CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS
AND SEMINARS

1 Seminar on Effective Implementation of Policies for Growth and Development in Africa: Bringing the Asian and Latin American Experience to Africa

The seminar examined Africa’s economic development and compared the continent’s economic policies with that of the Asian and Latin American experience. The seminar, organized jointly by the International Center for Economic Growth (ICEG), USA and the Centre Ivoirien de Recherches Economiques et Sociales (CIRES), Cote d’Ivoire, was held in Abidjan, Cote d’Ivoire from 20–24 April 1993. The programme of the seminar was as follows:

20 April 1993
Welcome to all participants
Dr Joseph Yao
Director
Centre International de Recherche et d’Etudes Sociales (CIRES)

Dr Nicolas Ardito-Barletta
General Director
International Center for Economic Growth (ICEG)

Acknowledgements and Welcome on behalf of ICEG
Dr Nicolas Ardito-Barletta

Keynote Speaker
Mr Ferhat Lounes
Vice-President of Cooperation
African Development Bank

Inauguration
Dr Alassane Dramane Ouattara
Prime Minister, Cote d’Ivoire

The African Experience
Chairman
Andrew Mullei
ICEG Regional Director — Africa

Panel on the African Experience with Economic Policy Reform
Economic Adjustment, Policy Performance and Development in Cote d’Ivoire
Mr Kablan Duncan
Minister of Economics and Finance — Cote d’Ivoire

Economic Adjustment, Policy Performance and Development in Guinea
Mr Kerfalla Yansane
Governor
Banque Centrale de Guinee
Presented by Cellou Dahlen Diallo

21 April 1993
Welcoming Remarks
Dr Joseph Yao
Economic Adjustment, Policy Performance and Development in Lesotho  
Prof. A.M. Maruping  
Governor  
Central Bank of Lesotho  

Economic Adjustment, Policy Performance and Development in Tanzania  
Prof. N.H.I. Lipumba  
Personal Assistant to the President — Tanzania  

The Asian Experience  
Chairman  
Dr Seiji Naya  
ICEG Adviser — Asia  

Panel on the Asian Experience with Economic Policy Reform  
Policies for Macroeconomic Stability  
Dr Augustine Tan  
Associate Professor of Economics  
Department of Economics and Statistics  
National University of Singapore  

The Role of Government in Economic Development in the Asia-Pacific Region  
Dr Chung Lee  
Visiting Fellow  
OECD  

Export-led Economic Growth: Lessons from East Asia  
Dr Mohamed Amriff  
Dean/Professor  
School of Economics, University of Malaya  

22 April 1993  
The Latin American Experience  
Chairman  
Dr Nicolas Ardito-Barletta  

Panel on Latin American Experience with Economic Policy Reform  
The Cases of Argentina and Chile  
Dr Rolf Luders  
Chief Economist — IECG  
Former Chilean Minister of Economy and Treasury  

The Case of Mexico  
Dr Nicolas Ardito-Barletta  

Public Policy Towards External Shocks  
Prof. Paul Collier  
Director  
Centre for the Study of African Economies, Oxford University  

Working Groups on the following topics:  
Trade and Outward-Oriented Growth  
Role of Government and the Private Sector in Development  
Policies for Macroeconomic Stability  

23 April 1993  
Chairman  
Dr Joseph Yao  
CIRES — Director  

What are the Asian Policy Lessons for Africa?  
Dr Michael Roemer  
Fellow  
Harvard Institute for International Development  

II ASEAN/Canada Comparative Law and Policy Symposium  
The main objective of this Symposium was to review current issues and developments in both competition law and intellectual property law in the participants’ countries. The Symposium, organized by the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives and Faculty of Law, University of Victoria with the co-operation of the Centre for Advanced Studies, National University of Singapore, was held in Singapore from 17–21 April 1993. The programme of the Symposium was as follows:  

17 April 1993  
The Importance of Competition Law as a Matter of National and Regional Economic Policy: An Overview  
William A.W. Neilson, Canada
Three Different National Approaches to Competition Policy

*Thailand: The 1992 Anand GovernmentDraft Act*
Sutee Supanit, Thailand

*Indonesia: Proposals to Enact a Small Business Protection Act*
Erman Rajagukguk, Indonesia

*Malaysia: Legislative and Non-Legislative Measures for Promoting Competition*
Shaik Mohd Noor Alam Bin S.M. Hussain, Malaysia

General Discussion on the Present ASEAN Situation

*Taking Stock of the Present: Selected National Competition Laws*
Kevin Tan and K.S. Tan, Singapore
Lawrence Lin and Huey-Ching Yeh, Taiwan
Moon Sung Lee, Korea

Plenary Evaluation of Current Competition Laws, Their Enforcement and Short-Run Prospects for Reform

18 April 1993

*The Inevitable Connections Between Free(r) Trade Arrangements and National/Regional Competition Policy: NAFTA, AFTA and Other Experiences*
William A.W. Neilson, Canada

