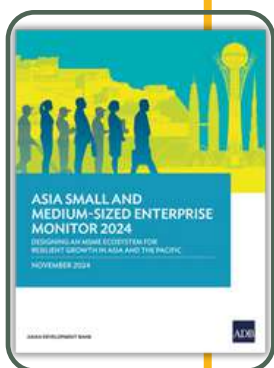




ASIA SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISE MONITOR 2024: DESIGNING AN MSME ECOSYSTEM FOR RESILIENT GROWTH IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC



The Monitor provides data and analysis as a resource for evidence-based policy design on the development of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs). This year's edition reviews MSMEs in 24 economies across Asia and the Pacific and provides policy recommendations for designing an MSME ecosystem that promotes resilient growth.

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BANKING AND FINANCE

NETWORK STRUCTURE OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES: INSIGHTS ON CORPORATE CONTROL AND COMPETITION




This exploratory study is about understanding the structure of networks of financial institutions in the Philippines. The literature notes that the financial sector occupies a central position within corporate networks. More importantly, the significance of learning more deeply about the structure of connections that the financial sector has stems from its being an intermediate sector.

The finding of an interconnected network, nearly one component network, also suggests that the extent of corporate control can be wide.

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ENERGY

DRIVING ENERGY-EFFICIENT AND LOW-CARBON INVESTMENTS FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISES THROUGH THE FINANCE SECTOR




This report presents a comprehensive review of the investment landscape in energy efficiency and climate-smart infrastructure (CSI) technologies in India. It examines market dynamics for small and medium-sized enterprises in energy-intensive sectors, commercial buildings, and electric mobility. It maps the supplier environment and identifies barriers to investments and recommends viable investment opportunities for private sector financial institutions and for improving the adoption of energy efficiency and climate-smart infrastructure technologies.

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INCLUSIVE GROWTH

WEALTH CREATION FOR EXPANDING THE MIDDLE CLASS IN THE PHILIPPINES

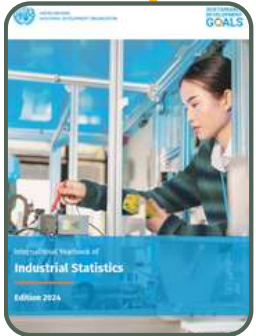


The Philippines is aiming to become a predominantly middle-class society, free of poverty, by 2040. To harness the potential of the middle class as a driver of inclusive growth, this paper proposes a multipronged strategy that includes (1) promoting social justice in natural resource management and climate change transition, (2) capitalizing on new opportunities in trade and investments for MSMEs, (3) ensuring a future-ready workforce and social protection, and (4) improving digital governance and public service delivery. By implementing a comprehensive agenda for middle-class expansion, the Philippines can build a more resilient, equitable, and prosperous future for all Filipinos.

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INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS

INTERNATIONAL YEARBOOK OF INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS - 2024



The 30th edition of the International Yearbook of Industrial Statistics summarizes the long-term transformation of the global industry over the past decades as it develops to become the 'Industry of the Future'. This will be defined by intelligent production systems which are powered by sustainable energy, reusing resources and materials, and harnessing the power of digitalization and AI to optimize quality and productivity. In addition to this big picture overview, the Yearbook presents the latest and emerging trends in the industry worldwide, as well as specifically in the various regions and sectors around the world.

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A REVIEW OF DIGITAL CREATIVE INDUSTRIES IN ASIA: OPPORTUNITIES AND POLICIES TO FOSTER GROWTH AND CREATE HIGH-QUALITY JOBS



Asia's creative industries are benefiting from rapid digitalization and need countries to plug skills gaps, boost access to financing, and step up data infrastructure to ensure they can create jobs and support socio-economic growth, this report shows.

A collaboration between ADB and Netflix, it focuses on movies, music, and gaming in India, Indonesia, Thailand, and Viet Nam. Assessing the potential of artificial intelligence, the private sector, and investment challenges, the report looks at ways countries can use incentives, supportive regulation, and better funding options to foster their creative industries and become attractive offshoring destinations.

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UPDATE OF THE READINESS ASSESSMENT FOR CROSS- BORDER PAPERLESS TRADE: BANGLADESH



This report highlights Bangladesh's cross-border paperless trade readiness, outlines the significant legal and technical gaps it still needs to address, and provides a comprehensive action plan. It offers a detailed checklist and recommends Bangladesh build capacity, digitalize trade procedures, and strengthen institutions to help accelerate paperless trade and support inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

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GENDER EQUALITY

EMPOWERING GROWTH: SUPPORTING WOMEN IN SAMOA TO LEAD THE WAY IN AGRIBUSINESS



This brief explains how the ADB-backed Samoa Agribusiness Support (SABS) project supported 26 women-owned agribusinesses and shows how tailored advice, flexible lending, and better market access can help women entrepreneurs thrive. It outlines the broad challenges facing women in Samoa and shows how women working in agriculture struggle to overcome unequal land rights, access to credit, and gender stereotypes. Highlighting how SABS helped women grow their businesses, it draws on case studies, analyzes the financing hurdles they face, and explains why further gender-responsive action is key to help women build and scale up resilient businesses.

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SERVICE INDUSTRIES

A SNAPSHOT OF INNOVATION IN THE PHILIPPINE SERVICES SECTOR




The Philippine Development Plan 2023–2028 recognizes innovation as one of the drivers of growth in the services sector, creating a strategic framework to reinvigorate the sector and strengthen creativity and innovation. To help formulate the appropriate strategies and policies, this paper examines the evidence on innovation in service industries using the 2021 Survey of Innovation Activities of Establishments, which provided broader sector coverage. The survey was conducted during the pandemic when firms had to pivot to new modes of service delivery to survive. It gives a more nuanced profile and innovation behaviors of services firms and seeks to identify the effects and determinants of innovation across the services subsectors.

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STARTUPS

APEXE NATIONS REPORT: HOW COUNTRIES TRANSLATE INNOVATION POTENTIAL INTO EXPONENTIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP




APEXE, which stands for 'Aptitudes and Policies for Exponential Entrepreneurship,' offers a pioneering data-driven framework designed to help countries measure their startup ecosystem potential and effectiveness. The rankings are driven by an innovative set of factors which determine the degree a country has translated its potential into exponential entrepreneurship. This pilot report is limited to G20 nations, with plans to expand coverage and indicators, positioning the Report as a critical tool for economic growth through entrepreneurship. The expanded APEXE Nations Report, scheduled for release in 2025 at the Global Entrepreneurship Congress, will provide detailed findings across more countries, together with an expanded methodology and additional insights.

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

THE NEW ERA OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY IN ASIA-PACIFIC: FROM SDG ASSESSMENT TO POLICY SOLUTIONS



Asia-Pacific has shown considerable progress toward achieving the SDGs, particularly in areas such as access to energy and industrial production. However, challenges remain in the adoption of clean energy, employment, and innovation. Modern industrial policy can play a key role in bridging these gaps. This policy brief highlights how Asia-Pacific countries can leverage opportunities in green energy, digitalization, regional integration, and demographic changes to accelerate progress toward achieving SDGs 7, 8, and 9.

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