

5th ASIA FINANCE FORUM

POSITIONING FOR THE FUTURE

23-25 September 2025

ADB Headquarters, Manila, Philippines



THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE GRAND-DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG
Ministry of Finance

Day 0: 22 September 2025 (By Invitation Only)

09:00-11:00	Start of Catapult Program ADB Multifunction hall 3
15:30-17:00	Networking Opportunity: DMC officials with FIN and other ADB teams ADB Multifunction halls 1-2
18:00-20:00	Welcome Dinner The Roof at Joy Nostal

23 September 2025, Day 1: Bridging Finance and Sustainability

08:00-09:00	Registration
09:00-10:45	Morning Plenary (Auditorium zones 1- 4) Opening Remarks Yingming Yang , Vice President (South, Central and West Asia), Asian Development Bank (ADB) Keynote Address Monu Ratra , CEO, IIFL Home Finance Ltd Special Address Sean Kidney , CEO and Co-founder, Climate Bond Initiative

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Panel: Unlocking Sustainable Development Through Promoting a Green Transition

Christine Engstrom, Director General (Finance, Human and Social Development, and Public Sector Governance), ADB (moderator)

Dato' Mohammad Faiz Azmi, Executive Chairman, Securities Commission Malaysia

Lyn Javier, Deputy Governor, Financial Supervision Sector, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP)

Jaclyn Dove, Managing Director, Sustainable Finance, Standard Chartered

Sean Kidney, CEO and Co-founder, Climate Bond Initiative

Monu Ratra, CEO, IIFL Home Finance Ltd

Announcements – **Jost Wagner**, Conference Lead Facilitator

10:45-11:15

Morning Coffee Break (Auditorium Hallway)

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Session A1:

Mobilizing MSME Financing for Green and Sustainable Bonds and Capital Markets: Inclusive Development (panel, Auditorium zone 4)

Moderator: Tina Rohner, Senior Investment Specialist, ADB

Speakers:

Qamar Saleem, Head, SME Finance Forum (virtual)

Sonika Manandhar, Co-Founder and CTO, Aloï Global

Session B1:

Accelerating Sustainable Finance at Scale (panel, Auditorium zones 1-3)

Moderator: Peter Rosenkranz, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, ADB

Speakers:

McJill Bryant Fernandez, Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission Philippines

Session C1:

Innovative Finance for Nature-Based Solutions (fishbowl, Multifunction halls 1-2)

Moderator: Jennifer Romero-Torres, Principal Sustainable Finance Specialist, ADB

Speakers:

Cherie Gray, Global Lead for Sustainability and Market Development, Swiss Re

Yoko Watanabe, Director (Environment), ADB

Jaclyn Dove, Managing Director, Sustainable Finance, Standard Chartered

Vineet Sukumar, Founder and Managing Director, Vivitri Group

Tran Hoai Phuong, Director of Corporate Banking, Ho Chi Minh City Development Joint Stock Commercial Bank

Nilgun Osman, Head of Investor Relations and Sustainability, IsBank Turkey

H.E. Pen Thirong, Secretary of State, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Cambodia

Monica Yoanita, Senior VP of the ESG Group, Bank Mandiri

Bolortuya Bazar, Head, Credit Product Development and Green Banking Department, Khan Bank

Krizia Ferrer, Technical Assistance Senior Analyst, Climate Bonds Initiative

Josephine Bellman, Sustainable Investing Research Analyst, Impact Lead, Invesco Ltd.

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Lunch Break (Multifunction hall 3 andm)
Podium

14:00-15:00

Session A2:
**Promoting Affordable Green Housing:
Policies and Markets** (fishbowl,
Multifunction halls 1-2)

Moderator: Vivek Rao, Principal Financial
Sector Specialist, ADB

Speakers:

Monu Ratra, CEO, IIFL Home Finance Ltd
Farizan d'Avezac de Moran, Senior
Partner, GreenA Consultants

Session B2:
**Green Transformation: The Role of
Transition Finance for the Industry and
Economy** (panel, Auditorium zones 1-3)

Moderator: Tomofumi Yano, Senior Deputy
Director, Financial Services Agency of Japan

Speakers:

Samuel Joseph Jebaraj, Deputy Managing
Director, National Bank for Financing
Infrastructure and Development

Session C2:
**The Role of Data in Financing the Green
Transition** (panel, Auditorium zone 4)

Moderator: Tahani Iqbal, Digital
Development Specialist, ADB

Speakers:

