



# Asia Pacific Global Accelerator Policy Forum

## Meeting the Commitments for Productive Employment and Universal Social Protection

8 - 9 April 2025 | Hyatt Regency Hotel, Phnom Penh, Cambodia

### AGENDA

#### DAY 1: 8 APRIL 2025

09:00	<p><b>Session 1: Opening</b></p> <p><b>Announcement by MC</b></p> <p><b>Video</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Introduction to the Asia Pacific Global Accelerator Policy Forum</li></ul> <p><b>Welcome Remarks</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ms Mia Seppo, Assistant Director General, Jobs and Social Protection, ILO (10 minutes)</li><li>2. His Excellency Minister Heng Sour, Minister of Labour and Vocational Training, Cambodia (10 minutes)</li></ol> <p><b>Opening Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr David McLachlan-Karr, Regional Director, UN Development Coordination Office for Asia Pacific (10 minutes)</li></ul> <p><b>Keynote Address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• His Excellency Dr Aun Pornmoniroth, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economy and Finance, Cambodia (20 minutes)</li></ul>
10:10	<p><b>Photo &amp; Break</b></p>
10:40	<p><b>Session 2:</b></p> <p><b>High-Level Panel: Advancing our Shared Commitments for Productive Employment, Social Protection and Just Transitions in Asia and the Pacific</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Mr Jo Scheuer, UN Resident Coordinator Cambodia</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. His Excellency Minister Heng Sour, Minister of Labour and Vocational Training, Cambodia</li><li>2. Mr Maliki, ST, MSIE, PhD, Deputy Minister for Community Empowerment, Population and Employment, Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS), Indonesia</li><li>3. Ms Mia Seppo, Assistant Director General, Jobs and Social Protection, ILO</li><li>4. Ms Karin Schelzig, Director, Human and Social Development, Asian Development Bank</li><li>5. Mr Kong Athit, President, Cambodia Labour Confederation (CLC)</li><li>6. Mr Lor Sok, Vice President, Cambodia Federation of Employers and Business Associations (CAMFEBA)</li></ol>



12:00 **Networking Lunch**

13:00 **Session 3: Integrating skills and social protection to accelerate decent work in Asia Pacific**

1. Mr Srinivas B Reddy, Chief of Skills and Employability Branch, ILO
2. Ms Valérie Schmitt, Deputy Director, Universal Social Protection Department, ILO

**Guest:** Datuk Wira Shahul Dawood, Chief Executive, Human Resources Development Corporation (HRD Corp), Ministry of Human Resources, Malaysia, to speak about ASEAN Year of Skills

13:40 **Session 4: Pathfinder Countries Presentations and Panel Discussion (Part 1)**

**Moderator:** Ms Gita Sabharwal, UN Resident Coordinator Indonesia

1. Ms Chu Thi Lan, Head of Division of Labour and Employment, Institute of State Organizational and Labor Science, Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) Viet Nam
2. Ms Kanwal Batool, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis and Human Resource Development, Government of Pakistan
3. Mrs Tirta Sutedjo, ST, MWRM, Director for Poverty Alleviation and Community Empowerment, Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS), Indonesia

15:00 **Break & Networking**

15:20 **Session 5: Pathfinder Countries Presentations and Panel Discussion (Part 2)**

**Moderator:** Ms Hanaa Fikry Ahmed Singer, UN Resident Coordinator Nepal

1. His Excellency Dr Phan Phalla, Secretary of State, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia
2. Mr Krishna Prasad Sapkota, Joint Secretary, National Planning Commission, Government of Nepal
3. Mr Patrick P. Patriwirawan, Jr, Director, Department of Labour and Employment – Bureau of Local Employment (DOLE BLE), Philippines

16.45 - 17.00 **Recap of First Day and Close**

**Ms Valérie Schmitt, Deputy Director, Universal Social Protection Department, ILO**

18:30 – 20:30 **Reception and Networking Dinner (by invitation)**

**Welcome:**

1. Ms Mia Seppo, Assistant Director General, Jobs and Social Protection, ILO
2. His Excellency Minister Heng Sour, Minister of Labour and Vocational Training, Cambodia



