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Overview of Program

The first day of the 4 day conference will be devoted to sessions relating to migration and development issues in the Asia Pacific region.

The second day will be devoted to migration and development issues in the Greater Mekong Sub-region.

The first half of the third day will be used for APMRN business meeting, and the second half of the third day will be used for migration-related field activities in Fuzhou.

The fourth day will comprise a morning workshop on a recent online survey of almost 11,000 scientists in the Asia Pacific region.
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26 May Day 1: Migration, development and poverty reduction in the Asia Pacific region

8.30 – 9.15
Opening Ceremony

9.15 – 10.30
Session 1: Migration trends and patterns and their effects on development and poverty reduction in the Asia Pacific region: perspectives from both developed and developing countries
This session will provide an overview of migration trends and patterns and a general assessment of their effects on the development of the countries or regions concerned.

Chair: Professor Paul Spoonley (Chair APMRN, NZ Coordinator) (3x20)

1. Overview – Prof. Graeme Hugo (APMRN coordinator, Uni of Adelaide)
2. Policy Considerations on China’s Rural Migrants: Helping their smooth transfer to non-agricultural activities and urban areas, and ensuring their legal rights and benefits – Professor Huang Ping (APMRN coordinator, CASS, China)
3. New migrations in the Pacific – Prof. Vijay Naidu (APMRN coordinator, USP, Fiji)

Discussant: Arjan de Haan (DFID, Beijing)

10.30 - 11.00 Coffee/Tea break

11.00 – 12.45
Session 2: Internal migration and international migration: linkages and ensuing developmental issues (4x20)
This session will focus on internal and international migration in the region and their likely links, and the developmental implications for source and destinations areas.

Chair: Dr Robyn Iredale (ANU, Australia)

1. International and internal migration and the ensuing chain developmental effects on source areas: Evidence from China – Prof. Yu Zhu (APMRN coordinator, Fujian Normal University, China)
2. New Emigrants’ Network of Overseas Chinese: An Exploration into an International Migration Pattern: Case Study of Shaxi Village – Prof Zhan Guanqun (Fujian Normal University, Fuzhou)
3. Growing internal and international migration in Mongolia – Dr Algaa Solongo (APMRN coordinator, University of Mongolia)
4. Migration flows in Cambodia, External vs. Internal movements — Prof Bruno Maltoni (APMRN coordinator, RUPP, Cambodia)

Discussion led by Chair
12.45 – 2.00 Lunch

2.00 – 3.30  
Session 3: Migrants’ business networks and migrants as ‘bridges’ between source and destination regions, and their developmental effects on the source areas: case studies from the Asia Pacific region  
This session will deal with two important factors of migration affecting the source areas: migrants’ business networks and development strategies of migrants’ source areas.

Chair: Professor Vijay Naidu (USP, Fiji) (4x20)  
1. Migrants Saving & Alternative Investment (MSAI) from the experience of some Southeast Asian countries, particularly the Philippines, Indonesia & Thailand – Rex Varona (AMC, HK)  
2. High level talented people from overseas in Shanghai - Prof. Luo Keren (APMRN coordinator, Shanghai, China)  
3. Vietnam’s overseas labor migration: Policy and practice - Dr. Dang Nguyen Anh (APMRN Coordinator, Vietnam Asia Pacific Center, Hanoi, VIETNAM)  
4. Internal and international migration in Oceania — Prof Dick Bedford (APMRN coordinator, University of Waikato, NZ)

Discussant: Dr Azizah Kassim (APMRN coordinator, Principal Research Fellow, Institute for Malaysian & International Studies, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Malaysia)

3.30-4.00 Coffee/Tea break

4.00 – 5.30  
Session 4: Temporary migration and economic and social development outcomes for sending areas: practical and policy lessons  
This session will look at the characteristics of temporary labour migration, both internal and international, and the effects on the development of source areas.

Chair: Prof Bruno Maltoni (Cambodia)  
1. Savings, businesses and social mobility of Bangladeshi and Iranian returnees from Japan– A/P Naoto Higuchi (APMRN coordinator, Japan)  
2. ASEAN’s moves towards greater labour mobility – Introduction, Dr Robyn Iredale (ANU, Australia)  
(a) Impacts in Lao PDR of Integration into ASEAN - Mr Vaigna Souvannachak & Mr Sourisak Souphanthong (Labour Department, LAO PDR)  
(b) The Impacts of ASEAN Integration in Cambodia - Mr Kundy Iem (Dept of Labour, Cambodia)

Discussion led by Chair  

6.00 Dinner
27 May Day 2: Migration, development and poverty reduction: focusing on Greater Mekong Sub-region

8.30 – 10.15
Session 1: Globalization and south-south migration: patterns and trends in GMS region and their development implications

This session will examine patterns and trends of cross border migration in GMS region in the context of globalization, in the hope of contributing to better understanding of south-south migration and its developmental effects. (3x20)