Nutan Zarapkar, Managing Director Protiviti
India
Roopam Upadhyay, Founder and CEO, YOU
CANalytics

Elizabeth Satow, Area Vice President - Asia
Pacific, Habitat for Humanity International

Murodjon Farmanov, Chief Executive
Officer, Uzbekistan Mortgage Refinancing
Company

Angelo Tan, Country Lead for Climate
Business Philippines, Malaysia, and the
Pacific, IFC EDGE

Eugene Wong, Chief Executive Officer,
Sustainable Finance Institute Asia

Sayuri Shirai, Professor of Economics, Keio
University

Satya Ramamurthy, Public Sector Chair,
SMBC

Syam Nair, Chief Technology Officer, gprnt.ai

Chris Hollifield, Head of Business
Development at Luxembourg for Finance

15:00-15:10

Break

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Session A3:
**Innovative Finance and Inclusive
Initiatives in Green Finance Development**
(panel, Auditorium zones 1-3)

Moderator: Susan Olsen, Principal
Investment Specialist, ADB

Speakers:

Sh. Palash Srivastava, Managing Director,
India Infrastructure Finance Company
Limited

Session B3:
**Sustainable Finance Frameworks:
Taxonomies, Disclosures, and
Interoperability**
(roundtable, Multifunction halls 1-2)

Moderator: Junkyu Lee, Director (Finance
sector), ADB

Speakers:

Lilya Sirakanyan, Deputy Minister of
Economy of the Republic of Armenia
McJill Bryant Fernandez, Commissioner,
Securities and Exchange Commission
Philippines; ASEAN Taxonomy Board

Session C3:
Digital Innovation to Promote Sustainability
(TEDx, Auditorium zone 4)

Moderator: Klaus Prochaska, Senior Financial
Sector Specialist (Climate Change), ADB

Speakers:

Chong Yi Hao, Senior Advisor, Sustainability
and Strategic Development, Ant International
Edmund Daniel P. Martinez, Chief Executive
Officer (CEO), Helios

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Chowdhury Liakat Ali, Director,
Sustainable Finance Department,
Bangladesh Bank

Ritesh Thakkar, Senior Advisor and Head
of Asia Pacific, Convergence Blended
Finance

Sophear Bith, Head, Department FI &
Multinational Business, Business Division,
Foreign Trade Bank of Cambodia

Carlota Gómez Tapia, Climate Mitigation
& Net Zero Coordinator, Asia Pacific
United Nations Environment Programme -
Finance Initiative (UNEP-FI)

Sayuri Shirai, Professor of Economics, Keio
University

Carlo Houblie, Senior Advisor – Primary
Markets, Luxembourg Stock Exchange

Ephyro Luis Amatong, ASEAN Capital
Markets Consultant, ADB

16:10-16:40

Afternoon Coffee Break (Auditorium Hallway)

16:40-17:40

Afternoon Plenary Session (Auditorium zones 1-4)

Series of Innovative Lightning Talks

Sean Kidney, CEO and Co-founder, Climate Bond Initiative

Monika Martinsson, Deedster Co-Founder and Chief Growth Officer

Tamara Singh, Managing Director, The Nature Conservancy Singapore

Moderator: Jost Wagner, Managing Director, The Change Initiative

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Wrap-Up of the Day (Auditorium zones 1- 4)

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18:00-20:00

Networking Reception (Staff Hub)

24 September 2025, Day 2: Building Financial Health and Inclusion

08:00-09:00

Registration

09:00-10:45

Morning Plenary (Auditorium zones 1-4)

Opening Remarks

Fatima Yasmin, Vice President for Sectors and Themes, ADB

Welcome Remarks

Arsene Jacoby, Alternate Governor for Luxembourg in ADB and Director of Multilateral Affairs, Development Cooperation and Compliance, Ministry of Finance Luxembourg

Keynote Address

Lito Villanueva, Executive Vice President and Chief Innovation & Inclusion Officer, RCBC

Keynote Address

Vineet Sukumar, Founder and Managing Director, Vivriti Capital

Special Address

Mary Ellen Iskenderian, Chief Executive Officer, Women's World Banking (pre-recorded)

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Panel: Building a Better Tomorrow: The Collective Journey Towards Financial Health and Inclusion for All

Louis De Muyser, Inclusive and Innovative Finance Lead, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Defence, Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Luxembourg (moderator)

