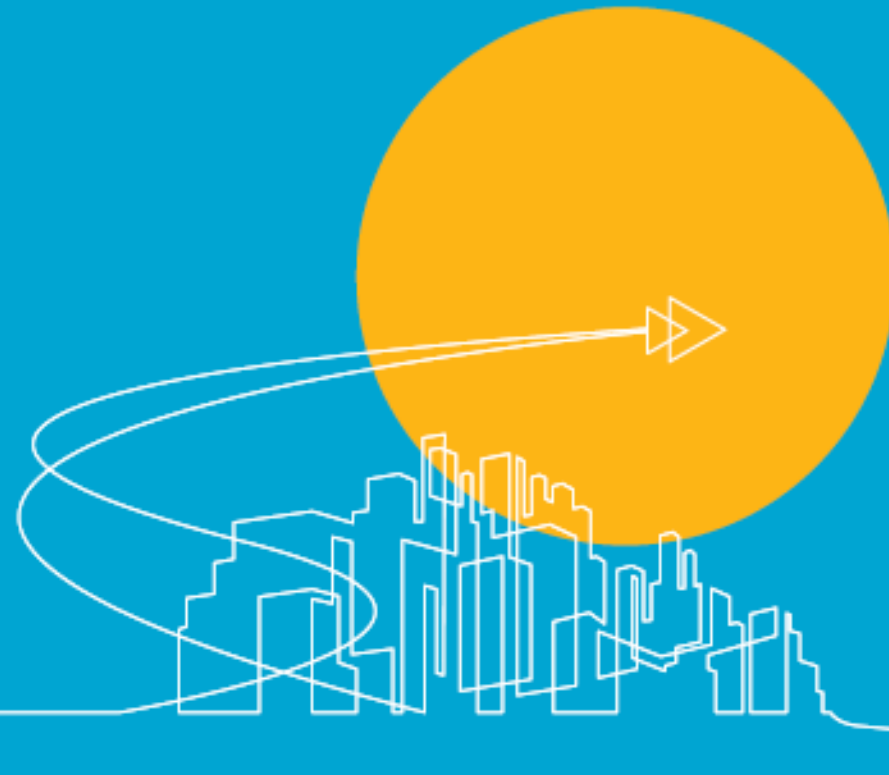


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Risa Zhijia Teng
Director General
**Procurement, Portfolio and
Financial Management Department**

Risa Zhijia Teng has been the Director General of ADB's Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department since 2017. She has more than 30 years of comprehensive professional experience, with 24 years in ADB and 13 years in the People's Republic of China. Prior to her current post, she was Principal Director of ADB's Office of Administration Services, responsible for corporate procurement, organizational resilience and security, facility management, and other institutional services. She also served in specialist and senior positions in operations and non-operations departments, in both headquarters and resident mission, in the areas of procurement, consulting services, portfolio management, project implementation and administration, results management, environmental and social safeguards, project financial management, gender and integrity.

Ms. Teng is a national of PRC. She obtained her master's in business administration from the Ateneo de Manila University Graduate School of Business, and her bachelor's degree in literature and linguistics from Harbin Teacher's University, PRC. Prior to joining ADB, she was the Principal Officer of the International Affairs Department, People's Bank of China.



Opening Session



Masatsugu Asakawa is the President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Chairperson of ADB's Board of Directors. He was elected President by ADB's Board of Governors and assumed office on 17 January 2020.

He previously served as Special Advisor to Japan's Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and has a close-to-four decades' career at the Ministry of Finance with diverse professional experiences that cut across both domestic and international fronts.

In the immediate aftermath of the Global Financial Crisis, Mr. Asakawa, in his capacity as Executive Assistant to Prime Minister Taro Aso, took part in the first G20 Leaders' Summit Meeting in November 2008. He was instrumental in orchestrating a globally coordinated financial package to abate the financial crisis, including a USD 100 billion loan from Japan to the IMF. Then in 2016, in his capacity as Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs, he took on a leading role for the G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting in Sendai under the Japanese presidency, where sustainable and inclusive development agenda was extensively discussed.

