

Rural Development and Food Security Forum 2019

28–30 October 2019, ADB headquarters

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THEME: Transformative changes for rural prosperity and nutritious food

DAY1: Monday, 28 October 2019	
07:00 – 08:30	Arrival and Registration
08:30 – 08:40	Opening Session Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F Welcome Remarks Takehiko Nakao, President, ADB
8:40 – 8:45	Screening of Video
08:45 - 09:00	Session 1: Farming Crisis —The session describes the current challenges of farming and proposes transformative changes in policies and approaches to make farming profitable, highly productive, and attractive to youth in the region. Venue: Auditoriums A-D Keynote Address Mekhala Krishnamurthy, Ashoka University, India
09:00 – 10:00	Plenary Session Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F Moderator: Chiara Bronchi, Chief Thematic Officer, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mekhala Krishnamurthy, Ashoka University, India • William Dar, Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Philippines • Shenggen Fan, Director General, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC • Akmal Siddiq, Chief of Rural Development and Food Security (Agriculture) Thematic Group, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB
10:00 – 10:15	Group Photo: ADB Management, Keynote Speakers, Panelists, Partners, Invited Guests Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F

10:15 – 10:20	<p>Opening of the Technology and Innovation Marketplace—International research institutions, technology firms, banks, and agribusiness firms showcase their modern technologies and services, and best practices to support rural development and food security. Venue: Cafeteria Hallway/1F</p> <p>Remarks Woochong Um, Director General, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB</p>
10:20 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:05	Insights and Recommendations from Session 1 —Insights and recommendations are crowdsourced from all participants via a mobile application.
11:05 – 11:45	<p>Introduction of Exhibitors and Technologies—Exhibitors may present their technologies and innovations during coffee breaks. Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F</p> <p>Hasan Moinuddin, Program Specialist (Consultant), Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB</p>
11:45 – 12:30	<p>Introduction of Guests, Farmers, and Youth— Farmers and youth participants to express their expectations from the Forum or submit a question. Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F</p> <p>Akmal Siddiq, Chief of Rural Development and Food Security (Agriculture) Thematic Group, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB</p>
12:30 – 14:00	<p>Networking Lunch Venue: Executive Dining Room, 2/F</p>
14:00 – 14:15	<p>Session 2: Dysfunctional Agriculture Markets and Malnutrition—The session discusses the impacts of dysfunctional agricultural markets on profits, farm productivity, food quality, high prices for consumers, and malnutrition. Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F</p> <p>Keynote Address Irakli Loladze, Associate Professor, Bryan College of Health Sciences and Adjunct Faculty, Arizona State University, USA</p>
14:15 – 15:45	<p>Panel Discussion Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F</p> <p>Moderator: Jiangfeng Zhang, Director, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martien van Nieuwkoop, Global Director of Agriculture and Food, Sustainable Development Practice Group, The World Bank, Washington DC • Diwakar Gupta, Vice-President, Private Sector and Public-Private Partnerships, ADB • Irakli Loladze, Associate Professor, Bryan College of Health Sciences and Adjunct Faculty, Arizona State University, USA • Marco Wopereis, Director General, World Vegetable Center, Taipei, China