Manjula Hettiarachchi, Director General, Development Finance, MOF Sri Lanka

Shri Goverdhan Singh Rawat, Deputy Managing Director, National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development India

Rowena Zamora, Chief Strategy Officer, GCash

Lito Villanueva, Executive Vice President and Chief Innovation & Inclusion Officer, RCBC

Vineet Sukumar, Founder and Managing Director, Vivriti Capital

10:45-11:15

Morning Coffee Break (Auditorium Hallway)

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Session A1:

Reimagining Financial and Digital Literacy
(caravan, Multifunction halls 1-2)

Moderator: Kelly Hattel, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, ADB

Speakers:

Tracy Chang, Co-Founder and CEO, Tradelite
Bryan Crosswhite, Co-Founder and CEO, XR Global

Monika Martinsson, Co-Founder, Deedster

Session B1:

Investing in Women MSMEs: Innovations and Trends (panel, Auditorium zone 4)

Moderator: Adnan Rafiq, Senior Investment Specialist, ADB

Speakers:

Aria Widyanto, President Director and Chief Risk and Sustainability Officer, Amarta
Joanna Maria Sarah Romero, Lead, Women's Finance Exchange, Asian Development Bank
Abid Qamar, Director, Agriculture Credit and Financial Inclusion Department, State Bank of Pakistan

Tharindu Wijesinghe, SME Finance Consultant, ADB

Wati M. Seeto, Manager Financial Inclusion & Market Conduct, Reserve Bank of Fiji

Session C1:

Innovating Microinsurance: Strengthening Financial Resilience for Vulnerable Communities (roundtable, Auditorium zones 1-3)

Moderator: Arup Chatterjee, Principal Financial Sector Specialist, ADB

Speakers:

Maria Mateo, Chief Executive Officer IBISA Network, Luxembourg
Sabbir Patel, CEO and Managing Director, International Cooperative and Mutual Insurance Federation Foundation

Lorenzo Chan, President and CEO, Pioneer Inc.

Raunak Mehta, Co-Founder and CEO, Igloo

Tserendejid Purevjav, Senior Referent at Insurance Market Department, Financial Regulatory Commission of Mongolia

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Lunch Break (Multifunction hall 3 and Podium)

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Session A2 (until 15:30):
Protecting and Empowering the Digital Consumer (panel, Auditorium zones 1-3)

Moderator: Salve Ibañez, President and CEO, Empower and Transform

Speakers:

Rochelle Tomas, Director, BSP

Rajesh Bansal, Former CEO, Reserve Bank of India, Innovation Hub (RBIH)

Jojo Malolos, President and CEO, PayMongo

Nitin Madan, Director, Responsible Inclusive Finance Facility, SPTF

Session B2:

The Role of Microloans to Empower MSMEs and Individuals (roundtable, Auditorium zone 4)

Moderator: Andrew McCartney, Senior Financial Sector Specialist, ADB

Speakers:

Sandeep Bhalla, General Manager, Saripay Financial Services

Shuhkrat Atabaev, Chairman of the Board, Xalq Bank Uzbekistan

Yasir Ashfaq, CEO, Pakistan Microfinance Investment Company

Dildora Tadjibaeva, Senior microfinance expert, Central Asia

Session C2:

Micropensions for Sustainable Financial Security (TEDx, Multifunction halls 1-2)

Moderator: Faris Rabidin, Principal Financial Sector Specialist, ADB

Speakers:

Amlan Roy, Partner, Lane Clark & Peacock LLP, UK

Parul Seth Khanna, Co-founder, Pinbox

Preeti Chandrashekhar, President, Institute of Actuaries of India

Hamadah Othman, Director, Actuarial Partners Consulting

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Break

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Session B3:

Bridging the \$5 Trillion Gap: Innovative Credit Solutions (panel, Auditorium zone 4)

Moderator: Zainab Saeed, Inclusive Finance Consultant, ADB

Speakers:

Dilshod Saidzoda, Deputy Minister of Finance of Tajikistan

Vipul Sekhsaria, Co-Founder and COO, Kaleidofin

Sonika Manandhar, Co-Founder and CTO, Aloj Global

Tamuna Zhizhilashvili, Independent Member of the Supervisory Board, Asakabank

Devrim Ziya Tavit, MSME Finance and Financial Inclusion Expert

Session C3:

Innovative Disaster Risk Financing Solutions (panel, Auditorium zones 1-3)