Most recently, he served as Finance Deputy for the G20 meetings under the Japanese Presidency, playing a pivotal role for the success of the G20 Osaka Summit as well as the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting in Fukuoka. Some of his outstanding achievements in Osaka include endorsement by the G20 Leaders of the "G20 Principles for Quality Infrastructure Investment" and the "G20 Shared Understanding on the Importance of UHC Financing in Developing Countries". Before all this, he had occupied various prominent positions within the Finance Ministry, including director positions in charge of development policy issues, foreign exchange markets and international tax policy.

Mr. Asakawa's professional experience extends beyond the realms of the Japanese Government. Most notably, he served as Chief Advisor to ADB President Kimimasa Tsurumizu between 1989 and 1992, during which he spearheaded the creation of a new office that focuses on strategic planning. Also, he had frequent engagement with the OECD in such positions as Chair for Committee on Fiscal Affairs (2011-2016). Furthermore, he was a senior staff at the Fiscal Affairs Department of IMF (1996-2000). In the meantime, he gave lectures as Visiting Professor at the Graduate School of Economic Science, Saitama University (2006-2009), and at the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, University of Tokyo (2012-2015).

Mr. Asakawa obtained his BA from University of Tokyo (Economics Faculty) in 1981, and MPA from Princeton University, USA, in 1985.

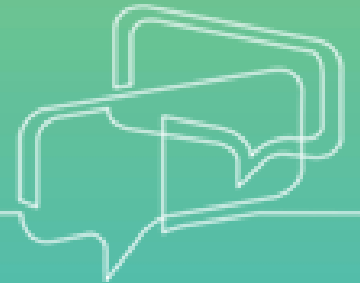


Masatsugu Asakawa
President
Asian Development Bank



SESSION 1:

Adapting to the New Normal



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Ashraf Mohammed is the Deputy Director General of ADB's Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department. His focuses on the implementation of the New Procurement Framework and ADB's use of alternative procurement arrangements. He was previously Assistant General Counsel in ADB's legal department where he was the procurement focal. Prior to joining ADB in 2004, he held several senior positions in-house and in private legal practice positions in the London. A UK national, Mr. Mohammed holds a bachelor's degree in law from Kingston University, and has held a Licentiate, Solicitor of Supreme Court, UK since 1986.

Ashraf Mohammed
Deputy Director General
**Procurement, Portfolio and
Financial Management Department**

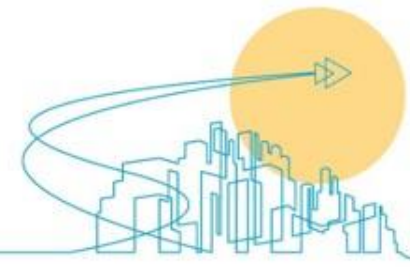




Bruno Carrasco

Chief of the Governance Thematic Group
**Sustainable Development and
Climate Change Department**

Bruno Carrasco is the Chief of the Governance Thematic Group in ADB's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department. He worked extensively in South Asia, first as principal financial economist in 2003, then director for country coordination and regional cooperation in 2008, and finally, as director of the Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division in 2010. On leave in 2000-03, he worked as senior economist at the European Central Bank. Mr. Carrasco has a Ph.D. in economics from Essex University and a master's degree in economics from the University of British Columbia.



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Emma Veve

Deputy Director General
Pacific Department

Emma Veve is the Deputy Director General of ADB's Pacific Department. She held various posts in the same department, including as Director of the Social Sectors and Public Sector Management Division in charge of the 14 Pacific developing member countries; Director for Urban, Social Development and Public Sector Management; regional economist, principal economist, and senior country specialist. She also served in the Australian commonwealth public service. Ms. Veve has undergraduate degrees in agricultural science and economics from the University of Queensland and a master's degree in economics from the University of New England.





