangkok

Partnering Organisations

BMW Foundation; British Council; Credit Suisse;
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

Background

The [Asia Policy Forum](#) (APF) is a collaborative effort between influential policy makers, venture philanthropists, impact investors, social entrepreneurs and other key players operating in the social economy in Asia. It offers a convening platform for a community of like-minded advocates, and presents practical learning opportunities to support governments who want to build an enabling environment for the social economy to flourish. The APF includes an annual event convened by the Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN) which brings together practitioners and experts from the public and private sector, civil society, as well as multilateral and intergovernmental institutions to support learning and community-building. The aim is to support governments across Asia to develop effective strategies and policies to grow the social economy.

The APF has its roots as a study tour for Asian policymakers to Europe (2014), before it became a regular event in Singapore in 2015, and moved to Hong Kong in 2016. 2017 sees our APF delegates convene in Bangkok and coincides with the annual AVPN conference. Although in its infancy, the APF is helping to create a community of leaders who are transforming the role of governments and collaborating to build a more social economy.

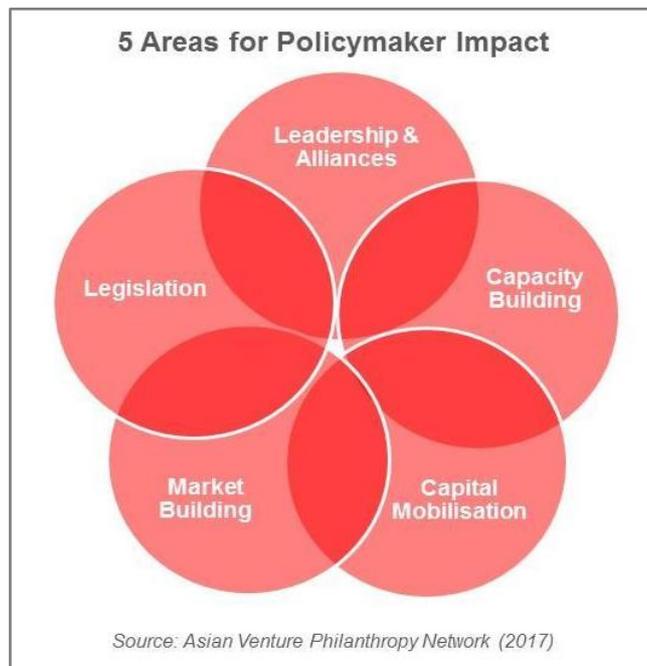
About APF Bangkok 2017

The 2017 theme is **Collaborative Policies to Enhance the Social Economy**. The role of business in the society is evolving rapidly, with increasing attention paid to sustainable economic development and the need for responsible business conduct. In this context social entrepreneurship, social investment and philanthropy are playing a more central role in influencing the way in which business is done across Asia. In order to encourage and incentivise collaboration between mainstream business and social entrepreneurs, governments can play a critical role. The social economy is an arena where collaborative policy approaches can demonstrate how to break down silos and capitalise on the synergies when different parts of society work with each other. The Forum will be a platform to showcase such policy initiatives from across Asia, sharing experiences from case studies and bringing the diverse perspectives from various levels of government and the private and third sectors. This will help advance the learning from best practices to catalyse the development of an effective and friendlier policy environment for the social economy throughout Asia.

Agenda Approach

Using a system-level approach to the social economy, policymakers from all around Asia will be invited to share examples of government-led initiatives that help grow their social economies. To increase the practical relevance of the experiences shared, examples will take a range of forms. Delegates will focus on a particular issue or community, whilst others will focus on a particular area of policy e.g. access to finance, or registration issues for social enterprises.

These policy initiatives fall within 5 interdependent areas of the social economy ecosystem (see diagram below).



