



Reimagining the future: COVID-19's impact on youth's jobs and livelihood aspirations

18 March 2021, 2:00 – 4:30 PM (GMT +8), via Zoom

Session Background:

In 2020, ADB Youth for Asia (YfA) launched a research (https://bit.ly/adb-ilo_covid-19report) in partnership with the International Labor organization (ILO) on the youth unemployment crisis caused by COVID-19. The study provides a unique viewpoint on how the pandemic has negatively impacted young people's jobs and livelihoods through increased unemployment, impeded school-to-work transition, and disruptions to education and training.

The YfA Partner Deep Dive Workshop at SEADS 2021 will share the key findings of this groundbreaking study, thereby laying the foundations for an interactive intergenerational consultation wherein we will utilize the Futures Triangle to facilitate dialogue, identify a preferred future, unpack the pushes of the present, the weights of the past, and map a path forward.

Participants will come away with insights from a diverse range of perspectives across generations and geographies on youth economic empowerment in South East Asia, and the vital importance of meaningful youth engagement in solving these challenges.

Objective of the Session and Benefits:

Participants will:

- Be part of an inter-generational learning experience that surfaces the potential of youth inclusion in projects, programs and policy-making;
- Recognize the capacity of ADB to support government agencies across sectors with expertise in meaningful youth engagement tools and processes;
- Gain a deep insight into a range of perspectives on the impact of COVID-19 on youth economic empowerment and the futures of the region; and
- Capture country-level recommendations and actions to be taken forward as an output of the discussions.

Moderator:

Bianca Insigne, Event Host and Moderator

Speakers:

- Helen Osborne, Senior Youth Economic Empowerment Specialist
- Youth Advisory Panel member, Youth voices in youth employment: A roadmap for promoting meaningful youth engagement in youth employment programs
- Adam Sharpe, Director of Learning at educational think tank Metafuture
- AIESEC Youth Facilitators

Agenda overview:

Time (GMT +8)	Activity
14:00 – 14:10	Welcome and introduction to session
14:10 – 14:25	Technical overview of key findings and themes <i>ADB Youth for Asia will be delivering a presentation providing a landscape on how COVID-19 has impacted a young people's jobs and livelihood.</i>
14:25 – 14:35	Introduction to the consultation activity and the Futures Triangle <i>The Futures Triangle, a mapping tool created by Futurist Sohail Inayatullah, allows participants to identify broad movements of push from the present, pull from the future, and weights of history, thereby exploring the path of plausible future. It also gives space for participants to share their experiences and unique perspectives.</i>
14:35 – 15:40	Consultation activity <i>Participants are divided into diverse intergenerational groups to create and discuss their own Futures Triangle. Groups will include approximately 15 people.</i>
15.40 – 16.15	Presentation and dialogue <i>Participants come back to the plenary to present and to deep dive on the outputs of the breakout discussion.</i>
16.15 – 16:30	Closing and feedback <i>Wrapping up the Consultation Activity, sharing next steps and ways different stakeholders can engage ADB YfA and SEADS moving forward. Participants have an opportunity to share their feedback on the session, their key takeaways.</i>