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthea Webb, Deputy Regional Director, World Food Programme, Italy • Jane Gerardo-Abaya, Director, Department of Technical Cooperation Asia and Pacific Division, International Atomic Energy Agency, Austria <p>Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonathan Hellin, Sustainable Impact Platform Leader, International Rice Research Institute, Philippines • Howarth Bouis, Founder and Former Interim CEO, HarvestPlus, Washington DC • Lee Pai-Po, Deputy Secretary General, International Cooperation and Development Fund, Taipei, China • Hean Vanhan, Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia
15:45 – 15:50	Insights and Recommendations from Session 2 —Insights and recommendations are crowdsourced from all participants via a mobile application.
15:50 – 16:15	Coffee Break Venue: Auditorium Hallway/1F
16:15 – 18:00	Discussions at the Technology and Innovation Marketplace Venue: Auditorium Hallway/1F
18:30	Networking Dinner Venue: Cafeteria/1F
DAY 2: Tuesday, 29 October 2019	
08:30 – 08:35	Recap of Day 1 Marzia Mongiorgi-Lorenzo, Principal Country Specialist, East Asia Department, ADB
08:35 – 08:50	Session 3: Rural Distress —The session highlights the imbalance in rural-urban development and its significant negative impacts on national economic growth; rural employment; country's food security and nutrition; and urbanization. Specific recommendations are discussed and finalized for governments to consider for focused rural development. Venue: Auditoriums A-D
	Keynote Address Mihir Shah, Distinguished Professor, Shiv Nadar University and Former Member, Planning Commission, India
08:50 – 10:25	Panel Discussion Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F
	Moderator: Albert Atkinson, Department of Communications, ADB
	Panelists
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mihir Shah, Distinguished Professor, Shiv Nadar University and Former Member, Planning Commission, India • Thierry Giordano, Deputy Director, Impact and Marketing of Science Directorate, CIRAD • Montserrat López Jerez, Lecturer in Global Economic History, University of St. Andrews, Fife, Scotland • David Dawe, Senior Economist, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Thailand

	<p>Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saulye Janimkhan, Vice-Minister of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry, Mongolia • Cesar Jose da Cruz, Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Timor-Leste • Duc Chien Dang, Researcher, Head of Division of Commodity Chain and Branding Development, Rural Development Center, Institute of Policy and Strategy for Agriculture and Rural Development, Viet Nam
10:25 – 10:30	<p>Insights and Recommendations from Session 3—Insights and recommendations are crowdsourced from all participants via a mobile application.</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<p>Coffee Break Venue: Auditorium Hallway/1F</p>
11:00 – 12:00	<p>Publications Launch Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F</p> <p>Moderator: Akmal Siddiq, Chief of Rural Development and Food Security (Agriculture) Thematic Group, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB</p> <p>Opening Remarks Woochong Um, Director General, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB</p> <p>Keynote Address Bambang Susantono, Vice-President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB</p> <p>Special Remarks Matthew Morrell, Director General, International Rice Research Institute, Philippines</p> <p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mark Rosegrant, Research Fellow Emeritus, International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington DC • Arvind Kumar, Director, South Asia Regional Center, International Rice Research Institute, India • Md. Abul Basher, Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist, Rural Development and Food Security (Agriculture) Thematic Group, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB <p>1. Ending Hunger in Asia and the Pacific by 2030: An Assessment of Investment Requirements in Agriculture—The report analyzes the impacts of different challenges faced by the agriculture sector in ADB’s developing member countries and quantifies the investments required to end hunger in these countries by 2030.</p> <p>2. Policies to Support Investment Requirements in Indonesia’s Food and Agriculture Development for 2020–2045—The report evaluates Indonesia’s agricultural investments and policies and presents the pathways to end hunger by 2030 with an appropriate mix of investments in agricultural research and development, irrigation expansion and water use efficiency, and rural infrastructure.</p>

	<p>3. Application of Information and Communication Technology in the Agriculture Sector of Rural China—The report evaluates the use of information and communication technologies to improve food production and distribution in the People’s Republic of China and identifies the major constraints and enabling factors in the use of such applications.</p> <p>4. Climate-Smart Practices for Intensive Rice-Based Systems in Bangladesh, Cambodia, and Nepal—The study captures the learning, technologies and outcomes from disseminating climate-smart practices and climate-resilient crop varieties for intensive rice-based systems, and water-saving and direct-seed rice technologies to farmers in Bangladesh, Nepal and Cambodia. The report also provides policy recommendations to promote climate-smart agriculture in these countries.</p> <p>5. Country Briefs on Dysfunctional Horticulture Value Chains and the Need for Modern Marketing Infrastructure for Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Viet Nam—The briefs present country snapshots of wholesale markets in Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Viet Nam and offer short- and long-term recommendations to transform these into modern wholesale markets.</p>
12:00 – 13:30	<p>Networking Lunch Venue: Executive Dining Room, 2/F</p>
13:30 – 15:25	<p>Session 4: ADB Knowledge Sharing and Experience on Climate Change, Gender Equity, High-Level Technology, and Natural Resources Management— The session showcases some of ADB’s innovative projects and highlights the lessons learned so that other countries may consider adopting similar approaches and designs for their projects. Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F</p> <p>Panel Discussion Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F</p> <p>Moderator: Ramesh Subramaniam, Director General, Southeast Asia Department</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natsuko Totsuka, Principal Portfolio Management Specialist, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB • Qingfeng Zhang, Director, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, East Asia Department, ADB • Mio Oka, Director, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, South Asia Department, ADB • Srinivasan Ancha, Principal Climate Change Specialist, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB • Martin Lemoine, Head, Agribusiness Investment Team, Private Sector Operations Department, ADB
15:25 – 15:30	<p>Insights and Recommendations from Session 4—Insights and recommendations are crowdsourced from all participants via a mobile application.</p>
15:30 – 16:00	<p>Coffee Break Venue: Auditorium Hallway/1F</p>

