SERP-P NEWS
Innovating Knowledge Exchange in Policy Research

SERP-P teams up with partners to make knowledge from developing countries more accessible

Project partners in the new Open Knowledge Hub project initiated by the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex. SERP-P, one of eight partners invited to participate, was represented in the inception workshop on January 15-17, 2014 by Dr. Sheila Siar (fifth from right) and Mr. Ronald Yacat (second from left, background).

SERP-P is one of eight partners invited by the Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, to participate in a new project that aims to increase access to development research from the Global South. The project is being funded by the Department of International Development and will run from 2014 to 2016.

"The new project supports knowledge producers and intermediaries, particularly those in developing countries, to improve the availability and accessibility of development research by developing a new open and collaborative "Hub" for the sharing of development knowledge, building on emerging approaches from the open access and open data movements," says Alan Stanley, Senior Convenor of IDS Knowledge Services and Manager of the Hub project.

The Global Open Knowledge Hub project brings together selected programs from Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, South Pacific, Africa, and Europe. Partners include the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie), Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), Practical Action Latin America Regional Office (PAC LA), GDNet, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), PIDS-SERP-P, Soul Beat Africa, and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). IDS knowledge services such as Eldis, British Library for Development Studies, and its gender studies portal, BRIDGE, are also participating.

To get the project underway, an inception workshop was held in IDS on January 15 to 17, 2014. It was attended by representatives from the eight partners and the IDS Knowledge Services headed by Jon Gregson. Sheila Siar, PIDS director for research information and SERP-P project manager, and Ronald Yacat, SERP-P technical consultant, represented PIDS and SERP-P.

The workshop served as an opportunity to examine the project concept as a team, discuss views on how to develop it, and identify activities for the inception period which will run until March 2014. Partners also presented

SERP-P Member on Spotlight

The Asian Institute of Management (AIM) Policy Center (APC) joined the SERP-P Network in 2011. The signing of the SERP-P MOA in February this year is envisioned by APC and PIDS to pave the way for a stronger development partnership between them.

The APC, formerly known as the AIM Washington SyCip Policy Forum, was established in 1996 as the policy research arm of the AIM. Its mandate is to conduct policy research and host evidence-based policy discussions in support of the long-term growth and development of the Philippines and the Asian region. APC aims to foster a "public policy environment that emphasizes the primacy of private enterprises in meeting Asian societies' needs for goods and services, and contribute to progress and the building of a humane society."

Over the years, APC has pursued research on various development topics and issues. It has focused and initiated/ sustained programs on competitiveness (international, national, and local), infrastructure development, understanding of global issues, enterprise development, and other special topics such as peace, health, elderly, and youth.

APC is headed by its executive director, Dr. Ronald Mendoza.

APC is one of the most active members of the SERP-P network when it comes to contributing materials to the portal. Visit the SERP-P website at www.serp-p.pids.gov.ph to access publications of the AIM Policy Center.

Announcements

Call for Papers: Philippine Journal of Development

their respective portals and the knowledge resources that they will contribute to the "Hub".

SERP-P's participation in the project means greater exposure for SERP-P materials, authors, and member-institutions. Started in year 2000, the knowledge portal now contains more than 5,000 studies contributed by more than 2,000 authors. Over 50 Philippine-based institutions constitute the SERP-P network.

The "Hub" will be built and expanded over a period of two years from materials contributed by the partners on an open access basis under the terms of the Creative Commons Non-Commercial License. This permits unrestricted noncommercial use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited.

Formal communication about the "Hub" project will be sent by the SERP-P team to all members in the coming months. The current memorandum of agreement signed by the SERP-P members does not include the "Hub" as this is a new development. SERP-P members will be asked to indicate in writing that they are willing to share their materials in the "Hub" and to confirm that those materials can be made available on an open access basis.