Nianshan Zhang
Deputy Director General
Central and West Asia Department

Nianshan Zhang is the Deputy Director General of ADB's Central and West Asia Department. Before assuming this post, he was the region's Advisor and Head for the Portfolio, Results, Safeguards and Gender Unit in CWOD-PSG. His unit oversaw the implementation of ADB's safeguards policies, investment portfolio, financial management, and gender equity of projects in the region. Mr. Zhang held various other positions in ADB, including as senior transport specialist; senior advisor to the Vice President, VPO1; and deputy country director in ADB's Pakistan Resident Mission. He holds a master's degree in economics from the University of International Business and Economics, and a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of International Economics and Trade in the People's Republic of China.





Ramesh Subramaniam
Director General
Southeast Asia Regional Department

Ramesh Subramaniam is the Director General of ADB's Southeast Asia Regional Department, where he oversees ADB's relationship and public sector work in all countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, as well as all sub-regional cooperation initiatives. He represents ADB in the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on long term investment and infrastructure development. With ADB for over 20 years, he has worked on various projects across the Asia-Pacific region. Mr. Subramaniam has a Ph.D. in economics from McMaster University in Canada, with post-doctoral fellowships in development economics and corporate finance and industry in Yale University in the US and University of St. Andrews in the UK.





Robert Guild

Chief Sector Officer
**Sustainable Development and
Climate Change Department**

Robert Guild is ADB's Chief Sector Officer for transport, energy, urban, water, education, health, and finance. He is also responsible for managing several Bank-wide trust funds covering all sectors. Mr. Guild is an expert in infrastructure investment for socio-economic development, and has provided advice to governments, the private sector, and multilateral institutions in Asia-Pacific and Latin America. He holds degrees in civil engineering, public administration, urban and regional planning, and international development.



SESSION 2:

Prioritizing the Safety and Well-being
of Project Stakeholders





Dr. Eduardo Banzon

Principal Health Specialist
Sustainable Development and
Climate Change Department

Dr. Eduardo Banzon is the Principal Health Specialist in ADB’s Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department. He champions universal health coverage and has long provided technical support to countries in Asia and the Pacific. He was president and chief executive officer of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation, World Health Organization regional adviser for health financing in the Eastern Mediterranean region, World Bank senior health specialist, WHO health economist, PhilHealth vice president for Health Finance Policy and Services sector, and a faculty of the University of the Philippines College of Medicine and Ateneo de Manila University Graduate School of Business.



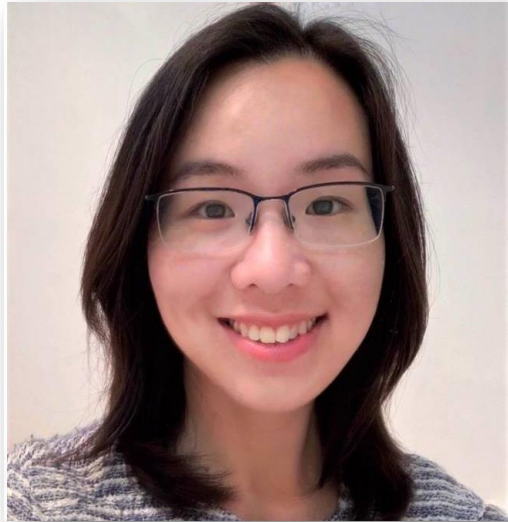


Felix Oku

Senior Safeguard Specialist
Sustainable Development and
Climate Change Department

Felix Oku is a Senior Safeguard Specialist in ADB's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department. He is a NEBOSH-qualified construction health and safety specialist. He is also a chartered professional member of Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management and UK Society for the Environment. He has over 20 years of multisector professional safeguard experience with multilateral development banks, international private consultancy, and the UK local government. Prior to joining ADB, Mr. Oku worked as a social and environmental safeguard specialist for the African Development Bank and the World Bank. He was also an international environmental and social due diligence consultant with WSP UK.