Agenda

Time	Description
8.30 – 9.00am	Registration
9.00 – 9.15am (Conference Room 3)	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Susan Stone, Chief of Division, Trade, Investment and Innovation Division, UNESCAP • Mr Doug Miller, Chairman & Ms Naina Subberwal Batra, CEO, AVPN
9.15 - 9.30am	Keynote Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Sathit Limpongpan, Chairman, National Reform Steering Committee on Economics, Thailand
9.30 - 9.45am	Setting the Stage and Defining Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Tristan Ace, Global Social Enterprise Partnerships and Development Manager, British Council • Ms Patsian Low, Director, Asia Policy Forum, AVPN
9.45 - 10.15am	Coffee Break
10.15 – 11.30am	<p><i>Plenary</i></p> <p>How Social Economy Policies Benefit from Cross-Sector Collaboration</p> <p>Policy initiatives that support the social economy can take a variety of forms, guided by the local development context, social economy maturity, the policy area affected, the desired outcome and the role that policy will play. This plenary will share illustrative examples from select countries and multilateral organisations on exciting policy developments, the rationale and implications of these policies, different approaches, and the response from other sectors. Their sharing will illustrate the importance of cross-sector engagement and collaboration by governments and how that can challenge the status quo and improve the outcomes of social economy policies.</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Paul Carttar, Senior Advisor, The Bridgespan Group • Senator Paolo Benigno ‘Bam’ Aquino IV, Senate of the Philippines • Mr David Galipeau, Chief, United Nations Social Impact Fund • Mr Ricky Joseph Pesik, Vice Chairman, BEKRAF (Indonesia Agency for Creative Economy) <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Karen Wilson, Consultant, Statistic and Development Finance, Development Co-operation Directorate, OECD
11.30 – 12.00pm	<p>Thailand Showcase & Discussion</p> <p>A dedicated session to understand the evolution of social funding and social economy policies in Thailand, recent developments, response from other sectors, and upcoming opportunities.</p>

	<p>Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Kiatchai Sophastienphong, Vice Minister for Finance, Ministry of Finance, Thailand <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Martin Hart-Hansen, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Thailand
12.00 – 12.25pm	<p>Sri Lankan Showcase & Discussion</p> <p>A dedicated session to understand the evolution of sustainable development policies in Sri Lanka and recent developments that affect the social economy and other sectors, and upcoming opportunities.</p> <p>Presenter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Lakshman Wijeyawardena, Director, National Enterprise Development Authority, Sri Lanka <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Tristan Ace, Global Social Enterprise Partnerships and Development Manager, British Council
12.25 – 12.30pm	<p>Partner Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Markus Hipp, Executive Director, BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt
12.30 – 1.30pm	<p>Networking Lunch at the Ground Floor Foyer in the United Nations Conference Centre</p>
1.30 – 2.45pm (Meeting Room G)	<p><i>Breakout Discussions on Social Economy Policymaking at National and City Levels</i></p> <p>1. National: Interagency and multi-sectoral partnerships for effective social economy policies</p> <p>Speakers from different countries share their experience in mobilising engagement and resources across different government agencies and multiple sector stakeholders to drive social finance and social economy policies forward.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Rajen Makhijani, Country Director, Tata Centre for Development, University of Chicago M.L. Dispanadda Diskul, Deputy CEO, Mae Fah Luang Foundation, Thailand <p>Discussion Host:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Mark Koenig, Deputy Director and Urban Governance Specialist, The Asia Foundation Thailand <p>Participants reflect on how results obtained and lessons learned by others can be of benefit to their own context, and discuss how different approaches/processes/instruments may have been used, or how else policy outcomes could have been more impactful.</p> <p>#LeadershipAllianceBuilding</p> <p>#CapitalMobilisation</p> <p>#Legislation</p>

