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**4th Asia Pacific Regional Conference on**

**Community Driven Development (CDD)**

**PRACTITIONERS DISCUSSION FORUM AROUND**

**CDD AND LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

***“Sharing Experiences – Deepening Knowledge”***

**April 2-5, 2018 | Colombo, Sri Lanka**

**Venue: Taj Samudra Hotel**

***Conference Goals:***

As a follow-up to three previous regional community-driven development (CDD) conferences held in Indonesia in November 2013, the Philippines in March 2015 and Vietnam in June 2016, this four-day conference aims to:

* Provide a venue for a regional exchange of knowledge and peer-to-peer learning on issues of relevance to practitioners implementing CDD programs in the East Asia/Pacific and South Asia regions;
* Deepen the analysis and knowledge base on the use of CDD approaches in local economic development, including by reviewing successful models and lessons learned;
* Consider future activities that will be of use to the regional CDD community of practice.

***Conference format and dynamics:***

* Interactive with select presentations and panel discussions based around specific country experiences, challenges faced and lessons learned, followed by open discussion;
* In some sessions, participants will be divided into smaller groups for in-depth discussions on specific topics;
* Field trip to former project sites of the Gemi Dirya project in Sri Lanka.

# **DAY I | MONDAY, APRIL 2**

**08:30 – 09:00 REGISTRATION**

**09:00 – 09:10 LAMP LIGHTING CEREMONY**

**09:10 – 09:20 OPENING REMARKS BY THE GOVERNMENT HOST**

* *Hon. Sarath Amunugama, Minister of Special Assignments, Government of Sri Lanka*

**09:20 – 09:30 OPENING REMARKS BY THE WORLD BANK**

* *Ms. Valerie Layrol, Senior Operations Officer, The World Bank Sri Lanka*

**09:30 – 09:40 WELCOME REMARKS BY AUSTRALIA**

* *Ms. Victoria Coakley, Counsellor, Development Cooperation,*

*Australian High Commission Colombo, Sri Lanka*

**09:40 – 09:50 Objectives of the Workshop**

* *Ms. Susan Wong, Global Lead, Community Driven Development,*

*The World Bank*

**09:50 – 10:00 PROCESS OVERVIEW AND INTRODUCTIONS**

* *Mr. Jost Wagner, Lead Facilitator*

**10:00 – 10:30 GROUP PHOTO AND COFFEE BREAK**

**10:30 – 11:40 STATE OF KNOWLEDGE ON CDD – WHAT DO WE KNOW SO FAR?**

* *Mr. Scott Guggenheim, Social Development Advisor, Government of Afghanistan*

The purpose of the session is to inform all participants of the findings of a new paper on the state of global knowledge on CDD and the implications for future programs followed by table conversations.

**11:40 – 12:30 FROM SHARING KNOWLEDGE TO TAKING ACTION**

* *Facilitators: Mr. Jost Wagner & Mr. Dan Songco and representatives of each country program*

In this session representatives of the present country programs will share their biggest achievement or ‘headline’ since the last conference in an interview format.

**12:30 – 14:00 LUNCH BREAK**

**14:00 – 15:00 OVERVIEW OF LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: KEY ISSUES**

* *Mr. Parmesh Shah, WB Global Lead, Rural Livelihoods and Agricultural Employment*
* *Ms. Susan Wong, WB Global Lead, Community-Driven Development*

This session will define the concept of local economic development (LED), highlight experiences in using CDD approaches to foster rural livelihoods and LED, and identify key issues for discussion during the conference

**15:00 – 15:30 COFFEE BREAK**

**15:30 – 17:00 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN PRACTICE:**

**WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED? PART 1**

* *Mr. David Tuchschneider, WB Sr. Rural Development Specialist, Bolivia/Latin America & Caribbean*
* *Mr. Mukesh Chandra Sharan, Project Coordinator, Bihar JEEViKA II, India*
* *Mr Michael Ho’ota, Director, Department of Extension, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock & Mr. Mark Johnston, Program Advisor, Rural Development Program, Ministry of Development Planning and Aid Coordination, Solomon Islands*
* *Dr. Gamini Batuwitage, Consultant, Gemidiriya Project, Sri Lanka*

In this session the presenters will share experiences on LED and engage participants in a dialogue on challenges and opportunities on fostering LED as part of CDD Programs.

**17:00 – 17:15 REFLECTIONS ON DAY 1**

**18:30 – 21:00 WELCOME DINNER**

# **DAY II | TUESDAY, APRIL 3**

**08:30 – 08:40 WELCOME BACK, RECAP OF DAY 1 AND EXPECTATIONS FOR DAY 2**

**08:40 – 10:15 LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN PRACTICE:**

**WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED? – PART 2**

* *Mr. Nahakul K.C., Executive Director, Poverty Alleviation Fund, Nepal*
* *Ms. Nguyen Thi Minh Nghia, Deputy Director, NMPRP-2, and Mr. Do Thanh Trung, Deputy Director, GNTN, Vietnam*
* *Dr.  Sengpaseuth Rajbandith, Director of Cooperatives Promotion and Mr. Somsack Chandara, Poverty Reduction Fund, Laos*

**10:15 – 10:45 COFFEE BREAK**

**10:45 – 12:00 UP AND COMING: THINKING THROUGH DESIGN**

Moderator:Susan Wong, WB CDD Global Lead

* *Mr. Kyaw Swa Aung, Director, Dept. of Rural Development, Myanmar*
* *Indonesian Delegation: Mr. Pungky Sumadi*, Deputy Minister for Population and Labour Affairs, National Development Plan Agency; *Mr. Samsul Widodo*, Deputy Minister for Disadvantaged Area Development, Ministry of Villages; *Mr. Bambang Soetono, Dr. Dan Vadnjal*, WB Indonesia
* *Mr. Ramatullah Quraishi, Executive Director, Afghanistan Rural Enterprise Development Program, Ministry of Rural Rehabilitation and Development, Afghanistan (re: Women’s Economic Empowerment-Rural Development Program)*

**12:00 – 13:30 LUNCH BREAK**

**13:30 – 16:30 BRINGING LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TO THE NEXT LEVEL**

Facilitator**:** Jost Wagner

In this interactive session participants will work in smaller groups on challenging questions for LED such as how to identify markets and work with private sector; how to reach the marginalized and poorest; and how to make use of innovations.

**16:30 – 17:00 PRESENTATION OF LOGISTICAL INFORMATION FOR FIELD TRIP**

Dr. Gamini Batuwitage, Consultant

# **DAY III | WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4**

**06:30 – 17:00 FIELD TRIP TO RATNAPURA**

# **DAY IV | THURSDAY, APRIL 5**

**08:30 – 09:00 LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE FIELD TRIP**

**09:00 – 10:30 HOW TO INTEGRATE CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES IN CDD**

Facilitator: Jost Wagner

In this session, participants will explore in smaller groups how to integrate various cross-cutting issues in CDD such as gender, disaster risk management, conflict. Additional topics may be generated by the participants.

**10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK**

**11:00 – 11:45 FEEDBACK FROM THE GROUP WORK**

**11:45 – 12:30 THE WAY FORWARD**

Facilitators: Nik Myint & Jost Wagner

Participants will discuss what initiatives would be of most interest to them as a community of practitioners over the next year. How can we better support each other’s work?

**12:30 – 13:00 FEEDBACK, EVALUATION AND CLOSING REMARKS**

**13:00 LUNCH AND DEPARTURE**