Jenny Chu

Procurement Specialist
**Procurement, Portfolio and
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Jenny Chu is a Procurement Specialist in ADB's Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department. She is the focal for various ADB sovereign operations projects in South East and East Asia, and she leads the work on strengthening the environment, health and safety requirements in ADB procurement documents. Ms. Chu is a chartered professional engineer and an admitted barrister and solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand. She has over ten years of experience in project planning, design and delivery of complex infrastructure projects.





Koichi Takei

Counsel

Office of the General Counsel

Koichi Takei is a counsel and procurement focal point at ADB's Office of the General Counsel. He has over 17 years of professional experience in procurement for development assistance projects, particularly in Asia and Africa. He provides advice on procurement policies and rules, response to bid protests and resolution of contract disputes. Prior to joining ADB, he held senior procurement posts in the Japan International Cooperation Agency. Mr. Takei is a Japanese national and holds a master of law degree from George Washington University. He was admitted to practice law in New York in 1997.





Saranga Gajasinghe

Safeguards Officer
Sri Lanka Resident Mission

Saranga Gajasinghe is the Safeguards Officer in ADB's Sri Lanka Resident Mission. Prior to his current assignment, he worked as a social safeguard specialist for ADB's water and transport projects and for World Bank's climate resilience project. Mr. Gajasinghe has a master's degree in integrated water resource management from the University of Peradeniya and a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from the same university. He is a member of various professional organizations in Sri Lanka, including the Institute of Environmental Professionals, Highway Engineer's Association, and Agricultural Engineering Society. social and environmental safeguard specialist for the African Development Bank and the World Bank. He was also an international environmental and social due diligence consultant with WSP UK.





Sharlene Shillingford-Mcklmon is ADB's Senior Procurement Specialist of ADB's Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department. Prior to joining ADB, she headed the East Caribbean Technical Mission to the European Union in Brussels where she led the negotiation and mobilization of development finance for Africa, Caribbean and the Pacific. She was a fiduciary procurement specialist at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C. and served the Caribbean Community as deputy program manager for government procurement reform. She is co-author of "Small Market-Big Money: Amalgamating the Procurement Market to Transform Small Size into and Economic Advantage". Ms. Shillingford-Mcklmon holds a master's degree in corporate law from York University in Toronto, a master in international relations from Schiller International University in Paris, and a bachelor of arts in English literature from Florida Southern College in the US.

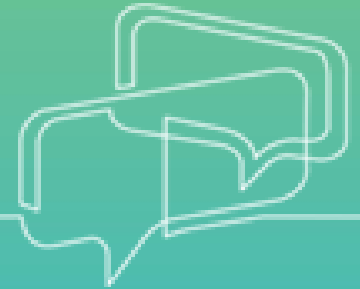
Sharlene Shillingford-Mcklmon

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SESSION 3:

Strengthening Financial Management
for Successful Project Outcomes



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Maria João Kaizeler

Senior Financial Management Specialist
**Procurement, Portfolio and
Financial Management Department**

Maria João Kaizeler is the Senior Financial Management Specialist in ADB's Public Financial Management Division in the Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department. She has more than 15 years of professional experience in financial management, financial reporting, auditing, and governance. Prior to joining ADB, Ms. Kaizeler was the financial management coordinator in the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, and before that, was a financial management specialist in the World Bank. She started as a financial auditor in a private audit firm and later held senior positions in Lisbon. Ms. Kaizeler is a certified public accountant and a certified internal auditor and has been involved in strengthening country systems in the fields of external audit, internal audit, and public internal control.



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Strengthening Financial Management for Successful Project Outcomes



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Melissa Paterno

Principal Financial Management Specialist
Southeast Asia Department

Melissa Paterno is the Principal Financial Management Specialist in ADB's Southeast Asia Department. She has over 15 years of experience in sovereign and non-sovereign operations in ADB, including as senior institutional coordination specialist in the Pacific Department, senior financial specialist with the Southeast Asia Department, and investment specialist in the Private Sector Operations Department. Before joining ADB, Ms. Paterno was with ABN Amro (formerly ING Barings) in New York and Citibank, N.A. She has a master's degree in business administration from Wharton Business School, University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor's degree in business administration and accountancy from the University of the Philippines. She has a CPA license from the Philippines.