16:00 – 17:30	<p>Session 5: Knowledge Sharing among Developing Member Countries— Some countries in the region have adopted creative and out-of-the-box initiatives on public policy for both public and private investments. Discussions focus on what has been done so far, how these can be used by the governments, and further identify ways to promote policy dialogue and reforms, and public-private partnerships.</p> <p>Panel Discussion Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F</p> <p>Moderator: Mio Oka, Director, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, South Asia Department, ADB</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • India: Farmer-Producer Organization in Maharashtra Anoop Kumar, Principal Secretary for Marketing Department, Maharashtra, India • PRC: ADB’s Framework Approach for Supporting the PRC’s Rural Vitalization Strategy Suzanne Kay Robertson, Principal Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, East Asia Department, ADB • Singapore: Vertical Farming David Tan, Founder and CEO, CrowdFarmX, Singapore • Thailand: Food Processing and Supply Chain Management Charoenchai (Charlie) Khompatraporn, Head of Sustainable Technology, Management and Design Research Cluster, King Mongkut’s University of Technology Thonburi (KMUTT), Thailand • Turkey: Horticulture and Agri-food Business Development Mustafa Erkan, Professor, Department of Horticulture, Akdeniz University, Antalya, Turkey • Regional: Private Sector Initiatives in Agriculture Cedric Wijegunawardane, CFO, Silvermill, Sri Lanka
17:30 – 17:05	<p>Insights and Recommendations from Session 5—Insights and recommendations are crowdsourced from all participants via a mobile application.</p>
DAY 3: Wednesday, 30 October 2019	
08:30 – 08:35	<p>Recap of Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric Quincieu, Senior Water Resources Specialist, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB
08:35 – 08:50	<p>Session 6: Financing Agripreneurs and Rural SMEs—Banks, venture capital firms, ICT and FinTech companies who have used successful models to serve rural areas will share their business models and success stories. The gaps in public policies and regulatory frameworks are identified and good practices are showcased through examples shared by panelists for policymakers to emulate. Recommendations to further strengthen and expand such services are discussed. Venue: Auditoriums A-D</p>

	<p>Keynote Address David Davies, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Ag Unity, Australia</p>
08:50 – 10:25	<p>Panel Discussion Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F</p> <p>Moderator: Donneth A. Walton, Director, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, Central and West Asia, ADB</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Davies, Founding Chief Executive Officer, Ag Unity, Australia • Ramon Duarte, Head, Platform Development at UnionBank of the Philippines • Anil Kumar, Samunnati Finance (Financial Intermediary), India • Hemendra Mathur, Venture Partner, Bharat Innovation Fund and Co-founder, ThinkAg, India <p>Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chori Mirzaev, Chairman of the Management Board, Joint-Stock Commercial Bank “Turonbank,” Uzbekistan • Subhadeep Sanyal, Partner, Omnivore, India • Alex L. J. Shyy, Deputy Secretary General, Taiwan International Cooperation and Development Fund, Taipei, China
10:25 – 10:30	<p>Insights and Recommendations from Session 6—Insights and recommendations are crowdsourced from all participants via a mobile application.</p>
10:30 – 11:00	<p>Coffee Break Venue: Auditorium Hallway</p>
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Session 7: Voices from the Field—Farmers’ Roundtable Discussion— Smallholders and commercial farmers share their experiences firsthand with policymakers and other stakeholders, while expressing the concerns and aspirations of their communities at the international level. Venue: Auditoriums A-D</p> <p>Panel Discussion Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F</p> <p>Moderator: Carolyn Dedolph Cabrera, Principal IT Specialist (Business Change Management), Office of Information Systems and Technology, ADB</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jit Kumari Yogi (Farmer), Bardiya, Nepal • Indra Gunawan (Farmer), Member of Mekar Tani II, Indonesia • Paulina de Afria (Farmer), Nueva Ecija, Philippines • Jose Romeo Ebron, Cooperative Development Program Manager, Asian Farmers’ Association for Sustainable Rural Development, Philippines • Sehar Iqbal, Executive Director, Sajid Iqbal Foundation, Kedia Farming, India • Ganpat R. Parthe, Ankur Farm (Organic Strawberry Farm), India <p>Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bektashev Jakhongir Rakhimovich, Manager, "Baht Imkon Rivoj Chorvasi" (Private Farm), Uzbekistan • Marites Alin Castre (Farmer), Nueva Ecija, Philippines