Chair: Prof. Supang Chantavanich (Thailand)

1. Regional integration in the GMS and its transnational impacts (including migration) – Dr Rosalia Sciortino (Mahidol Uni, Thailand)
2. Urbanward Migration in Pre- and Post-Reform Viet Nam: Macro Patterns and Determinants – Dr Le Thanh Sang (Vietnam)

Discussant: Mr Rex Verona (AMC, Hong Kong)

10.15-10.45 Coffee/Tea break

10.45 – 12.30
Session 2: Ethnic, religious, and cultural diversity and the effects of migration in GMS region

This session will provide case studies on how to deal with ethnic, religious, and cultural diversity, respect and promote the rights of minority groups, in the migration related development processes.

Chair: Dr Fei Guo (Australia) (4x15)

1. Gender Concerns in Migration in Lao PDR - Mr. Inthasone Phetsiriseng (UNIFEM, Laos)
2. Vietnamese Brides in China – Dr Han Jialing (BASS, Beijing, China)
3. Thailand Policies towards Migrant Workers from Myanmar – Prof. Supang Chantavanich (Chulalongkorn Uni, Thailand)

Discussant: Professor Paul Spoonley (Massey University, NZ)

12.30 – 2.00 Lunch
2.00 – 3.30
Session 3: Impact of Legal Frameworks on Migration and Trafficking: how legal frameworks and policies categorise people in the migration process and how those categorisations impact on the lives and rights of migrant (3 x 20)
This session will examine the unlawful aspects of migration-related processes in the GMS region, such as trafficking, prostitution, arms, drugs and other contraband, and their developmental implications for the regions concerned, and exploring policy measures in dealing with these issues.

Chair: Dr Elsie Ho (New Zealand)

1. Inclusion or Exclusion: rethinking trafficking and prostitution in GMS - Ms Zhang Jie, (Yunnan, China)
2. Arrest, detention, deportation, return & reintegration (ADRR) of migrants in the GMS – Reiko Harima (AMC, Hong Kong)
3. Sex Trafficking of Foreign Women to US Military Base Camp Towns in South Korea - Dr Sallie Yea (APMRN coordinator, RMIT, Melbourne, Aust.)

Discussant: Thetis Mangahas (ILO, Bangkok)

3.30-4.00 Coffee/Tea break

4.00 – 5.30
Session 4: Migration and its health and environmental consequences in the GMS region
This session will examine the health (in particular HIV/AIDS) and environmental consequences of migration in GMS region and explore policy measures in dealing with these issues. Their developmental implications for the region will be discussed. (4x15)

Chair: Reiko Harima (AMC, Hong Kong)

1. Risky behaviours of Vietnamese long-distance truck drivers on 3 Asian Highways - Ms Linh Hoang (APMRN coordinator, IOM, Hanoi)
2. Migration and its reproductive health impacts in Kunming, Yunnan – Prof Zhang Kaining (Yunnan, China)
3. Migrant Workers and their rights to health care - Ms Maliwan (Tik) Khruemanee (APMRN coordinator, UNESCO, Bangkok)
4. Migration and Environment in China - Dr Fei Guo (APMRN coordinator, Macquarie Uni, Australia) and Dr Yan Tan (National Institute of Labour Studies, Flinders Uni, Australia)

Discussant: Prof. Brenda Yeoh (APMRN Coordinator, NUS, Singapore)

6.00 Dinner
28 May
Day 3: APMRN Business meeting
8.00 – 10.00
Chair: Professor Paul Spoonley (Current Chair of the APMRN)
Presentation of country reports and Secretariat report.
Discussion on Future Activities and Location of the Secretariat
Election of new Chair
10.30 – 5.30
Field trip organized by Fujian Normal University
6.00 Dinner

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29 May
Day 4: Workshop on Mobility of Scientists in the Asia Pacific Region: Expectations and International Networks
Organised by Professor Tim Turpin, UWS, Sydney
Day 4 is a special workshop in collaboration with UNESCO’s STEPAN (Science and Technology Policy Asia Network).
The workshop will consist of three papers that will be based on an online survey of almost 11,000 scientists working in the Asia Pacific Region.

8.30 - 10.00
Chair: Professor Huang Ping ((APMRN Coordinator, CASS, China)
1. Introduction to the project and overview — Prof Tim Turpin (UWS, Sydney, Australia)
2. Key Findings – Dr R. Woolley (UWS, Australia)
   • Patterns of training mobility
   • Research networks
   • Career mobility
3. Implications for developing countries and countries in transition - Mr Ganbat Bulgaa, (Mongolia)
Discussion

10.00 – 10.30 Morning Tea

10.30 – 12.00 Small group discussions
This will be an opportunity to discuss the findings and implications for countries in the region and explore policies to support human resources in their science and innovation systems.
12.00 Lunch