For more details about the Global Open Knowledge Hub project, contact ssiar@mail.pids.gov.ph Please also check out related articles in the IDS/Eldis website: http://www.ids.ac.uk and http://eldis.org

SocioEconomic Issue on Spotlight

Labor and Employment

The Philippines is expected to maintain strong growth rates in the succeeding years despite the difficult global environment and the devastation brought by Typhoon Yolanda, according to the World Bank in its latest Philippine Economic Update. State think tank Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) projects that the Philippine economy will grow by 6.6 percent in 2014, which is within the government's target of 6.5–7.5 percent and the International Monetary Fund's and the Asian Development Bank's 6.5-percent and 6.4-percent forecasts, respectively.

The lack of inclusiveness of economic growth, however, remains a critical issue. A recent PIDS paper prepared by Drs. Vicente Paqueo, Aniceto Orbeta, and Leonardo Lanzona, and Mr. Dean Dulay noted that there are about 20 million workers in the Philippines that are unemployed, underemployed, or with productivity that is too low to support their own survival. Creating more job opportunities so that economic growth can be made more inclusive is clearly an urgent need.

This edition of the SERP-P News focuses on studies on labor issues conducted by SERP-P member-institutions. The jobs problem is an old issue that has been studied in the past. The findings and recommendations of past research can assist government planners and policymakers in examining the county's labor policies and regulations and formulating feasible solutions to address the problem of providing gainful employment.

- Labor Policy Issues in the Philippine Context
- Where Are the Poor Employed? Profiling the Working Poor
- Labor Policies and Philippine Companies: Analysis of Survey Opinions
- Am I the Labor Force? Definition and Measurement of Basic Concepts

  For more studies on labor issues, simply type 'labor' in the Search box of the SERP-P website.

The Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) is inviting submissions for the Philippine Journal of Development (PJD). The PJD is a peer-reviewed journal published twice a year by PIDS. PJD considers original, unpublished papers on economic development, public administration, foreign relations, sociology, political dynamics, agriculture and national resource management, environment, international migration, and other development topics, which are policy oriented and may or may not explicitly have a bearing on the Philippines. Book reviews are also accepted. The theme or topic of the book should fall within the scope of the articles accepted for publication. The target readers of PJD include researchers, educators, policymakers, and planners. For guidelines in the preparation of articles, please refer to www.pids.gov.ph/ris/publications /pjd/pjd_guidelines.html Inquiries and submissions may be forwarded to the Managing Editor at ssiar@mail.pids.gov.ph

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New Acquisitions (First Quarter)

- Toward Relaxing the Cabotage Restrictions in Maritime Transport
- Teaching Competency Standards in Southeast Asian Countries
- Higher Education in Agriculture: Trends, Prospects, and Policy Directions
- Innovative Behavior of Local Firms: Results of the 2009 Pilot Survey of Innovation Activities - Towards an Innovation-led Development Path in the Philippines
- The Role of Mineral Fertilizers in Transforming Philippine Agriculture
- Funds Flow and Financial Control Analysis of the Student Financial Assistance Programs (StuFAP)
- Millennium Development Goals Scenarios to 2015 and Beyond: An Integrated Micro-Macro Modelling Approach

Note: A total of 85 publications were added during the first quarter. Check out the SERP-P website to see more of these new acquisitions.

PIDS, WB collaborate for greater knowledge dissemination and networking

Witnessing the signing of the agreements are from L-R, PIDS Librarian Rosanna Cleofas, SERP-P Coordinator Kristine Carla Oteyza, PIDS Research Information Director Sheila Siar, World Bank Senior Communications Officer Nor Gonzales, and World Bank Senior Country Economist Karl Kendrick Chua.

State think tank Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), represented by its president Dr. Gilberto Llanto, and World Bank (WB) Philippines, represented by its country director Mr. Motoo Konishi, sign the memorandums of agreement on the Knowledge for Development Center (KDC) Program and the SocioEconomic Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P) Project on March 18 in Makati City.

WB and PIDS have agreed to collaborate in strengthening research networking and knowledge dissemination through the SERP-P database (serp-p.pids.gov.ph). The SERP-P is an online knowledge resource containing socioeconomic studies and materials related to development and policymaking in the Philippines. It is also a knowledge network that links academic and research institutions, government agencies, and international development organizations involved in development research and planning.