Moderator: Arup Chatterjee, Principal Financial Sector Specialist, ADB

Speakers:

Savaira Manoa, Manager - Financial Institution Supervision, Reserve Bank of Fiji

Michael Relloso, Executive Director, Philippine Insurers and Reinsurers Association

Sili Margaret Chan Cheuk Tafunai, Deputy Governor, Policy Group, Central Bank of Samoa

Mohammad Khalid Hossain, Executive Director, Insurance Development and Regulatory Authority, Bangladesh

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Alex Todd, Senior Advisor, Sustainability
and Strategic Development, Zurich
Insurance

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Afternoon Coffee Break (Auditorium Hallway)

16:40-17:40

Afternoon Plenary Session (Auditorium zones 1 to 4)

Series of Innovative Lightning Talks

Sopnendu Mohanty, Co-Founder and Group CEO, Global finance & Technology Network

Salve Ibañez, President and CEO, Empower and Transform

Shuhkrat Atabaev, Chairman of the Board, Xalq Bank Uzbekistan

Moderator: Jost Wagner, Managing Director, The Change Initiative

17:45-18:00

Wrap-Up of the Day (Auditorium zones 1 to 4)

18:00-20:00

Networking Reception (Staff Hub)

25 September 2025, Day 3: Bridging Financial Technology, Trust, and Regulation

08:00-09:00

Registration

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09:00-10:45 **Morning Plenary** (Auditorium zones 1 to 4)

Opening Remarks

Bhargav Dasgupta, Vice President of Market Solutions, ADB

Keynote Address: Bridging Financial Technology, Trust, and Regulation H.E.

Serey Chea, Governor, National Bank of Cambodia

Special Address

Sopnendu Mohanty, Co-Founder and Group CEO, Global finance & Technology Network

Panel: Future of Financial Technology: Opportunities and Challenges

Mohd Sani Mohd Ismail, Director Finance, ADB (moderator)

Francis Edralin Lim, Chairperson, Securities and Exchange Commission Philippines

Benedicte Nolens, Head of Innovation Hub Hong Kong Centre, Bank for International Settlements (BIS)

Sopnendu Mohanty, Co-Founder and Group CEO, Global finance & Technology Network **Nathaniel**

Clark, President and CEO, GoTyme Bank

10:45-11:15

Morning Coffee Break (Auditorium Hallway)

11:15-12:30

Session A1:

**Fintech Today: Solving Key Financial
Development Challenges** (TEDx, Auditorium
zone 4)

Session B1:

**Innovation and Regulation: Money and
Payments in the Digital Era** (fishbowl,
Multifunction halls 1-2)

Session C1:

**Capital Today: Gaps in Fintech's Growth
Journey** (panel, Auditorium zones 1-3)

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Moderator: **Tram Anh Nguyen**, Co-founder
CFTE

Moderator: **Akber Datoo**, Founder and
CEO, D2 Legal Technology

Moderator: **Daniel Hersson**, Senior Investment
Specialist, ADB

Speakers:

Varlam Ebanoidze, Head of FinTech and
SupTech Development/Innovation Office,
National Bank of Georgia

Eric Anklesaria, Senior Advisor PSB Alliance
Pvt. Ltd & Partner IT Advisory Nangia & Co.
LLP

Umang Moondra, CEO APIX

Julie Guetta, Technical Solutions Lead – Asia
- Mojaloop Foundation

Speakers:

Wei Siong Lim, Vice President for Public
Policy and Government Affairs, Mastercard of Financial Technology

Benedicte Nolens, Head of Innovation Hub
Hong Kong Centre, BIS

Sung Kyun Son, General Manager (Head of ADB
Global Business), Fintech Center Korea

Peter Fizelle, Advisor and Head of
Cybersecurity and Compliance Unit, ADB

Luke Boland, Head of Fintech Asia,
Standard Chartered Bank

Speakers:

Alex Panican, Deputy CEO, Luxembourg House

Jojo Malolos, President and CEO, PayMongo

Arvind Sankaran, Senior Fintech Consultant,

Farah Jaafar, Advisor, Fintech Association of
Malaysia

12:30-14:00

Lunch Break (Multifunction halls 1 to 2)

14:00-15:00

Session A2:

**Addressing Financial Infrastructure Gap to
Scale Fintech Services** (roundtable,
Multifunction halls 1-2)

Moderator: **Huy Nguyen Trieu**,
Cofounder, Centre for Finance,
Technology and Entrepreneurship

