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Asia's Social Democratic New Deal for Peace, Democracy, Recovery, Sustainability

Location: ALILA hotel Bangsar, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Date: arrivals 24th June 2022 (friday) - Conference proper 25th & 26th June 2022

Plenary 1:

DEMOCRACY FOR PEACE & SECURITY

The Australian Labor Party's recent return to power and New Zealand Labour's continued successes has reignited the flames of hope for Social Democracy in the Asia-Pacific region. However the rest of Asia are less fortunate and are seeing kakistocrats, kleptocrats and autocrats using their ill begotten wealth to buy and occupy the electoral and democratic landscape in their increasingly often successful bid to return to power.

Beyond the death toll and casualties, Putin's war on the Ukrainian people has triggered socio-economic chain reactions globally. Skyrocketing food and energy prices as well as the ensuing humanitarian crisis are also affecting millions of lives way beyond Ukraine. Looming dark clouds of similar geopolitical transgressions sparking around the region can neither be ruled out nor ignored.

How do we preserve peace and security; pushback against despots' hijacking of democracy; towards recovery and building back a better, more sustainable and equitable future?

How are we to push back against the fake news, misinformation and exploitation of victimhood mindset among the masses that serves the conservative agenda?

Moderator

Howard Lee

PA Asia KL 2022 Convenor

DAP CEC

Panelists:

Liew Chin Tong

DAP Deputy Secretary General, Former Dep.

Minister of Defence Malaysia

Afef Daoud

President of National Council Ettakatol, Tunisia -

board member of progressive alliance

Gam A Shimray

Asian Indigenous Peoples Pact, Secretary General

Keynote address

Prof. Jeffrey David Sachs



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Parallel Workshop A

DEMOCRACY - Strengthening democracy and solidarity amidst challenges (or headwinds?)

- How do we positively radicalise the suffering centre for a progressive coalition to act in taking back democracy?
- How do we present and project across the region and worldwide, the electoral victories and policy successes of the progressive family to inspire hope and progressive actions? How can we halt the advances of the increasingly successful occupation of democratic spaces by despotic, kleptocratic, dynastic agents and leaders of conservatism?
- How do we empower and positively weaponise the truth for inspiration and hope to counter misinformation, fear and extremism?
- How are we to push back against the fake news, misinformation, fear and hate mongering, as well as exploitation of victimhood mindset among the masses that serves the conservative agenda?
- How do we reignite the spirit of internationalism in galvanising and organising progressive forces worldwide, whether political parties in and outside of government, NGOs, unions, thinktanks and individuals alike, to formulate and implement policies of hope and progress?
- How do we more effectively leverage on parties within the progressive family who are in power intra and inter regionally, to ensure that weaker democracies are strengthened?

Moderator

Kasturi Patto

DAP Dep International Secretary

Panelists:

Dr Kelvin Yii

DAPSY Malaysia Chief

Timoteo zambrano

Cambemos. Movimiento Ciudadano, Venezuela.

Secretary General

Jadhav Maheshmurti Leni Sahebrao

National coordinator All India Congress

Committees Research Department



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Parallel Workshop B

PEACE - Maintaining (or achieving?) international peace and security

Moderator

Lim Yi Wei

DAPSY International Secretary

Panelists:

Basilio Enrique Estrada Claudio

*IUSY Asia Pacific Vice President / International
Secretary Akbayan Youth*

Dr. Ezat Sabir Esmaeel-

Leadership Council Member of PUK, Iraq

- How do we win the battle of disarmament and peacefully push for efforts to safeguard global security, and push back against the ethno-nationalists, the fear mongering extremists, the colonial imperialists?
- What are the real world impacts and effects on your nation and people with regards to the Russian invasion, Myanmar humanitarian crisis, tension between the global superpowers?
- How will the inequalities and injustices brought on by conservative forces' increasing grip in some nations on power affect the people's livelihoods; and how will that impact the preservation of peace?
- How do we keep the fire of hope and optimism burning for those who have been and/or aspire to be brokers of peace and security? Who are these people and what are their stories?
- How do we preserve peace and security; pushback against despots' hijacking of democracy; towards recovery and building back a better, more sustainable and equitable future?



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Parallel Workshop C

SUSTAINABILITY - Environmental sustainability and climate change

Moderator

Teo Nie Ching

DAP Publicity Secretary

Panelists:

Kunthida Rungruengkiat

Progressive Movement Foundation, Thailand (TBC)

Rainer VOGT

*Social Democratic Party of Germany, International
secretariat member*

Maria Victoria De Jesus

*Executive Committee Member, Akbayan
Philippines*

Edio José Maria Guterres

*Member of International Secretariat, Fretilin Timor
Leste*

- How do we ensure net zero transition can be achieved inclusively and equitably, whilst creating environmental and clean jobs and mainstreaming the green economy?
- How do we effectively hold the government accountable on SDG commitments as opposition parties, and how do we ensure that our governments do not get sidetracked from the global sustainability agenda?
- How do we accelerate conversations and ultimately, actions on the ESG (environment, social and governance) principles, including using it as a driver for stakeholder capitalism?
- How do we strengthen climate governance positions for the evolving landscape through the various multilateral platforms?
- What are the immediate efforts countries can advocate to build capacity to promote environmental sustainability and climate change?



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Parallel Workshop D

RECOVERY - Build back better with higher, cleaner inclusive growth

Moderator

Syahredzan Johan

DAP CEC

Panelists:

Munkhtsetseg Tserenjams

Board Member of the Mongolian People's Party

(TBC)

Faraj S.S. Zayud

*In Charge of European Affairs & Multilateral
Relations, Fatah Palestine*

- How do we ensure the economy that we build back from the current crisis, can be one that will ensure decent work and livelihoods for all?
- How do we rebuild a post-COVID world that is equitable, what are the lessons learnt from the COVID-19 crisis?
- How do we prioritize a gender-responsive recovery, recognising/acknowledging COVID-19's impact on women and gender equality.
- How can we advance key reforms to strengthen our institutions and infrastructures? What are the institutional adaptation and bold actions required from key stakeholders to achieve this.
- To establish a stronger and more supportive community, what social security adjustments are required to strengthen the social protection system, workers rights and the rise of the informal workforce?
- New normalcy- in terms of socio-economic architecture, geopolitical landscape, socio-cultural orders- post pandemic must not include the old ways that have divided and polarised; what must the new way entail and what does that world of this prospectively progressive new normalcy we seek to build look like?



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Plenary 2:

BUILD BACK BETTER

Moderator

Conny Reuter

Progressive Alliance Coordinator

Panelists:

Jannie Lasimbang

International Secretary, DAP

Antonia Verstappen

New Zealand Labour Board Member (TBC)

Sadi Pire

Politburo Member of PUK and Presidium Board

Member of the PA

Anna Sundström

Olof Palme International Center

Hlatywayo Gladys Kudzaishe

Secretary for International Relations, Citizens

Coalition for Change Zimbabwe