General Discussion

Future Directions for ASEAN Competition Law

General Discussion

Identification of Common Issues

1. Business, Government and Consumer Considerations
2. The Influence, or Otherwise, of International Financial Institutions (IFT) Legal Models (World Bank/Asian Development Bank/IMF etc.)
4. Review and Prognosis: Agenda for Further Research

Symposia 1 and 2: Connections Between Competition and Intellectual Property

19 April 1993

*Current Trends in Intellectual Property Law and Policy in North America*
Robert G. Howell, Canada

*Implications of the IP Developments for Competition Policy*
William A.W. Neilson, Canada

*A Southeast Asian Perspective on the U.S. Arguments for Greater Intellectual Property Protection*
Surakiart Sathirathai, Thailand

20 April 1993

*Introduction*
*Intellectual Property: Legal Development and Policy Trends in the Common Law Systems*
Robert G. Howell, Canada

*Comment*
*Ideological, Cultural and Ethical Dimensions*
Douglas Johnston and Surakiart Sathirathai

*Trademarks (General)*
Preliminary overviews of each country’s historic approach to trademark issues and description of current developments in national policy and legislation
Khaw Lake Tee, Erman Rajagukguk, Alban Kang and Pakdi-Tanakul

*Trademarks (Specific)*
Transnationalism, Trademarks and Business Goodwill: Part A—Reputation “spill over”
Robert G. Howell, Canada
Transnationalism, Trademarks and Business Goodwill: Part B — Parallel Importation of Wares
Robert G. Howell, Canada

Interrelationship of Part A and Part B
21 April 1993

Copyright
General
Preliminary overviews of each country’s historic approach to copyright issues and description of current developments in national policy and legislation
Alban Kang, Khaw Lake Tee, Juran Pakdi-Tanakul, Erman Rajagukguk

Specific
Computer Programmes and Computerized Products
Alban Kang

Specific
Moral Rights, Neighbouring Rights and Rights in Personalities
Khaw Lake Tee

Patents
General
Preliminary overviews of each country’s historic approach to patent protection issues and description of current developments in national policy and legislation
Alban Kang, Khaw Lake Tee, Juran Pakdi-Tanakul, Erman Rajagukguk

Specific
Trends in the Protection of Pharmaceutical Products and Services
Juran Pakdi-Tanakul

Conclusions
Recapitulation of themes and points of view for chapter development

General discussion on thematic linkages (“Ideological, Cultural and Ethical Dimensions”)
Douglas Johnston and Surakiart Sathirathai

III JSR (Johor-Singapore-Riau) Growth Triangle

This discussion seminar, organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, examined various sub-regional co-operation issues in the Singapore-Johor-Riau Growth Triangle. The programme of the seminar, held in Singapore on 12 April 1993, was as follows:

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Prof. Chan Heng Chee
Director, ISEAS

Two introductory presentations, followed by discussion

The JSR Growth Triangle: Si Jori, Si Siapa?
Sharon Siddique, ISEAS

Singapore, Johor, Riau: Cooperating in the Malay World
Alfitra Salamm, LIPI

The JSR Growth Triangle: A New View
Sree Kumar, ISEAS

Sijori: Between Myth and Reality
Sritua Arief, Swasta

Discussion on ongoing research projects and avenues for co-operative research

IV Challenges to the South in the Nineties with Special Reference to the Asian Region

The main objective of the conference was to discuss the nature and scope for policy initiatives and other action programmes required to deal with the concerns of development in the developing world.

The conference, jointly organized by the Research and Information System for the Non-Aligned and other Developing Countries (New Delhi) and South Centre (Geneva), was held in New Delhi from 28–31 March 1993. The conference was structured as follows:

Inaugural Session
28 March 1993

Welcome Address
Shri G. Parthasarathi
Chairman
Research and Information System for the Non-Aligned or Other Developing Countries

Inauguration
Shri K.R. Narayanan
Vice-President of India

Mr Julius K. Nyerere
Chairman, South Centre, Geneva

1. Development Paradigms and Strategies
   The Asian Setting

Session I
Chairman
Dr Gamani Corea

Challenges in Development Theory and Strategies
Dr Surendra J. Patel

Asian Policy Experiences: A Comparative Analysis
Dr Azizul Islam

Economic Restructuring in East Asia: Some Lessons
Dr Kirit Parikh

Recent Policy Developments in Malaysia
Dr Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam

Becoming A Newly Industrializing Economy (NIE): A Strategy for Sri Lanka for the 21st Century
Dr Lal Jayawardena

Reforms in Macro-economic Policies and Planning: Asian Perspective
Dr Godfrey Gunatilleke