<p>1.30 – 2.45pm (Meeting Room F)</p>	<p>2. City: Enable successful implementation and scale-up of social investment initiatives Speakers from different countries can share their experience in implementing and scaling up municipal-level social investment policy initiatives.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Teana Young-A Kim, Senior Manager, Pan-Impact Korea <p>Discussion Host:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Sally Uren, CEO, Forum for the Future, UK <p>Participants reflect on how results obtained and lessons learned by others can be of benefit to their own context, and discuss how different approaches/processes/instruments may have been used, or how else policy outcomes could have been more impactful.</p> <p>#CapitalMobilisation</p> <p>#MarketBuilding</p>
<p>2.45 – 3.15pm</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p>
<p>3.15 – 4.30pm (Meeting Room G)</p>	<p><i>Breakout Discussions on Social Economy Policy Initiatives Impacting Social Issues</i></p> <p>1. Living with an ageing population Learn about innovative social economy/social finance work being done in communities that are living with an ageing population. Participants will discuss best ways for social economy/social finance policies to play a role and how other sectors have responded in collaboration.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Stephen Wong, Deputy Executive Director and Head of Public Policy Institute, Our Hong Kong Foundation • Ms Seiko Adachi, Executive Head, Shinkokai Social Welfare Foundation <p>Discussion Host:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Ken Ito, Project Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University <p>Participants are also invited to question the approaches, rationale, opportunities and challenges, and reflect on learnings or applicability to their own countries/sectors.</p> <p>#LeadershipAllianceBuilding</p> <p>#MarketBuilding</p>
<p>3.15 – 4.30pm (Meeting Room F)</p>	<p>2. Education and Livelihoods in rural communities</p> <p>Learn about innovative social economy/social finance work being done in developing education and livelihood opportunities in rural communities. Participants will discuss best ways for social economy/social finance policies to play a role and how other sectors have responded in collaboration.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Rajen Makhijani, Tata Centre for Development, University of Chicago • Mr Ichiro Miyazawa, Programme Specialist in Literacy and Lifelong Learning, UNESCO

	<p>Discussion Host:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Tawan Dheva-Aksorn, CEO, Aksorn Education, Thailand <p>Participants are also invited to question the approaches, rationale, opportunities and challenges, and reflect on learnings or applicability to their own countries/sectors.</p> <p>#LeadershipAllianceBuilding</p> <p>#MarketBuilding</p> <p>#Legislation</p> <p>#CapacityBuilding</p>
4.30 – 5.00pm (Conference Room 3)	<p>Global Dialogue: Perspectives from Africa</p> <p>A dedicated session to understand the evolution of social economy in different countries in Africa.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Lee Karuri, Chairman, Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) Foundation Dr Vuyo Mahlati, Deputy Chair and Principal, African Financial Group <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Andrew Muirhead, Senior Advisor, AVPN
5.00 – 5.45pm	<p>Discussion Highlights and The Road Forward: Empowering Policymakers to Build Social Economy</p> <p>We will hear Discussion Hosts report back the highlights from group discussions. We also invite reflections from the audience on the areas of developments that policymakers wish to explore, to build better policy environments for social finance and social economy to thrive.</p> <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms Barbara Muller, Head of Responsible Leadership Programme (Asia), BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt Ms Patsian Low, Director, Asia Policy Forum, AVPN
5.45 – 6.00pm	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Jonathan Wong, Science, Technology & Innovation Adviser, UNESCAP
6.00 - 8.00pm	<p>Networking Dinner at the Ground Floor Foyer in the United Nations Conference Centre</p>

Speakers & Moderators

Mr Andrew Muirhead, Senior Advisor, AVPN

Andrew Muirhead has been involved in the philanthropic sector since 1993, after a banking career. After a period as CEO of a major corporate foundation, Andrew travelled extensively to understand different approaches to social investing across the world. In 2008, he became Founding Chief Executive of Inspiring Scotland, raising an initial Venture Philanthropy (VP) Fund of £100M to build a portfolio of social ventures tackling youth unemployment. Inspiring Scotland now has 9 Funds, addressing a range of social challenges.

A former non-executive Director of European Venture Philanthropy Association (EVPA), Andrew joined AVPN as Executive Vice Chair at the end of 2013, he remains a senior advisor there. Other current engagements, including providing fundraising support to a number of social ventures, and supporting those creating VP funds in various parts of the world, from Asia to the Balkans. He is also engaged in spreading VP networks in other parts of the world.

Ms Barbara Muller, Head of Responsible Leadership Programme (Asia), BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt

Barbara Müller studied sinology and economics at the University of Hamburg and the Chinese People's University in Beijing. While a student, she worked as a freelancer for a German daily newspaper and subsequently at today's German Institute of Global and Area Studies in Hamburg. Later, she headed the China office of the Cologne Chamber of Industry and Commerce and the office of the German-Chinese Association. She joined the BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt in 2002 to advance the expansion of the Foundation's Asia programs. From 2011 until 2016, she directed the Foundation's communications and media activities.

