

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

I 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)

21 April 1993

Welcoming Remarks

Dr Joseph Yao

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 Guinee

Mr Kerfalla Yansane

Governor

Banque Centrale de Guinee

Presented by Cellou Daelin Diallo

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 Ariff
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 — ICEG
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 Government Draft 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.)

- (3) Legal Harmonization Precedents (Australia-New Zealand/Canada U.S./U.S.-E.E.C.)
- (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 Triange: 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

Session II

Chairman
Dr K.N. Raj

Challenges of Resource Mobilisation

Dr I.G. Patel

*Reforms in Macro-economic Policies and Plan-
ning: Asian Perspective*

Dr Godfrey Gunatileke

*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 Develop-
ment Strategies in China*

Dr Shi Min

Social Aspects of Development

Dr K.S. Krishnaswamy

*Recent Development Experiences and Develop-
ment 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 Parthasarathi

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*
Hirokaza 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

25 February 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 I. 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 Experi-
ence in Southern China*
Wang Jun
Zhongshan University

Discussant
Ponciano Intal Jr.
Philippine Institute of Development Studies
Philippines

26 February 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