

REGIONAL WORKSHOP

RCEP, LABOUR & PUBLIC SERVICES

6-7 September 2017

9.30AM-5.30PM

B Hotel Quezon City, Philippines

Organised by:

*Focus on the Global South
Indonesia for Global Justice (IGJ)
NAGKAISA Labor Coalition
Public Services International (PSI)
Transnational Institute (TNI)*

Draft Schedule

Day 1: Wednesday 6 September

9.30 am: Welcome and Introductory Remarks

- *Video: Who Benefits from RCEP?*

10.00 am: **Session 1:** The Rise of Corporate Asia

Chaired Panel Discussion

- *The Crisis of Neoliberalism in Asia*
- *Corporate Attack on Public Services*
- *The WTO, BITs and FTA Web in Asia*

11.00 to 11.30 am: Tea Break

11.30 am: **Session 1:** The Rise of Corporate Asia (continued)

Discussion (1 hour)

12.30 to 1.30 pm: Lunch

1.30 pm: **Session 2:** Mapping MNCs in Asia

Case Study Presentations and Discussion in Sectoral Working Groups:

- Water and Sanitation
- Health-care
- Energy
- Social Security / Urban Infrastructure

Reporting back to Plenary

3.00 to 3.30 pm: Tea Break

3.30 pm: **Session 3.** RCEP and Labour

Chaired Panel Discussion

- *Global Value Chains and contractualisation*
- *Undermining Labour Rights through Trade and Investment Treaties*
- *Labour Mobility in FTAs*

Discussion (30 min)

End of the Day

Day 2: Thursday 7 September

9.30 am: Session 4. RCEP and Public Services

- *Failure of Privatisation and Remunicipalisation*
- *RCEP and Public Services*

11.00 to 11.30 am: Tea Break

11.30 am: Session 5. Sectoral Impacts of FTAs and RCEP

World Cafe Format by Sector:

- Water and Sanitation
- Health-care
- Energy
- Social Security / Urban Infrastructure

1.00 to 2.00 pm: Lunch

2.00 pm: Session 6. What can Trade Unions do?

Including Tea Break: 3.00 to 3.30 pm

Facilitated interactive session

Sharing of countries experiences, including

- India
- Philippines
- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- South Korea
- Australia

Opportunities for intervention, at regional and national level (creating a time-table)
Requirements and Responsibilities

5.00 pm: Closing Remarks.