As a board member of Magic Bus Deutschland .V., she supports the Indian organization Magic Bus, an NGO that uses sports programs to empower children and youth in the areas of education, health, gender equality, and livelihoods.

Mr David Galipeau, Chief, United Nations Social Impact Fund

David Galipeau joined the UN in 2010 managing innovation, knowledge and digital portfolios for different agencies. He is now with UNDP and has founded the United Nations Social Impact Fund (UNSIF), which brings together venture philanthropists, family trusts, foundations, corporations, governments and private sector investors to chart a new course toward creating a SDG-aligned 'blended financing' platform - balancing both social and economic performance.

UNSIF collaborates with the global ecosystem of entrepreneurs, innovators, philanthropists & financiers to facilitate financing for SDG-aligned investments that combine traditional development projects with next-gen technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), robotics, drones, and material science.

Prior to joining the UN, David started his career in Canada and then in Europe for over 20 years where he held senior management positions within the strategy, digital and business development with Top-3 global corporations. Left to continue his education and become an 'dotcom' entrepreneur in the late 90's, David founded three start-ups thereafter. Two were successfully acquired in 2000.

Mr Ricky Joseph Pesik, Vice Chairman, BEKRAF (Indonesia Agency for Creative Economy)

Ricky Pesik has worked in advertising for 23 years, and managed to help the agency, Satucitra, gain a reputation as one of the respected local advertising companies in Indonesia by winning various awards in many advertising festivals. While managing the business, Ricky also dedicated his time as General Secretary for Indonesia Advertising Agencies Association (P3I) Jakarta Chapter since 2004 and as the Vice Chairman from 2012 – 2015.

Ricky is also actively involved in developing Citra Pariwara to become the biggest and most prestigious national advertising festival, serving as as Chairman and Co-Chairman for the last 8 years. He succeeded in setting a high standard to push Indonesia's creative works to shine at international competitions. He also took the role as Vice Chairman for a reputable forum to discuss the changes and growth within communication landscape – Asia Pacific Media Forum (APMF) in Bali— in 2012 and 2014.

Throughout his career, Ricky sat on the judging panel for several international award shows. In 2010, he was appointed as judge at Spikes Asia. In 2012, he was selected as the first Indonesian to judge at Cannes Lions; the biggest world creativity festival. And again, in 2014, he was the first Indonesian to sit as a judge in Asia Pacific Effie Awards.

On 27 July 2015, Ricky Pesik was inaugurated as the Vice Chairman (Deputy Head) for Indonesian Agency for Creative Economy (BEKRAF).

M.L. Dispanadda Diskul, Deputy CEO, Mae Fah Luang Foundation, Thailand

M.L. Dispanadda Diskul or Duke is a Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the Mae Fah Luang Foundation under Royal Patronage based in Thailand.

Duke leads rural development teams of the foundation through the Centre for Social Entrepreneurship (CSE) and the Knowledge and Learning Centre (KLC) in improving livelihood of people in rural communities through expense reduction and income generation, as well as training interested organizations on hands-on and practical approaches to sustainable development and social entrepreneurship. He also oversees all operational aspects of the Doi Tung Development Project, the foundation's large-scale social enterprise comprises of 5 business units and with an annual revenue of approximately USD\$15 million.

Duke received Master's Degree in Business Administration from Sasin Graduate Institute of Business Administration of Chulalongkorn University, Thailand in 2005 and a Bachelor Degree in economics from Brandeis University, Massachusetts, USA in 1997.

He is a member of the Schwab Foundation's Social Entrepreneur (2009), The World Economic Forum's Young Global Leader (2013) and Asia 21 Young Leader (2013).

Mr Ichiro Miyazawa, Programme Specialist in Literacy and Lifelong Learning, UNESCO

Mr. Ichiro Miyazawa is a programme specialist in literacy and lifelong learning at the UNESCO Bangkok Office. For the last 20 years, he has been engaged in educational development for disadvantaged children and youth in Asian and African countries, such as Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Lao PDR, Tanzania and Kenya. He has been in the UN system (UNICEF and UNESCO) for the last 16 years.