The WB shall contribute to the growth of the portal by uploading research results conducted by the Bank. The PIDS shall ensure that all the information found at the SERP-P site is readily available and accessible to users.

PIDS also signed an agreement with the World Bank to be part of the KDC Program for the promotion of knowledge sharing through the organization of dialogues and consultations with the academe, media, government, civil society, and other stakeholders in the country. As a KDC, online publications, reports, project documents, and other development-related materials of the World Bank will be made available in the PIDS library. (PIDS Website

SERP-P DIRECTORY OF SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCHERS (as of March 2014):

This new facility in the SERP-P website aims to promote closer interaction and exchange of ideas among researchers in the social sciences. It is intended to facilitate a more systematic flow of information and better coordination in terms of developing research proposals and crafting recommendations for future research and policymaking.

The directory was launched in December 2013, with inputs from PIDS, SEAMEO-SEARCA, and NEDA Region 3.

We are requesting the Network members to submit their respective directories for inclusion in the database. The list is preferably in Microsoft Excel. Download the e-file here.

Memorandum of Agreement Updates

As of March this year, 25 institutions have already signed the MOA on the SERP-P partnership. The most recent among the institutions that signed the MOA are the World Bank, UP School of Urban and Regional Planning, AIM Policy Center, and AIM JBF.

Once again, we would like to remind the SERP-P members to finalize the agreement before the 2nd Biennial Members' Meeting to be held this year. Kindly contact the SERP-P team at (02)893-9575 local 5034 or email koteyza@mail.pids.gov.ph for queries and/or clarifications about the content.
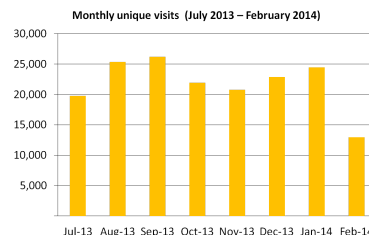
List of Active Members

We would like to commend the following members for actively contributing to the portal between the period January 2013 and March 2014:

- AIM Policy Center
- Asian Development Bank
- Congressional Planning and Budget Research Department, House of Representatives
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- National Tax Research Center
- NEDA Regional Office 1
- NEDA Regional Office 6
- NEDA Regional Office 8
- SEAMEO-INNOTECH
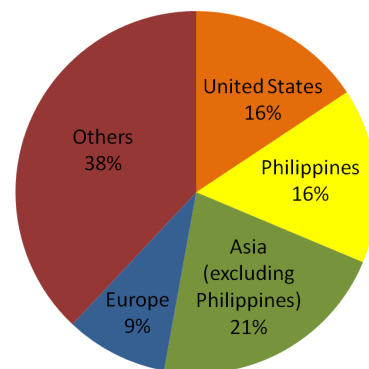- Silliman University
- University of San Carlos

SERP-P at a Glance

contributed by G. Manuel, PIDS-RIS).

Number of Publications	5285
Number of Member Institutions	53
Number of Authors	2645

MONTHLY UNIQUE VISITS

Monthly unique visits (July 2013 – February 2014)

Percentage of Users by Location
(based on the number of hits)

Coaching Sessions with Coordinators

The SERP-P team has started its first wave of coaching and reorientation sessions with member-institutions to personally train the coordinators in uploading their materials. The coaching is conducted in three ways: face-to-face, by phone, or online.

For the first quarter, online sessions were held for AIM Policy Center, SEAMEO-INNOTECH, and National Tax Research Center (NTRC). Personal coaching was conducted for DFA-Foreign Service Institute, SEAMEO-SEARCA, and UP School of Urban and Regional Planning (SURP).

This new service has resulted in the significant increase of uploads/contributions from other member-institution aside from PIDS.

To book your coaching schedule, kindly contact the SERP-P team at (02)893-9575 local 5034 or email koteyza@mail.pids.gov.ph.

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