Matthew Rees

Financial Management Specialist
Papua New Guinea Resident Mission

Matt Rees is the Financial Management Specialist in ADB's Papua New Guinea Resident Mission. He is a financial professional with over 16 years of experience, 10 years of which are in developing member countries. As a member of Chartered Accountants Australia and NZ as well as CPA Papua New Guinea, he brings a best practice accounting approach to solving challenges in the developing market context. Having worked extensively in the commercial and development sectors, Mr. Rees brings a solutions-based approach in delivering successful projects in Papua New Guinea.

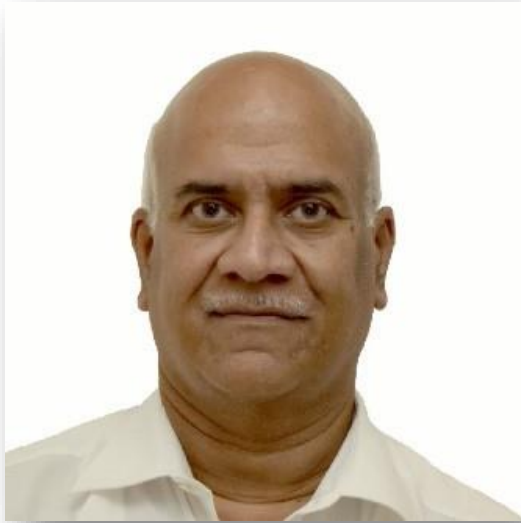


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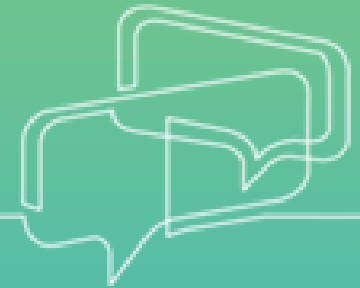
Principal Financial Management Specialist
**Procurement, Portfolio and
Financial Management Department**

Srinivasan Janardanam is the Principal Financial Management Specialist in the Public Financial Management Division of ADB's Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department. He is currently assigned in the South Asia Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade Division. Prior to this, as a finance specialist, he led loan processing and project administration in the South Asia Energy Division. Before ADB, he worked with USAID/India and various private sector organizations. He holds a graduate degree in commerce and is a fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and an associate member of the Institute of Cost Accountants of India.



SESSION 4:

Achieving Value for Money in Procurement



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Ahmed Murthaza is the Director General at the Ministry of Environment of Maldives and head of the Waste Management and Pollution Control Department. He manages the implementation of several multidonor waste management projects across the Maldives. With more than 15 years of experience in waste management, Mr. Murthaza has been working to establish a sustainable waste management system in the country. He led the formulation of Maldives' first national waste management policy. Mr. Murthaza holds a master of science degree in waste and resource management from Cranfield University in the UK.

Ahmed Murthaza

Director General

**Ministry of Environment of Maldives and
Head of the Waste Management and
Pollution Control Department**



SESSION 4: Achieving Value for Money in Procurement



Janyna Rhor

Principal Procurement Specialist
Procurement, Portfolio and Financial
Management Department

Janyna Rhor is the Principal Procurement Specialist in ADB's Procurement Division 1 where she supports the procurement portfolio of Bangladesh in the ADB Resident Mission in Dhaka. Prior to this post, she worked in ADB's regional departments for East Asia, South East Asia, and the Pacific. She has been working in procurement in Latin America, the Middle East, and Asia for close to 30 years. She was a senior procurement specialist in the World Bank country offices in India and Pakistan. She served as a procurement officer in the UN Development Program country offices of Ecuador, Afghanistan, East Jerusalem, and Iraq. She has a degree in sociology from the Catholic University of Ecuador, a post graduate degree in the management of hospitals from the San Francisco de Quito University, and a master of laws in public procurement from the University of Nottingham UK.