## DAY 2: 9 APRIL 2025

08:30	<p><b>Welcome and Introduction to the Global Accelerator Technical Support Facility</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mr Julien Magnat, Advisor, JSP and Partnerships, ILO</li><li>2. Mr Jean-Francois Klein, Employment Policy Advisor and Head of Unit, Employment Department, ILO</li></ol>
08:50	<p><b>Thematic Session 1:</b> <b>Connecting skills and lifelong learning interventions with social protection and pro-employment policy</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr Srinivas B Reddy, Chief of Skills Employability Branch, Employment Department, ILO</p> <p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. His Excellency Kuoch Somean, Secretary of State, Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, Cambodia</li><li>2. Ms Girlie Grace Casimiro-Igtiben, Director, National Economic and Development Authority – Social Development Staff (NEDA SDS), Philippines</li><li>3. Mr Faisal Tjandraatmadja, Deputy General Chairman for Human Resources and Certification, Indonesia Association of Hotel &amp; Restaurants (PHRI)</li><li>4. Mr Asad Memon, Deputy General Secretary, Pakistan United Workers Federation (PUWF)</li></ol> <p><b>Participant Q&amp;A</b></p>
10:15	<p><b>Break &amp; Networking</b></p>
10:30	<p><b>Thematic Session 2:</b> <b>Aligning GA Roadmap development with green, digital and economic transitions</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr Shakeel Ahmad, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative, Cambodia</p> <p><b>Introductory Panel followed by World Café Discussions</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mr Bipin Rajbhandari, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, Nepal</li><li>2. Mr Malik Tahir Javaid, President, Employers Federation of Pakistan (EFP)</li><li>3. Mr Do Minh Tu, Program Officer, Bureau for Employers' Activities, Viet Nam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI)</li><li>4. Ms Elly Rosita Silaban, President, KSBSI, Indonesia</li></ol>
12:00	<p><b>Networking Lunch</b></p>



13:00	<p><b>Thematic Session 3:</b> <b>Voices of Beneficiaries</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Dr Will Parks, UNICEF Representative in Cambodia</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. 'Voices of Beneficiaries' video</li><li>2. Mr. Mukaram Ahmed, Senior Joint Secretary, Ministry of Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety, Pakistan</li><li>3. Mr Thoeurn Sovannroath, Beneficiary of TVET Cash Transfer Program, Cambodia</li><li>4. Mr Khun Pov, Beneficiary of TVET Cash Transfer Program, Cambodia</li><li>5. Mr Yogendra Kumar Kunwar, President, Nepal Trade Union Congress</li><li>6. Ms Sophia Gelig, Advocacy Association, Employers' Organization of the Philippines (ECOP)</li></ol>
14:00	<p><b>Networking &amp; Break</b></p>
14:30	<p><b>Thematic Session 4:</b> <b>Sustainable financing for accelerating skills development, decent jobs and social protection</b></p> <p><b>Moderator: Ms Michiko Miyamoto, Director for Decent Work Team South Asia and Country Office, ILO India</b></p> <p><b>Presentations:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mr Jean-Francois Klein, Employment Policy Advisor and Head of Unit Employment Department, ILO</li><li>2. Ms Enkhzul Dambajantsan, Policy Specialist, SDG Finance, UNDP Sustainable Finance Hub</li></ol> <p><b>Panel Discussion</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mr Setyo Budiantoro, Economic Development Pillar Management of SDGs National Coordination Secretariat, Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS), Indonesia</li><li>2. Ms Abila Safir, Senior Economist, World Bank</li><li>3. Mr Rony Ambrose Gobilee, Chief Strategy Officer, Human Resources Development Corporation (HRD Corp), Ministry of Human Resources, Malaysia</li></ol> <p><b>Invitation of comments from Social Partners</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Ms Anne Colina, Federation of Free Workers (FFW) Philippines and Mr Quang Minh Le, Official of International Department, Viet Nam General Confederation of Labour (VGCL)</li><li>2. Mr Hari Paudel, Deputy Director, Federation of Nepalese Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI) and Mr Tep Sophoan, Executive Director, Cambodian Federation of Employers and Business Associations (CAMFEBA)</li></ol> <p><b>Participant Q&amp;A</b></p>
16:00	<p><b>Summary of the key messages of the Forum, reflections and next steps</b></p>



**Mr Jean-Francois Klein, Employment Policy Advisor and Head of Unit, Employment Department, ILO**

16:30

**Closing Remarks**

1. **Ms Xiaoyan Qian, Director for Decent Work Team for East and South-East Asia and the Pacific and Country office for Thailand, Cambodia and Lao PDR, ILO**
2. **Her Excellency Sovann Vannaroth, Permanent Secretary of State, Ministry of Labour and Vocational Training, Cambodia**