

International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia 2020
20 May (Wednesday), 4:00 – 5:15 p.m. Philippine Time (GMT +8)

ADB Session: Bridging the LGBTI Inclusion Data Gap

Themes: 1) What types of SOGI disaggregated data should be collected to help achieve inclusive development and where are the gaps? 2) What are the main challenges in collecting SOGI disaggregated data and can we learn from other hard to reach populations? 3) What do we know about multiple layers of exclusion based on overlapping identities (exploring intersectionality)? 4) What innovative qualitative approaches might help fill data gaps? 5) Have assumptions shifted since the start of the COVID19 pandemic about which forms of data collection are viable as globalized crises become more common?



Ramil Andag is SOGIESC Rights Officer of APCOM, an Asia Pacific LGBTI equality NGO, and is a trans-woman. She has over 10 years' experience and involvement with human rights, SOGIE inclusion, and HIV prevention work in the Philippines and more recently across much of the Asia-Pacific region. She has been leading a comparative country study on economic, social and financial inclusion and exclusion in Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, and the Philippines for APCOM supported by the Dutch government. APCOM's programs engage local LGBTI people in over 30 countries across the Asia-Pacific region, giving Ramil a comparative country perspective on these issues.

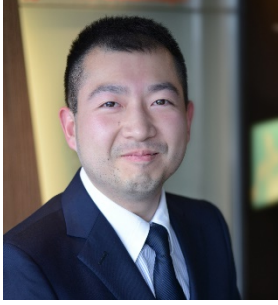


Sarita KC is the Director of Mitini Nepal and identifies as a bisexual woman. Mitini Nepal is a non-governmental organization working for the rights and dignity of lesbian, bisexual and transgender women of Nepal. Sarita and her organization have played a key role in Nepal officially recognizing a 'third gender'¹, which has had radical implications for data availability, including through the national census. Sarita has worked for the legal recognition and protection of LBT women in Nepal for over 6 years.



Timo Ojanen, is a sexual and gender minorities, mental health, and sexuality education expert at the Faculty of Learning Sciences and Education, Thammasat University, Thailand. His research over the past decade has examined LGBTI groups in Thailand from various angles, including mental and sexual health, healthcare discrimination, school bullying, sexuality education, and economic inclusion. He led World Bank-sponsored research on economic exclusion of LGBTI groups in Thailand and has also worked in collaboration with national and international agencies, such as the Thai Ministry of Education, UNESCO, UNICEF, Plan International Thailand, and the World Bank.

¹ Nepal has an "other" gender classification which allows people to have their gender classified as neither exclusively male or exclusively female.



Yiu-tung Suen is Assistant Professor of the Gender Studies Program, and Founding Director of the Sexualities Research Program at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. His studies inform and are informed by critical current debates on sexual orientation and gender identity laws and policies, particularly with a view to providing empirical evidence which has been largely absent in Asia. He served as a consultant and data analyst for the United Nations Development Program, Being LGBTI in Asia program. Dr Suen's research has been cited in a good number of judicial review cases in courts and international and local media outlets.



Wochong Um, Director General concurrent Chief Compliance Officer, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, Asian Development Bank. He currently leads ADB-wide knowledge management and innovation work in various thematic and sector operation areas. He is responsible for establishing sector and thematic policies, strategies, frameworks and operational plans, and new business lines. He also develops and ensures compliance with ADB's environment and social safeguards policy. He oversees the administration of single/multi-donor trust funds, project cofinancing, and global funding initiatives and management of ADB-wide cofinancing data.

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