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Jesper Pedersen

Principal Procurement Specialist
Procurement, Portfolio and Financial
Management Department

Jesper Pedersen is ADB's Principal Procurement Specialist. He supports the implementation of procurement policies and procurement capacity development strategies. He has been involved in the implementation and capacity building for ADB's 2017 procurement framework, which supports Strategy 2030 and its emphasis on value for money, innovation and high-level technology.



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Luca Di Mario

Urban Development Specialist
South Asia Department

Luca Di Mario is the Urban Development Specialist in ADB's South Asia Urban Development and Water Division. He currently works on urban development projects in Bhutan, India, and Maldives. He has more than eight years of experience in water supply, sanitation and waste management across Asia, Africa and Latin America. Mr. Di Mario holds a PhD in engineering and a master's in engineering for sustainable development from the University of Cambridge, and a master of science in environmental engineering from the Imperial College London. Prior to joining ADB, he worked with World Health Organization, the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and the International Water Management Institute.



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Ryotaro Hayashi
Social Sector Economist
South Asia Department

Ryotaro Hayashi is the Social Sector Economist of ADB's Human and Social Development Division in the South Asia Department. Before joining ADB as a Young Professional in 2015, he worked for 10 years in international development organizations such as the World Bank, the Japan International Cooperation Agency, and Japan Bank for International Cooperation. He obtained his master of science in social policy and development from the London School of Economics and Political Science (distinction), and his bachelor's degree in economics from Keio University in Japan.



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Dr. S D Rasika Perera

Director

**Science and Technology Human Resource
Development Project**

S D Rasika Perera is the Project Director of the Science and Technology Human Resource Development Project, an ADB-supported project in Sri Lanka. Concurrent with this role, he works with the Department of Mechanical Engineering, The Open University of Sri Lanka. Before joining the project, he was the director general of the Tertiary and Vocational Education Commission of Sri Lanka. Mr. Perera holds degrees in master of science, master of philosophy, and doctorate in philosophy in mechanical engineering, with his PhD obtained from the Sheffield Hallam University UK.



SESSION 5:

Rebuilding the Momentum: Project Implementation
and Stakeholder Engagement





Chandan Kumar Ghosh

Project Manager

Kaligandaki Transmission Corridor Project
Nepal Electricity Authority

Chandan Kumar Ghosh is the Project Manager for the Nepal Electricity Authority's Kaligandaki Transmission Corridor Project. He has 20 years of professional service in the Authority. He was a deputy manager for the Hetuada-Dhalekbar-Duhabi 400 kV Transmission Line Project under the Nepal-India Electricity Transmission & Trade Project. Mr. Ghosh has a master's degree in electrical power engineering and a bachelor's degree in electrical and electronics engineering, both from the Kathmandu University.





Deepak Bahadur Singh
Senior Environment Officer
Nepal Resident Mission

Deepak Bahadur Singh is the Senior Environment Officer in ADB’s Nepal Resident Mission. He leads the collaboration with the safeguard teams of the South Asia Regional Department in project processing and implementation. He was involved in environmental monitoring of development projects in Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Afghanistan. Mr. Singh has 30 years of experience as a hydropower and environment engineer in the government-owned Nepal Electricity Authority. He then joined SILT Consultants, a leading engineering consulting firm in Nepal, as its director. Mr. Singh has a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering, a master’s in technology engineering with specialization in urban planning, and a master’s in business administration.





Karma Yangzom is the Principal Environment Specialist for ADB’s Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department. Prior to this assignment, she worked as environment specialist for ADB’s South Asia Transport and Communications Division where she prepared and implemented environment safeguards for over 45 projects. Before joining ADB, Ms. Yangzom worked for World Wildlife Fund Bhutan and was a freelance consultant in South Asia. She has a bachelor of science degree from Sherubtse College and a master’s degree in environment management from Yale University.

