

Terms of Reference
Joint Side Event
“Economic development and demographic dividend among ASEAN countries”
21 April 2022 at 8:30pm to 10:00pm PH
7:30pm to 9:00pm Jakarta
8:30m to 10:00am EDT

Background

The United Nations Commission on Population and Development (CPD) will organize its 55th session with focus on “Population and sustainable development, in particular sustained and inclusive economic growth”, on April 25 to 29 2022 in New York.

The focus of the discussion is more focused on economic development amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on reaching the demographic dividend among ASEAN member countries comprises Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines. It was established in 1967 among Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines to facilitate trade and economic growth, promotion of cultural development and social structures in the region.

Economic growth and development are a right and necessity to developing countries (i.e ASEAN). Social protection, health, education, employment and infrastructure measures has to be intensified. In particular, reduced birth rate is essential for countries to harvest their ‘demographic dividend’ defined as the point at which fertility rates slow down enough to create a smaller proportion of dependents and a higher proportion of the population of working age.

The proportion of Asia’s young persons aged 0-14 is projected to decline from 41% in 1965 to 18% in 2050. Although the actual number of young people has doubled in the latter half of the 20th century, and is now expected to increase from 1.13 billion in 2020 to 0.95 billion in 2050. On the other hand, the working age population (15-64), it is expected to expand more than 4 times from 1990 to 2050. (Ogawa, Mansor et. al 2021)

Education and investment in human capital are also critical in order to reap the benefits of demographic dividend. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, neither delay nor cancel the benefits of the demographic bonus. Based on reports, the impact of COVID 19 pandemic, show that the region faced disruptions in several ways, including the loss of jobs and income, and potentially reduced accumulation of human capital for children (Demeke and Kariuki 2020; ILO 2020; UN-Habitat and WFP 2020). COVID19m pandemic affected households, governments, businesses, increased public healthcare expenditures, changes in labor supply due to mortality and morbidity. (McKibbin and Fernando, 2020)

While various studies have examined potential impacts of the pandemic on global and national economic indicators such as poverty, government expenditures, GDP growth, budget deficits, and employment (*ILO 2020; Nicola et al. 2020; Sumner, Hoy, and Ortiz-Juarez 2020; UN-Habitat and WFP 2020*)

Both Indonesia and Philippines' labor force had either lost their jobs (temporarily or permanent) or experienced workload cut. Lockdowns and having income decline in half of the countries (Lao, Vietnam, Indonesia and Philippines) played a major factor in the income decline. Philippines being the most affected.

It is also during the pandemic, many schools closed physically and offered online classes. 94% of Indonesian children studied in schools that offered online classes. In other countries, including Thailand, Viet Nam, Malaysia, and Cambodia, around 70%–77% of children studied in schools with online classes, slightly lower in the Philippines at only 57% of children. (*Morgan, Trinh, 2021 ADBI*)

Taken into consideration the major impact of a global pandemic, such as COVID-19, in the potential economic growth and in reaping the fruits of a demographic dividend among ASEAN countries, where Indonesia and the Philippines are members, a global exchange to

discuss and share the current economic condition, recovery plans to ultimately regain economic stability.

Objectives:

The objectives of the Side Event are:

1. To share and discuss the current economic status and level of demographic dividend of Indonesia and Philippines; or ASEAN countries?
2. To share and benefit from the strategies employed by both countries in mitigating the impact of global pandemic in terms of economy, education and health

Agenda of the Side Event

The side event will be in the form of a virtual breakfast seminar on “Economic development and demographic dividend among ASEAN countries” on 21 April 2022, at the event of the 55th Session of the Commission on Population and Development in New York.

The agenda of the breakfast seminar will be as follows:

• Opening remarks

Speaker	Position	Time allocation
Ms. Nathalia Kanem	UNFPA Executive Director	(3 minutes)
Mr. Bjorn Anderson	UNFPA Regional Director, Asia and Pacific Region	(3 minutes)
Dr. Hasto Wardoyo	Chairperson of BKKBN	(3 minutes)
Mr. Karl Kendrick Chua	Chair of the Board of Commissioners of the Philippine Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) and Socioeconomic Planning Secretary	(3 minutes)
Ms. Anjali Sen	Country Representative UNFPA Indonesia	(3 minutes)
Ms. Leila Saiji Joudane	Country Representative UNFPA Philippines	(3 minutes)

Inspirational Message

Ambassador Enrique A. Manalo, Permanent Mission of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations, New York

- **Speakers:**

Speaker	Topic	Time allocation
Prof. Rizal Damanik, DVM, MRepSc, PhD Deputy for Training, Research and Development, BKKBN	Government Effort in maximizing and harnessing Demographic dividend towards inclusive economic development in Indonesia	10 minutes
Dr. Omas Bulan Samosir, Ph. D. Universitas Indonesia	Ways Forward on Population and Sustainable Development in particular sustained and economic growth	10 minutes
Mr. Michael Dominic C. Del Mundo, Asst. Professor, UPPI, Philippines	A Study on the Development of Demographic Dividend Estimates for the Regions of the Philippine	10 minutes
Prof. Dang-Anh Deputy General of Vietnam Academy of Social Science Vietnam	TBD	10 minutes
TBD	Demographic Dividend for the entire ASEAN	10 minutes

Moderator: Mr. Lolito R. Tacardon, Deputy Executive Director, Commission on Population and Development, Philippines

Closing remarks

1. Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM) – Undersecretary Juan Antonio A. Perez III

Budget:

The budget for organizing this side event will be borne jointly by BKKBN, Commission on Population and Development (POPCOM), and UNFPA Indonesia and the Philippines.