Session B2:

**AI, SupTech, and the Next Regulatory
Frontier** (panel, Auditorium zones 1-3)

Setting the stage: **Brooke Patterson**,
Indonesia Country Lead, Inclusive Financial
Systems Global Growth and Opportunity at

Session C2:

**Financing Growth: Unlocking Co-Lending,
Capital Markets & Risk-Sharing for Fintechs**
(panel, Auditorium zone 4)

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Break

Gates Foundation (pre-recorded)

Pilipinas and International Digital Economies
Association

Speakers:

Rajesh Bansal, ex-Chief Executive

Officer,

Reserve Bank Innovation Hub
(RBIH)

Areson Cuevas, Country Manager,
Wise

Eric Anklesaria, Senior Advisor PSB
Alliance Pvt. Ltd & Partner IT
Advisory Nangia & Co. LLP

Damian Bach, Regional Sales
Director for

ASEAN, Recorded Future

Lisette Cipriano, Principal Financial
Sector

Specialist, ADB

Cristina Amor Maclang, Convenor,
Digital

Moderator: Alex Panican, Deputy CEO,
Luxembourg House of Financial
Technology

Speakers:

Genki Watanabe, Director, Japan Financial
Services Agency

Amanah Ramadiah, Head of Analytics and
Client Success (Asia), FNA

Kelvin Lester Lee, Senior Financial Sector
Specialist, ADB

Matt Grasser, Co-Director and CoFounder,
Cambridge SupTech Lab

Moderator: Apurva Kumar, Senior Investment
Specialist, ADB

Speakers:

Irem Sayeed, Chief Risk Officer, UGRO Capital

Fernanda Lima, Partner, LeapFrog

Gabby Lacuesta, Chief Financial Officer, Fuse
Financing Inc.

Luke Boland, Head of Fintech Asia, Standard
Chartered Bank

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Session A3:

The Future of Fintech Services (TEDx, Auditorium zone 4)

Moderator: Sayantana Choudhury, Partner & FS Technology Consulting Leader at Grant Thornton India

Speakers:

Abhishek Rathi, Lead – Programs and Partnerships, Finternet Labs

Haesul Kim, Financial Attaché, Mission of the Rep. of Korea to ASEAN, ASEAN-ROK Financial Cooperation Centre

Sara Venturina, Chief Data Officer, GCash

Alex Panican, Deputy CEO, Luxembourg House of Financial Technology

Session B3:

Harnessing Regional Financial Cooperation for Financial Innovation (roundtable, Multifunction halls 1-2)

Moderator: Tamara Singh, Managing Director, The Nature Conservancy Singapore

Speakers:

H.E. Dr. Vin Pheakdey, Deputy Director General, Securities and Exchange Regulator of Cambodia

Azleena Idris, Head of Strategy, PayNet

Katariina Nilsson Hakkala, Senior Economist, ADB

Eugene Wong, Chief Executive Officer, Sustainable Finance Institute Asia

Robert Wardrop, Co-founder and Executive Chairman, RegGenome

Session C3:

The Rise of New Market Infrastructure: What It Is, Why It Matters, and How Regulators Should Prepare (fishbowl, Auditorium zones 13)

Moderator: Arvind Sankaran, Senior Fintech Consultant, ADB

Speakers:

Varlam Ebanoidze, Head of FinTech and SupTech Development/Innovation Office, National Bank of Georgia

David Wang, Co-founder and CEO Helicap

Ganesh Rengaswamy, Co-founder and Managing Partner, Quona Capital

Xin Mok, Director, Public Sector, Mastercard Asia-Pacific

Lotte Schou Zibell, Founder and CEO, Impact Financial Advisory

16:10-16:25

Afternoon Coffee Break (Auditorium Hallway)

16:25-16:50

Afternoon Plenary Session (Auditorium zones 1-4)

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JK Nayak, Executive Director (Finance), REC Limited

Isvary Sivalingam, Southeast Asia Lead, Better Than Cash Alliance

Moderator: Jost Wagner, Managing Director, The Change Initiative

16:50-17:50 **The FINAL Pitch: Catapult Inclusion SE Asia**

17:50-18:00 **Wrap-Up of the Day and Conference Closing**

18:00-20:00 **AFF Party with Live Music from Doc Eric and Friends and Special Guest, Ding Silverio and Catapult SE Asia Announcement of Winners**
(Staff Hub)