Karma Yangzom

Principal Environment Specialist
**Sustainable Development and
Climate Change Department**





Laxmi Pant is the Safeguards Unit Chief and Procurement Manager of the Project Implementation Directorate of the Kathmandu Upatyaka Khanepani Ltd. In Nepal. She was a state engineer for Nepal's Second and Third Small Town Water Supply and Sanitation Project and the Department of Water Supply and Sewerage. She also worked as an engineer in a private consulting firm. Ms. Pant is a member of the Nepal Engineering Council, Nepal Engineers Association, and Society of Public Health Engineers. She has a master of science degree in sustainable water sanitation health and development and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering, both from the Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu.

Laxmi Pant

Safeguard Unit Chief /
Procurement Manager

**Project Implementation Directorate
Kathmandu Upatyaka Khanepani Limited**





Manoj Silwal

Deputy Managing Director
Nepal Electricity Authority

Manoj Silwal is the Deputy Managing Director of the Nepal Electricity Authority, which is the focal agency of the government of Nepal for planning and developing energy projects. He leads the Project Management Directorate that manages ADB-supported projects. He holds a master of science degree in power system engineering from the Institute of Engineering in Nepal and a bachelor of science in electrical and electronic engineering from the Kathmandu University. He has 30 years of experience in hydropower development and power transmission, including in the private sector in New Zealand.



SESSION 5:

Rebuilding the Momentum: Project Implementation and Stakeholder Engagement



Marzia Mongiorgi-Lorenzo

Principal Country Specialist
PRC Resident Mission

Marzia Mongiorgi-Lorenzo is the Head of the Economics and Strategy Unit in ADB's Beijing office. She leads strategy development, knowledge management, and regional cooperation in the People's Republic of China. She led multidisciplinary teams in ADB's environment, natural resources, agriculture, food security, and rural development strategies and programs in South Asia and South East Asia. She designed the first gender-focused loan of multilateral development banks, the first conditional cash transfer in South Asia, and the first public-private partnership for agribusiness development in India. Ms. Mongiorgi-Lorenzo holds a master of science degree in development economics from the London School of Economics and a laurea (MS equivalent) in Economics from Bocconi University, Italy.



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Ricardo Carlos Barba

Principal Safeguards Specialist
PRC Resident Mission

Ricardo Barba is a Principal Safeguards Specialist for ADB's South Asia Department. He has been with ADB since 1996, initially as a consultant and then as safeguards specialist based in headquarters and the Cambodia Resident Mission. In addition to safeguards, Mr. Barba's assignments included processing and implementing ADB's urban projects in Bhutan, Maldives, and Sri Lanka. He currently leads the processing of a proposed housing project in India.





Steven Schipani

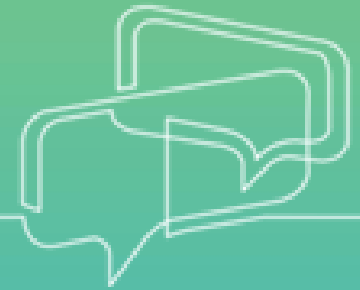
Unit Head, Project Administration
Viet Nam Resident Mission

Steven Schipani is the Project Administration Unit Head at ADB's Viet Nam Resident Mission. He manages a portfolio of public investments in agriculture and natural resources, education, energy, health, industry and trade, transport, water supply, and other municipal infrastructure and services. Mr. Schipani is also ADB's tourism sector focal for the Greater Mekong Subregion. He leads the design and administration of investment projects and technical assistance to improve tourism performance and boost subregional cooperation. A US national, Mr. Schipani has lived and worked in Southeast Asia for more than 25 years, beginning with a career as a US Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand.



