

POLICY FORUM ON

Special Economic Zones: An International Perspective

Location: Hotel Taj Mahal, Mansingh Road, New Delhi

Date: **26th March 2024**

Time: 9.30 AM - 1.30 PM



Facilitators: International Research Consortium of Academic Institutions on SEZs in association with Export Promotion Council for EoUs and SEZs (EPCES)

Agenda

08:30-09:30 AM REGISTRATION & TEA

09:30-11:00 AM INAUGURAL SESSION

Welcome address: Mr. Bhuvnesh Seth, Chairman EPCES

Chair: Mr. Alok Chaturvedi, Director General EPCES, Government of India.

Introduction, Professor Holger Görg, Kiel Institute of World Economy, Germany & Ari Kokko, Professor, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

Special Economic Zones: An Asian perspective

- **SEZ development and FDI attraction: experiences from Vietnam**, Dr. Tran Toan Thang, Director, Vietnam Institute for Development Strategies, Vietnam.
- **SEZ implementation approaches in Asia**, Professor Aradhna Aggarwal, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

Keynote Address by Chief Guest: Shri L. Satya Srinivas, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India

Q&A Latest SEZs and EoUs reforms in India

Vote of thanks: Dr. (Ms.) Cecilia Hornok, Kiel Institute of World Economy, Germany

11:00-11:20 AM TEA BREAK

11:20-12:45 PM TECHNICAL SESSION I: PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Chair: Professor Nagesh Kumar, Director, Institute of Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi.

- **SEZs in Africa and their impact on Households**, Dr. (Ms) Cecilia Hornok, Kiel Institute of World Economy, Germany
- **Internationalization and Gender Wage gaps in Vietnam: Effects of SEZs**, Professor Ari Kokko, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark; Dr. Tran Toan Thang, Director, Vietnam Institute for Development Strategies, Vietnam & Dr. Vu Hoang Dat, The Centre for Analysis and Forecasting, Viet Nam Academy of Social Science, Vietnam
- **SEZs and Agricultural Landholding Inequality in India**, Mr. Rajarshi Chowdhry, PhD Candidate, Jadavpur University, Professor Saikat Sinha Roy, Jadavpur University, West Bengal
- **SEZs in South Asia: Structural Change, Growth and Competitiveness**, Professor Aradhna Aggarwal, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

Q&A

12:45 - 01:30 PM TECHNICAL SESSION II: PANEL DISCUSSION

Moderator: Dr. L. B. Singhal, Former Zonal Development Commissioner SEZs, Government of India

Panelists

- **Shri, Senthil Nathan**, Director, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India
- **Mr. Bipin Menon**, Development Commissioner, Noida SEZs, Government of India
- **Mr. Ravindra Babu Sannareddy**, Co- Founder & Managing Director of Sri City
- **Hitender Mehta**, Co-Chairman, ASSOCHAM National Council of SEZs, Industrial Parks, and Warehousing & Managing Partner, Centrum Legal, New Delhi
- **Bargavi Natesan**, Senior Partner-SPR & Co, Chennai.
- **Mr. Deepankar Khare**, Joint Director, Public Policy, MAIT, New Delhi
- **Professor Arpita Mukherjee**, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, New Delhi.

Q&A

Concluding Remarks: Professor Ari Kokko, Copenhagen Business School, Denmark

01:30 PM LUNCH