

# CENTRE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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## SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF STATE AND REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS FOR NADP

CESD, in association with the Myanmar Sustainable Aquaculture Programme (MYSAP), organised several state and regional consultations across the country in 2018. The consultations gathered vital feedback for the development of the National Aquaculture Development Plan (NADP), which included events in Mandalay, Mawlamyine, Taunggyi, and Yangon. The consultations acknowledged the importance of gaining feedback from ground-level stakeholders from different states and regions to ensure that as many inputs as possible were heard during the development of the NADP.



The Centre for Economic and Social Development (CESD) is currently supporting the drafting of the NADP under the auspices of the MYSAP steering committee, chaired by H.E U Hla Kyaw, Deputy Minister of The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MOALI), with additional members representing other relevant ministries. The series was a part of CESD's engagement with the Myanmar Sustainable Aquaculture Programme (MYSAP), which is implemented by GIZ Myanmar with funding from the European Union and the German Government. Read more [here](#)

## SEMINAR ON LABOUR MARKET REFORM ORGANISED BY IDRC, UMFCCI & CESD



CESD jointly organised a seminar on labour market reform with the support of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce (UMFCCI) and the International Development Research Centre Canada (IDRC). The seminar facilitated discussions that aimed to provide Myanmar with an opportunity to learn from the lessons and insights drawn from global developments – from neighbouring countries and beyond. The seminar responded to both the challenges and opportunities that Myanmar is facing within the sector, discussing the process of labour market reform and its potential outcomes for the

nation. The timely seminar facilitated the participation of key stakeholders from Union and Regional Governments, the private sector, development partners, labour unions and other civil society organisations. Read more [here](#)

## CESD PARTICIPATES IN THINK-TANK INITIATIVE EXCHANGE 2018 - THAILAND

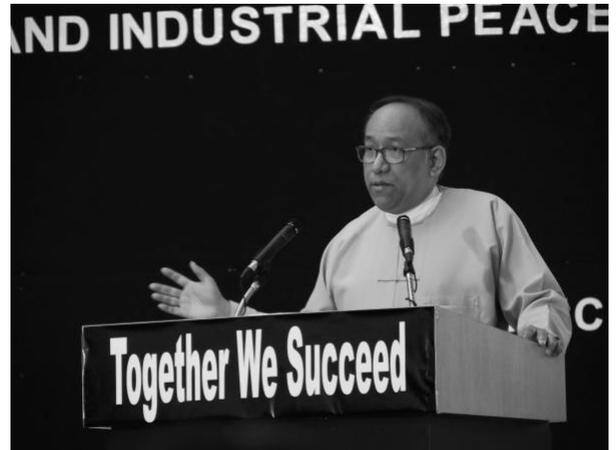
The CESD actively participated in the 3-day Think-Tank Initiative Exchange (TTIx) 2018 in Bangkok, Thailand, which was organized by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Canada and the Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI). Led by CESD Executive Director, Dr. Zaw Oo, the team actively attended different sessions over the 3 days, where CESD had the opportunity to showcase its recent research and network with several institutional representatives. Read more [here](#)

## CESD ENGAGES IN DISABILITY AWARENESS TRAINING

CESD staff took part in disability awareness training, which was organised by the ICCO Regional Office South East Asia and The Leprosy Mission Myanmar. The training assisted the CESD's researchers to increasingly include people with disability within a research and policy perspective, which will support the CESD's mandate of bringing socio-economic reforms that benefit all communities in Myanmar. Read more [here](#).

## CESD PRESENTS IN FAVOUR OF MAINTAINING AGREEMENT AT GSP FORUM

The CESD participated in the forum, "Why GSP is Essential for Decent Work and Industrial Peace". CESD's Executive Director, Dr. Zaw Oo, gave a presentation that provided evidence as to why the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) is essential for Myanmar's continuation in socio-economic reform and development. The forum was organised by UMFCCI and The Industry and Confederation of Trade Unions of Myanmar (CTUM Myanmar), which aimed to explore the ramifications of the GSP's withdrawal and produce a uniform and coherent response to the threat of its removal. In the spirit of collaboration, the forum included multiple stakeholders: employers, employees, trade unions, as well as Myanmar NGOs and INGOs, signalling a consensus on the joint statement. Read more [here](#)



## CESD CONDUCTS FIELD SURVEYS TO EVALUATE TRAINING AND SERVICES



The CESD closed the year by undertaking field surveys of approximately 200 workers in 2 Sunday Cafés and the Women Centre. They are operated by the worker association Thon Pan Hla and the Women Centre, and supported by the Confederation of Trade Unions in Myanmar (CTUM). As part of the research, the CESD surveyed workers who attended these cafe's and centres with the aim to evaluate the training and services provided by these organisations under the framework of the SIWEG project currently being supported by the SMART Myanmar/Sequa GmbH. Read more [here](#)

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