SESSION 6:

Initial Good Practice for Project Frontliners



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Aman Trana

Director

**Public Financial Management Division
Procurement, Portfolio and
Financial Management Department**

Aman Trana is the Director of the Public Financial Management Division of ADB's Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department. She has more than 25 years of professional experience in financial management, financial reporting, auditing, and governance. Before ADB, she was with IMF as a senior financial governance specialist and with the World Bank as a senior public financial management specialist. Ms. Trana obtained a master's degree in international affairs (finance) from Columbia University and a bachelor's degree in business (accounting) from the University of Ottawa.



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Jeffrey Taylor
Director
Procurement Division 1
Procurement, Portfolio and Financial
Management Department

Jeffrey Taylor is the Director for Procurement Division 1 of ADB's Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department. His division covers the portfolio in Central, West, and South Asia. Mr. Taylor has been working in public procurement for infrastructure projects for 33 years, with the last 13 years in ADB. He is a chartered member of the Institute of Purchasing and Supply and holds a master's degree in procurement.



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Pavit Ramachandran
Country Director
Mongolia Resident Mission

Pavit Ramachandran is the Country Director of ADB's Mongolia Resident Mission. He manages the country's active portfolio of around \$2 billion and is the primary liaison for ADB with government, private sector, development partners, and civil society in Mongolia. He has more than 20 years of international development experience, covering over 12 countries in the Asia-Pacific region. His experience spans both public and private sectors in developing and managing complex country and regional programs, including investment projects as well as policy and knowledge support for rural development, environment, energy, agriculture, and water. He holds a master's degree in public management from the University of Maryland and a master's degree from the Delhi School of Economics.



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Rehan Kausar

Director

**Portfolio Management Division
Procurement, Portfolio and Financial
Management Department**

Rehan Kausar is the Director of the Portfolio Management Division in ADB's Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department (PPFD). He started his ADB career as an infrastructure specialist in the Indonesia Resident Mission in 2007, and then served in different roles in the Southeast Asia Department until 2018. After which he moved to PPFD. Prior to this post, he was a consultant for ADB and the World Bank, and he worked extensively on the Aceh tsunami recovery program. He spent the first 20 years of his professional life in the private sector in Indonesia, Brunei, the Philippines, Middle East, and Europe. He holds a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a master's degree in economic management and policy from the University of Strathclyde.



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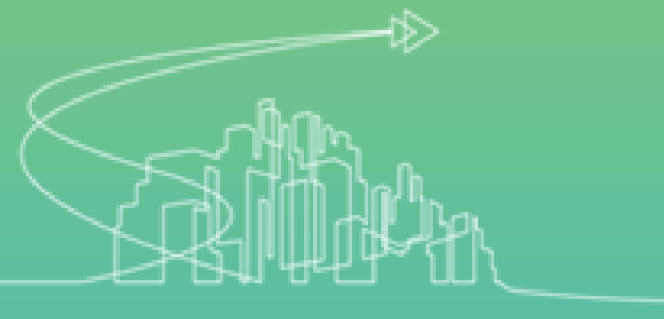
Thomas Abell

Advisor, SDCC and Chief of
Digital Technology for Development
**Sustainable Development and
Climate Change Department**

Thomas Abell is the Chief of ADB's Digital Technology for Development Unit. His team works with ADB member countries in the transition to digital economy. He has over 30 years of experience in digital technology and has worked with governments, development organizations, NGOs, and corporations in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Mr. Abell has master's degrees in engineering and management and a bachelor's degree in engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



Closing Session



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Ms. Deborah Stokes is the Vice-President for Administration and Corporate Management of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). She assumed the position in January 2016.

Ms. Stokes is responsible for the overall management of the operations of the Budget, People, and Management Systems Department; Office of Administrative Services; Office of the General Counsel; Information Technology Department; Office of the Secretary; and Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department.

Prior to this, Ms. Stokes was a senior official in Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Australian Agency for International Development. She was most recently High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea, and has served as Australia's Ambassador to Austria and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Vienna, and Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Tokyo.

She also held positions at the Australian Embassy in Yangon and the United Nations Development Programme in New York.

Ms. Stokes holds a Master of Philosophy in Development Studies from the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Adelaide in Australia.



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