He has strong expertise in designing and implementing innovative programmes of IT, Community Learning Centers, literacy, non-formal/alternative education, lifelong learning, education statistics, and teacher education. Recent initiatives are Mobile Based Literacy Programme for Women in Pakistan, Tablet Based Bilingual Literacy for Out-of-School Children of Myanmar and Thailand, and Mobile Gamification Application for Disaster Risk Reduction. In addition, he recently supported ASEAN countries to adopt ASEAN Declaration on Education for Out of School Children and Youth at ASEAN Summit. The Declaration is closely in line with SDG 4 (Education). He also published a booklet on Innovative Finance for Out of School Children and Youth in 2016.

He holds a M.Ed. from Columbia University, NY, USA, where he majored in literacy and national development. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Science and Technology from Keio University, Tokyo Japan. He has strong passion in education and lifelong learning.

Ms Karen Wilson, Consultant, Statistic and Development Finance, Development Co-operation Directorate,

Karen has been working at the OECD since 2009 where her work has focused on innovation, entrepreneurship, and finance including angel investment, venture capital, social impact investment and also the role of the private sector in development finance. Karen is a Senior Fellow at Bruegel, an international economics think tank based in Brussels, an Associate Fellow at Said Business School at Oxford University and a Visiting Lecturer at the Stockholm School of Economics in Riga.

Karen was a Senior Fellow at the Kauffman Foundation from 2008-2012. In 2004, she founded GV Partners, a research and consulting firm focused on entrepreneurship. Earlier, Karen worked with international venture capital firm, Index

Ventures, and before that was part of the senior management team at the World Economic Forum in Geneva, Switzerland. Previously, she served as the Executive Director of the Global Initiative at Harvard Business School. Her earlier experience includes investment banking and consulting.

She received, with honors, a Bachelors of Science in Mathematics and Management from Carnegie Mellon University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Mr Ken Ito, Project Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Media and Governance, Keio University

Ken Ito works for AVPN as Regional Head (East Asia). He has a bachelor degree in economics and MBA in International Management from The American Graduate School of International Management (Thunderbird) in the United States. Ken spent ten years in the private sector, with his last position at GE Capital. He subsequently joined the Institute for Strategic Leadership (ISL) to launch the Center for Social Innovation, to promote social innovation through its leadership training programs.

Ken joined government committee on social impact measurement which is organized by Cabinet Office as chairperson. He has been leading Japanese government committee under METI to promote SIB as a chairperson. He has been involved in the design of three SIB pilot programs in Japan in 2015.

Mr Kiatchai Sophastienphong, Vice Minister for Finance, Ministry of Finance, Thailand

Kiatchai Sophastienphong is Thailand's current Vice Minister of Finance. He has graduated from the prestigious University of Cambridge with Masters (MA) and Bachelors (BA) in Economics. Upon graduation, Mr. Sophastienphong embarked upon his eclectic career firstly as a Manager of the Industrial Finance Corporation of Thailand (IFCT) and later, a Financial Analysis at the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He also has financial expertise in handling International Banking, Investment Banking, Strategic Corporate Services and Trade throughout his time with the Bank of Asia (BOA) and Siam City Bank (SCIB).

In more recent years, Mr. Sophastienphong furthered his career in economics and finance, holding many high-level positions. His experience encompasses positions such as Senior Director of the Financial Institution Policy Department at the Bank of Thailand (BOT), Senior Financial Economist at ADB, Senior Financial Sector Specialist (South Asia) at the World Bank as well as TCC Holding Co. Limited.

Mr Lakshman Wijeyawardena, Director, National Enterprise Development Authority, Sri Lanka

Lakshman Wijeyawardena is the Director at National Enterprise Development Authority of Sri Lanka, a Government entity that supports the development, growth and competitiveness of the Sri Lankan enterprises. He is also the Programme Director at the coordinating secretariat for Science and Technology and a visiting lecturer at Wayamba University, Sri Lanka.

Lakshman holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka and earned his Master of Science degree in Aquaculture from Asian Institute of Technology. Throughout his career he has supported the establishment of numerous SME incubators in the country and has built capacity of many business development service providers. A passionate promoter of entrepreneurship among university students and graduates, he has also helped many Sri Lankan universities to build in entrepreneurship into their programmes.

