

# One Health for People and Planet

Tuesday, 23 June 2020, 2–3 p.m., Via MS Teams



The global outbreak of COVID-19 has prompted us to reconsider the relationship between health and nature. Human health, animal health and our ecosystems are inextricably linked. 75% of all emerging infectious diseases have originated from animals. Unsustainable and destructive human activities have led to ecological degradation and biodiversity loss, creating prime conditions to spread and increase susceptibility to communicable diseases. Health and environmental experts are leading calls for governments to take on a “One Health” approach to addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as reducing the risk of similar epidemics and pandemics in future, through more integrated decision-making that considers the linkages between the health of humans, animals and the environment. One Health recognizes that the health of people is inter-connected with the health of animals, plants and their shared environment. One Health is a collaborative, multisectoral, and transdisciplinary approach—working at the local, regional, national, and global levels—with the goal of achieving optimal health outcomes. This webinar addresses what this may mean for ADB operations: the challenges, business opportunities, and policy directions.

Moderated by Sonalini Khetrapal, *Social Sector Specialist, SAHS*

## PANELISTS

- Bruce Dunn, Director, *SDSS concurrently Officer-in-Charge, Environment TG*
- Najibullah Habib, *Health Specialist, EASS*
- Arghya Sinha Roy, *Senior Climate Change Specialist, SDCD*

## PROGRAM

2–2:05 p.m.	<b>Welcome Remarks and Overview of One Health</b> Introduction of presenters followed by an overview on the One Health concept.
2:05–2:15 p.m.	<b>Overcoming Challenges to One Health in ADB operations</b> Panelists provide insight on integrating health dimensions in thematic and sectoral work to achieve a more long-term holistic approach in addressing public health challenges.
2:15–2:25 p.m.	<b>Opportunities for Promoting a One Health Approach</b> Panelists suggest possible enabling conditions that DMCs and ADB can take to adopt a One Health approach.
2:25–2:50 p.m.	<b>Q&amp;A</b> Participants are invited to ask questions by writing on the chat box or raising their hand.
2:50–3 p.m.	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Each speaker provides final remarks, followed by moderator’s summary of main discussion points and closing remarks.