Role of Japan and NIEs in the Asian Economic Space
Dr Ki Young Chung

Session III
Chairman
Dr Tan Sri Ramon Navaratnam

Recent Development Experiences and Development Strategies in China
Dr Shi Min

Social Aspects of Development
Dr K.S. Krishnaswamy

Recent Development Experiences and Development Strategies in Vietnam
Dr Nguyen Quoc Dung

30 March 1993

Address by
Shri Dinesh Singh
Minister of External Affairs
Government of India

Mr Julius K. Nyerere
Chairman, South Centre

2. Towards an Asian Economic Area

Session IV
Speakers
Dr Rehman Sobhan
Dr Ashok Khosla
Dr Jasjit Singh

Session V and Session VI

3. External Debt Management
Chairman
Dr I.G. Patel
The Problem of Debt Management in the Third World
Mr Widjojo Nitisastro

Debt Burden and Development
Dr Solita Collas-Monsod

External Debt Management Strategic Options
Shri N. Vaghul

External Debt Management and Resource Mobilisation
Dr Gauri Shanker

4. Food Security in Asia
Chairman
Dr Rehman Sobhan

Food Security in South and South East Asian Countries
Professor G.S. Bhalla

Food Security in Asia: Some Policy Issues
Dr V.S. Vyas

31 March 1993
5. Agenda for the South in the Nineties

Session VII
Speakers
Dr Gamani Corea
Prof. Muchkund Dubey
Dr Rishikesh Shah
Dr T.N. Krishnan
Dr Ashok Parthasarthi
Professor N.S. Siddharthan
Dr Feng Yushu
Dr V.R. Panchamukhi

V Workshop on Growth Triangles in Asia

The workshop compared the various Growth Triangles in Asia and looked at the factors which were instrumental in their formation. Current operational and policy issues were also discussed with a view to understanding how development institutions can support transborder co-operation in economic ventures. The workshop, sponsored by the Asian Development Bank, was held in Manila from 24-26 February 1993. The programme of the Workshop was as follows:

24 February 1993
Chairman
Satish C. Jha
Chief Economist
Asian Development Bank

Opening Remarks
William R. Thomson
Vice President (Operations)
Asian Development Bank

The Emerging Growth Triangles in the Asia Pacific Region with Particular Emphasis on the Tumen River Delta
Hiroshi Kakazu
International University of Japan

Discussant
Mubariq Ahmad
Center for Policy & Implementation Studies
Indonesia

Growth Triangles: Conceptual Issues and Operational Problems
Myo Thant/Min Tang
EDRC, ADB

Discussant
P.L. Chee
UN-ESCAP

Tumen River Area Development Program and its Implications as a “Growth Triangle”
Elena Martinez
Deputy Regional Director, UNDP

Discussant
Dato Ali Abdul Hassan Sulaiman
Economic Planning Unit
Malaysia
Chairman
Cyo-Kun Yu
International University of Japan

*Multilateral Development Focusing on the Tumen River Area*
Hirokazu Shiode
International University of Japan

Discussant
Randy Spence
International Development Research Centre
Singapore

*Development & Environment in Northeast Asia*
Teruji Sakiyama
International University of Japan

Discussant
Ick Soo Kim
Korea Institute for International Economy Policy
Korea

*Infrastructure and Economic Potential of Tuman River Area Development Program*
Aage Holm
Consultant, UNDP

Discussant
Hong Wang
Programs East 1, ADB

February 25, 1993
Chairman
Satish C. Jha
Chief Economist
Asian Development Bank

*Overview of the Growth Triangle in Southern China*
Edward K.Y. Chen
University of Hong Kong

Discussant
Min Tang
EDRC, ADB

Public Policy Behind Growth Triangles: The Case of Southern China
Chen Dezhao
China Center for International Studies

Discussant
Bruce Murray
Manager, Programs East 1, ADB

*Infrastructure Development: The Southern China Experience*
Yue-Man Yeung
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Chairman
Hiroshi Kakazu
International University of Japan

*Foreign Investment in the Southern China Growth Triangle*
Pochih Chen
National Taiwan University

Discussant
Chia Siow Yue
National University of Singapore
Singapore

The Expansion of Growth Triangle: The Experience in Southern China
Wang Jun
Zhongshan University

Discussant
Ponciano Intal Jr.
Philippine Institute of Development Studies
Philippines

February 26, 1993
Chairman
J.M. Dowling
Asst. Chief Economist, ADB

Overview of the Singapore-Johore-Riau Islands Growth Triangle
Sree Kumar
Institute of Southeast Asian Studies
Discussant
Abdul Rahman Bin Jamal
Economic Planning Unit
Malaysia

Investment, Trade and Labor Issues in the Singapore-Johore-Riau Islands
R.G. Naidu
University of Malaya

Discussant
Phisit Pakkasem
National Economic & Social Development Board (NESDB)
Thailand

Simultaneous Workshops (These Groups)
Chairman
Satish C. Jha
Chief Economist
Asian Development Bank

Presentation of Groups

Closing Remarks