Mr Lee Karuri, Chairman, Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) Foundation

Lee Karuri (Kenya), Chairman of the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) Foundation, where he brings together the business sector in Kenya to participate in social investment. A successful business leader and entrepreneur, Founder Director of Dimensions Architects and Founder Chairman of Home Afrika, a publicly listed property investment Company in Kenya. He also serves as Chairman of the Mwangaza Trust and is a former Chairman of the Danish Advocacy Fund in Kenya.

Mr Mark Koenig, Deputy Director and Urban Governance Specialist, The Asia Foundation Thailand

Mark Koenig is the Deputy Director and Urban Governance Specialist at the Asia Foundation. Mr. Koenig has been working on governance issues in Asia for more than 8 years. In his current position he leads regional efforts to expand the Foundation's programming and research on urban governance. Mark has been working to design and support the implementation of urban governance programming in countries including Mongolia, Cambodia, Nepal and Myanmar. Across his portfolio he has a particular focus on using flexibility and political economy strategies to support public policy processes. Mark holds a BA from the Johns Hopkins University, and an MA from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

Mr Martin Hart-Hansen, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Thailand

Mr. Hart-Hansen was appointed Deputy Resident Representative of the UNDP Thailand Country Office in April 2015.

Mr. Hart-Hansen comes from a position as Policy Specialist in the UNDP Executive Office, where he served for almost 4 years under UNDP Administrator Helen Clark, covering the Asia-Pacific region, UNDP's Crisis Prevention & Recovery portfolio, liaisons with donor countries including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, UK, Japan and Korea as well as UNDP's relations with the Office of the UN Secretary-General, the UN Departments of Political Affairs and Peacekeeping Operations.

Before joining the Executive Office, Mr. Hart-Hansen served as Special Assistant to the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Nepal. He has also served with UNICEF in Bhutan, India, the Maldives as well as with the treasury department of largest Danish telecommunications company TDC.

Mr. Hart-Hansen holds Master's and Bachelor's Degrees in Economics from the University of Copenhagen.

Senator Paolo Benigno 'Bam' Aquino IV, Senate of the Philippines

A world-renowned social entrepreneur turned senator, Senator Bam is a staunch advocate of empowering every Filipino family with education and entrepreneurship. He is currently the deputy minority leader and Chairman of the Committee on Science and Technology of the 17th Congress of the Philippines. In his first three years in the Senate, he passed 17 laws -many in support of small local businesses and youth empowerment. His laws range from protecting children in disasters, mandating entrepreneurship and financial literacy training in our schools, and putting up support centers all over the country for Filipinos who wish to earn money through businesses -our Negosyo Centers. He continues to support the growing network of over 450 Negosyo Centers so that every Filipino can get the support they need to start a business and have a stable source of income. As former Chairman of the Committee on Education for the last 8 months, he co-authored and sponsored the Affordable Higher Education for All Act, which has now been passed on third reading at the Senate. He has championed this bill to offer free tuition in all our state universities and colleges (SUCs), including our university, so that more Filipinos can earn a college degree and get better jobs. He also co-authored the Sangguniang Kabataan Reform Act, which passed the country's first anti-political dynasty provision in our laws, to enjoin the youth to take part in nation-building through the government.

Ms Patsian Low, Director, Asia Policy Forum, AVPN

Patsian is the Director for the Asia Policy Forum and brings with her over 20 years of work experience from private and civic sectors, crossing the fields of social finance, social entrepreneurship, impact philanthropy and non-profit leadership. She is committed to building APD into a platform for Asia's policymakers to identify how they can build stronger social impact funding ecosystems.

Patsian recently ended her tenure as Senior Vice President in DBS Bank, where she was head of DBS Foundation and DBS CSR, leading their work in championing social entrepreneurship. Prior to this, Patsian was the Director of the Philanthropy division in Singapore's National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre (NVPC), which promotes and engages philanthropy from different donor sectors. Patsian had previously started her own social incubation business, after she left a 14-year banking career spanning New York, Hong Kong and Singapore.

