

2020 Asian Approaches to Development Cooperation (AADC)

Webinar Series

# Changing Landscape of Development Cooperation Amidst and Beyond COVID-19 in Asia

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## 2020 AADC : Changing Landscape of Development Cooperation Amidst and Beyond Covid-19 in Asia

Across Asia, like other parts of the world, the Covid-19 pandemic has had significant implications for public health and safety, social and economic security, governance, and political stability. Many countries across Asia are facing challenges that impact their ability to contain the spread of the pandemic and the socio-economic crisis. In the face of such challenges, the Asian Approaches to Development Cooperation (AADC) aims to bolster Asia's overall preparedness for the global pandemic by sharing the knowledge and responses to Covid-19 across the region and beyond. Organized jointly by KDI School of Public Policy and Management and The Asia Foundation, the AADC 2020 provides a forum for exchange of ideas among key international development experts in Asian nations on the changing landscape of international cooperation amidst and beyond Covid-19, producing recommendations to be shared with the public.

### Webinar Series

Session	Title	Date and Time (Seoul)
Session I	New Demands and Dynamics of Official Development Assistance and/or South-South Cooperation on Asian Developing Countries in Covid-19	November 11 (15:00-16:30)
Session II	Non-state Actor's Growing Roles in Response to Covid-19	November 12 (15:00-16:30)
Session III	Asia's Multilateralism Beyond Covid-19	November 13 (15:00-16:30)

## Session I : New Demands and Dynamics of Official Development Assistance and/or south-south cooperation on Asian Developing Countries in Covid-19

The Covid-19 global pandemic not only threatens public health and safety, but presents social, political, and economic challenges with restrictions of mobility and civic/commercial activity. For developing countries, with larger populations, fewer resources, and existing public health crises and multifaceted development challenges, managing and recovering from this crisis will be tough. There are increasing demands for international development to assist in addressing the short-term and long-term effects caused by Covid-19 on developing economies. The first session of AADC 2020 will discuss Asian recipient partners' challenges and growing demands for aid and investment to respond to the socio-economic impacts of Covid-19. The session will assess these needs against the current and future official development assistance and south-south cooperation from donor/partners. The session will provide better understanding of the Asian recipient countries' policy responses and development plans and help providers to effectively adjust their strategies and programs. The discussion includes:

- What are the challenges of Asian developing countries caused by the Covid-19 outbreaks? Which **policy responses and development plans** do Asian developing countries have for recovery from Covid-19 socially and economically?
- How have donors/providers **changed** their aid/cooperation strategies and programs in Asian countries? What support can be provided to address short-term and long-term effects on Asian developing economies?
- What is the current status of **cooperation** among Asian donors/SSC providers to respond to the Covid-19 crisis? How can donors/providers collectively provide support for better impacts?

## Session II : Asian Non-state Actor's Growing Roles in Response to Covid-19

Asian non-state actors are critical to development cooperation and have played a significant role in the Covid-19 crisis. These actors, including grassroots NGOs and local firms, responded with agility to those in need, providing much needed social safety nets during the pandemic. However, Covid-19 poses challenges to NGOs and corporations including travel restrictions, limited financial resources, and additional costs for staff safety. The second session of AADC 2020 will discuss the roles of Asian non-state actors, including NGOs and businesses, during the Covid-19 crisis. The session aims to identify the challenges and opportunities for greater cooperation among and across Asian NGOs and businesses during and after crises. The session will also examine the implications for broader Asian development cooperation involving non-state actors. The discussion includes:

- Roles NGOs and business can play to prevent, fight, and recover from Covid-19: What are the respective strengths of NGOs and business in dealing with the global pandemic?
- Challenges Asian aid/development NGOs and Asian multinational companies operating in Asian developing countries face in the Covid-19 era and the impacts on people, society, and nations. What are the implications on development cooperation arising from these challenges?
- Opportunities when non-state actors collaborate to address Covid-19: How have Asian NGOs and corporations worked together in addressing Covid-19? How can we encourage and strengthen partnerships between international and local NGOs? How can public-private partnerships leverage more effective responses to Covid-19?