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amarjit Jagap, Director, Farm Green Horizon (Pomegranate), India • Patrick Renucci, Co-Founder, Chen Yi Agventures, Philippines • Vanchin Tsogt-Ochir, Mongolian Rural Development and Relief Association NGO, Mongolia • Mariano da Costa Alves, Coffee Farmer, Timor-Leste
12:30 – 14:00	<p>Networking Lunch Venue: Executive Dining Room, 2/F</p>
14:00 - 14:05	<p>Insights and Recommendations from Session 7—Insights and recommendations are crowdsourced from all participants via a mobile application.</p>
14:05 – 14:20	<p>Session 8: Voices from the Field–Youth Perspectives—In this session, the youth representatives explain the challenges they face in taking up farming fulltime, and other non-farm employment opportunities that can be developed in the rural areas. Potential solutions and constraining factors as well as enabling policies for sustainable rural development and job creation are also discussed. Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F</p> <p>Keynote Address Sara Savastano, Director, Research and Impact Assessment Division, International Fund for Agriculture Development</p>
14:20 – 15:50	<p>Panel Discussion Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F</p> <p>Moderator: Amir Jilani, Young Professional, East Asia Department, ADB</p> <p>Panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sara Savastano, Director, Research and Impact Assessment Division, International Fund for Agriculture Development • Reginald Lee, GrowAsia, Singapore • Christine Jodloman, Founder, Palay and Food Secure Philippines • Cherrys Abrigo, Founder, Sierreza, Philippines • Enzo Pinga, Farmer and CEO, Earthbeat Farms, Philippines • Charlene Tan, Founder, Good Food Community, Philippines • Fatima Moniz Soares, Timor-Leste • William Lucht, Youth for Asia, NGO and Civil Society Center, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB <p>Discussants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matthias Leitner, Young Professional, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB • Jules Hugot, Young Professional, Private Sector Operations Department, ADB
15:50 – 15:55	<p>Insights and Recommendations from Session 8—Insights and recommendations are crowdsourced from all participants via a mobile application.</p>
15:55 – 16:25	<p>Coffee Break Venue: Auditorium Hallway</p>

16:25 – 17:15	<p>Closing Session Venue: Auditoriums A-D/1F</p> <p>Moderator Akmal Siddiq, Chief of Rural Development and Food Security (Agriculture) Thematic Group, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB</p> <p>Insights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donneth A. Walton, Director, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB • Mio Oka, Director, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, South Asia Department, ADB • Jiangfeng Zhang, Director, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, Southeast Asia Department, ADB • Suzanne Kay Robertson, Principal Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, East Asia Department, ADB • Martin Lemoine, Head, Agribusiness Investment Team, Private Sector Operations Department, ADB
17:15 – 17:20	<p>Forum Highlights and Next Steps Acknowledgment of Partners and Organizers Akmal Siddiq, Chief of Rural Development and Food Security (Agriculture) Thematic Group, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB</p>
17:20 – 17:30	<p>Closing Remarks Woochong Um, Director General, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB</p>
17:30	<p>Networking and Departure</p>