Patsian has also conducted training across Asia in Social Entrepreneurship, Assessing Social Impact, New Social

Trends, Microfinance, and Human Capital Development. She has contributed to and co-written research papers and case studies on the same topics. She also serves on the board of several small but growing non-profit organisations.

Mr Paul Carttar, Senior Advisor, The Bridgespan Group

Paul Carttar is an independent consultant, as well as Senior Advisor to and co-founder of The Bridgespan Group. From 2010 to 2012, he served as the initial Director of the US Social Innovation Fund (SIF), an Obama Administration initiative that has mobilized more than USD 1 billion of public and private funds to grow non-profit organizations with evidence of impact. Prior to the SIF, he was an executive partner with New Profit and head of programs for the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. He also has significant business experience with global consultants Bain and Co. and senior executive in two private, venture-funded healthcare companies. His areas of specialisation are social innovation, enhancing the effectiveness of philanthropy, and scaling solutions that work.

Mr. Rajen Makhijani, Tata Centre for Development, University of Chicago

As a Development sector professional, executive coach, award nominated screenwriter of four movies, and TEDx speaker, Rajen Makhijani brings an inter-disciplinary understanding and perspective to pressing issues in development. He has served Fortune 500 and local corporates, multilaterals, foundations, UN bodies, governments and on ground NGO's through his career at global consulting firms including McKinsey & Company, H&S, and now as a part of the University of Chicago.

He is the Country Director, Tata Centre for Development and International Innovation Corps, housed at the Harris School of Public Policy, of the University of Chicago. He oversees the Implementation, Research and Executive Education/ Training activities for large scale changemakers in India, most notably the government at Central, State and Municipal levels, on Health, WASH, Energy & Environment and Education. Previously, he was the Global Head of the Talent & Leadership practice for Dalberg Development Advisors. He is an MBA from IIM Calcutta, and completed his B.Com from University of Mumbai. He is a Sir Dorab Tata Scholar, Citibank Leadership Awardee and winner of 'Wings of Excellence Award' by the University of St.Gallen, Switzerland, among others.

Ms Sally Uren, CEO, Forum for the Future, UK

Sally is Chief Executive at Forum for the Future with overall responsibility for delivering Forum's mission to accelerate progress towards a sustainable future by catalysing transformational change in global systems. This involves advising leading global organisations, including businesses such as Unilever and Kimberly Clark, and Foundations, such as the C&A Foundation, as well as leading multi-stakeholder collaborations designed to address complex challenges in systems as diverse as food, energy and apparel.

Sally is currently directly involved in Net Positive, a coalition of eighteen leading businesses, all working to define the next wave of corporate sustainability; Cotton 2040, a multi-stakeholder collaboration designed to mainstream sustainable cotton, and Tea 2030, a global project featuring innovation platforms intended to deliver a sustainable global tea industry. Sally is also helping build Forum's new School of System Change - a global community of change agents who will drive system-level change.

Dr. Sathit Limpongpan, Chairman, National Reform Steering Committee on Economics, Thailand

Dr Sathit Limpongpan currently serves as Chairman of the Committee on Economic Reforms in Thailand. Dr. Sathit graduated with an LLB from Thammasat University, Thailand, a Barrister-at-Law of Thai Bar Association, an LLM from Tulane University, USA, on a Thai government scholarship, a Masters of Economics from Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University and a PhD in Development Administration from National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA). He is notable in economics, law and administration. Prior to his role as the Chairman of the Committee on Economic Reforms, he was Chairman of the Stock Exchange of Thailand, Permanent Secretary for Finance, Chairman of the Office of Insurance Commission, Vice Chairman of the Office of Securities and Exchange Commission, Director of the Bank of Thailand and Chairman of Government Pension Fund.

Ms Seiko Adachi, Executive Head, Shinkokai Social Welfare Foundation

Ms Adachi is the serves as the Executive Head of Shinko Fukushikan. Shinko Fukushikan is a non-profit organisation operating thirty-nine elderly care and ten childcare facilities in Japan. As a pioneer in the field of assisted living, the organization has created an innovative business model by offering comfortable, home-like, and yet affordable nursing homes by renovating pre-owned company dormitories. With more than thirty years of experience, and the first ISO-9001 recognition in elderly care business the country, Shinko Fukushikai has created sustainable living environments for both the aged and the young, and provided employment for the marginalized.