## Session III : Asia's Multilateralism Beyond Covid-19

The Covid-19 crisis has revealed the extent of global interdependence and the increased importance of multilateral action. Addressing the social, economic, and political challenges exacerbated by the crisis demands an urgent and robust multilateral system which can leverage resources, accelerate policy responses, and mobilize political support. Covid-19 has tested the multilateral system which mediocore outcomes. The third session of AADC 2020 will focus on Asia's current and future multilateralism. This session extracts lessons for regional and multilateral cooperation from the pandemic experience and charts a way forward. The discussion includes:

- Has the existing multilateral system effectively responded to the Covid-19 and its longstanding socio-economic effects? What would a new/improved multilateral model in development cooperation look like and what type of collective efforts are required to prepare for post-Covid-19 resilience?
- How can Asian regional institutions such as ASEAN and SAARC help the fragile countries in Asia to address the Covid-19 pandemic? How have they responded to the immediate health threats and prepared for economic and social recovery? What are the implications for their future roles?
- How can different development actors/stakeholders such as multilateral banks, private sector, and civil society can make a strong and coordinated multilateral response to accelerate support for developing countries in the Asia-Pacific region?

## Asian Approaches to Development Cooperation

Asian Approaches to Development Cooperation (AADC) supports cross-country and regional dialogues throughout Asia to enable government and non-governmental leaders to share lessons and best practices related to common developmental issues. AADC dialogue series brings together experts from governments, civil society, and private sector from the Asia region and beyond to share perspectives and facilitate mutual learning between and among emerging and traditional development cooperation actors. AADC increases knowledge-sharing, understanding, and networking amongst experts and decision-makers from countries in the region with similar conditions, and/or with previous experiences, and lead to improved policies and preparedness measures across Asia.

### AADC [ 2010-2020 ]

Year	Theme	Location
2020	(Virtual Dialogue) Changing Landscape of Development Cooperation Amidst and Beyond Covid-19 in Asia	Virtual
2019	(Dialogue and Authors' Workshop) Industrial Revolution 4.0 and the Future of Work: Implications for Asian Development Cooperation	Republic of Korea
2018	(Authors' Workshop) Supporting Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding	Republic of Korea
	(Dialogue) Supporting Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding	Nepal
2017	(Authors' Workshop) Shifting to Planned Urbanization: The Role of Asian Development Cooperation	Republic of Korea
	(Dialogue) Asian Approaches to Development Cooperation: Focus on Women and Girls' Empowerment	Mongolia

	(Dialogue) Shifting to Planned Urbanization: The Role of Development and South-South Cooperation in Implementing the New Urban Agenda	Philippines
	(Authors' Workshop) Partners in Asian Development Cooperation	Republic of Korea
2016	(Dialogue) Partners in Asian Development Cooperation: The Role of the Private Sector	India
	(Dialogue) Non-State Actors in Asian Development Cooperation: The Role of Non-Governmental Organizations	China
	(Authors' Workshop) Advancing South-South Cooperation: Provider Perspectives	Republic of Korea
2015	(Dialogue) Advancing South-South Cooperation: Provider Perspectives	Indonesia
	(Dialogue) The Future of South-South Cooperation (SSC) in Asia: Partner country Perspectives	Cambodia
	(Authors' Workshop) Asian Approaches to Social Mobility	Republic of Korea
2014	(Dialogue) Asian Approaches to Social Mobility	Sri Lanka
	(Authors' Workshop) Climate Change Response and International Cooperation: Experiences & Lessons from Asia and the Pacific	Thailand
2013	(Dialogue) Asian approaches to Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Resilience	Vietnam
	(Authors' Workshop) Asian Approaches to Green Growth and Climate Change Mitigation	Republic of Korea
	(Authors' Workshop) Inclusive Growth and Development Cooperation: Experiences and Lessons from Asia	Republic of Korea
2012	(Dialogue) Pro-poor Growth and Development Cooperation	China
	(Dialogue) Emerging Asian Approaches to Development Cooperation	India
	(Authors' Workshop) Emerging Asian Approaches to Development Cooperation	Republic of Korea
2011	(Dialogue) Lessons for Development Effectiveness	Sri Lanka, Malaysia
2010	(Dialogue) More than One Way to Achieve Aid Effectiveness	Republic of Korea