Ms Adachi is the daughter of Founder – Masue. Ms Adachi joined the Shinkokai Corporation in 1998 and was appointed to Executive Head in 2010. She graduated from University of Wisconsin, USA, with a Bachelors of Arts in Sociology and Gerontology

Mr Stephen Wong, Deputy Executive Director and Head of Public Policy Institute, Our Hong Kong Foundation

Mr Stephen Wong received a B.A. Degree in Economics from the University of Chicago, Phi Beta Kappa, and an M.A. Degree in East Asian Studies (Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies) from Yale University. Since then, he worked for a number of global financial institutions, including as an Executive Director in UBS (London) and a Managing Director at RBS. Mr. Wong joined Our Hong Kong Foundation as Senior Consultant in May 2015, and was appointed Deputy Executive Director and Head of Public Policy in November of the same year. He is now Deputy Executive Director and Head of Public Policy Institute.

Mr. Wong's public service includes various advisory roles appointed by the Hong Kong Government, including Committee Member of the Financial Services Development Council, Sub-committee Co-opt Member of the Sustainable Development Council, and Member of Investment Committee of the Beat Drugs Fund. Mr Wong is also active in community service. He is Chairman of the Clean Air Network and Vice Chairman of the Budget and Allocation Committee of the Community Chest. Mr. Wong is also a part-time Lecturer at the Chinese University of Hong Kong for the Master of Social Science in Global Political Economy, and an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Hong Kong University SPACE for the Institute for China Business.

Mr Tawan Dheva-Aksorn, CEO, Aksorn Education, Thailand

Tawan Dheva-Aksorn is the CEO of Aksorn Education Public Company Limited, one of the largest K12 education companies in Thailand and South East Asia. Aksorn offers a variety of educational products and services serving the growing needs of schools, educators, and students across Thailand.

Tawan is passionate about creating classrooms where educators are learning coaches and students work together to arrive at core knowledge while developing necessary working skills. Tawan travels regularly around Thailand to meet with educators and education leaders as well as students and parents to learn about their needs. He also travels extensively around the world to search for new ideas and solutions to apply to the context of Thai classrooms. He is regularly invited to speak at various events about improving education on a large scale.

As CEO, Tawan focuses on Aksorn's future direction, business strategy, product development and strategic partnerships.

Ms Teana Young-A Kim, Senior Manager, Pan-Impact Korea

Prior to joining Pan-Impact Korea, Teana Young-A Kim worked as an investment consultant of the family office ran by one of the major Investment Banks in Korea. Teana mainly focused on providing investment opportunities to high net worth individuals. In 2014, Teana fatefully happened to lead the task force team to find means to diversify HNWIs' investment portfolios and company's CSR activities by considering impact investment. In the course of progress, she found the first SIB to be issued in Asia. Teana was fascinated by this innovative product-so called SIB, which pursues not only financial but also the social outcomes as well. She soon joined the establishment of Pan-Impact Korea to make SIB happen in Korea which was driven by key players in domestic social economy and capital markets

Mr Tristan Ace, Global Social Enterprise Partnerships and Development Manager, British Council

Tristan is a Development Professional with more than a decade of experience working in more than 20 countries in Central and Eastern Europe, Asia and sub-Saharan Africa. Tristan has managed a variety of programmes and projects for the British Council, as well as donors including the EU and the World Bank.

Tristan is passionate about the role that social enterprises can play in building fair, inclusive and just societies and has a particular interest in the role that social enterprise can play in strengthening civil society and the role that governments can play in driving innovation in policy that support social entrepreneurship more broadly. He is currently based in Hong Kong where he leads the British Council's efforts across Asia to support the development of social enterprise and social investment. Prior to this, Tristan was based in Beijing and before that he spent four years in Myanmar, where he launched one of the first social enterprise programmes after the democratic transition.

Tristan regularly speaks at forums and conferences on themes relating to social enterprise, social investment and social innovation in Asia and the UK.

Dr Vuyo Mahlati, Deputy Chair and Principal, African Financial Group

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