



INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TRANSPORT SECTOR BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES SEMINAR IN SOUTH ASIA

Wednesday, March 17, 2021 (Manila/Beijing time)

11:00 – 11:02	Opening Remarks by Kris Panday Executive Director for Canada Asian Development Bank
11:02 – 11:05	Webinar reminders
11:10 – 11:25 Asian Development Bank	<p>Presentation by the International Financial Institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport sector priorities in South Asia • Sector trends; expertise and technologies of interest to IFIs • Pipeline of Transport projects • Potential Opportunities for Canadian Companies <p>Presentations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Leather, Asian Development Bank • Gerald Ollivier, World Bank Group • Mehran Avini, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
11:30 – 11:45 World Bank Group	
11:50 – 12:05 Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank	
12:10 – 12:50	Panel Discussion and Moderated Q&A Moderated by Andrew Smith, Minister (Commercial), High Commission of Canada in India
12:53 – 12:55	Closing Remarks by Lulu LeBlanc, Senior Trade Commissioner, Embassy of Canada in the Philippines





About the Resource Speakers

(in alphabetical order)



Mehran Avini

Senior Private Sector Specialist
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Mehran Avini is a Senior Investment Officer with AIIB for sovereign and non-sovereign investments, focusing primarily on the transport sector. Prior to AIIB he worked in the consulting industry, focusing on transaction and technical advisory for public and private financed infrastructure in Canada, the United States and internationally. His transport projects have focused on highways, metros, airports, railways, and ports. He is a registered

professional engineer in both Canada and the United States. His current regional focus at AIIB is South and Southeast Asia. Mehran is a national of Canada.



James Leather

Chief, Transport Sector Group
Asian Development Bank (ADB)

James is the Chief of the Transport Sector Group at the Asian Development Bank. He has 30 years of experience in transport, working internationally with development organizations, governments, private sector and research institutions. He leads ADB's transport sector operations and oversees the strategic direction of ADB's knowledge, technical and financial support to its developing member countries and

partners. He obtained his Master of Science in transport planning and engineering from the Institute of Transport Studies, Leeds University (UK).



Lulu LeBlanc

a/Senior Trade Commissioner
Embassy of Canada in Manila

Lulu is the a/Senior Trade Commissioner and First Secretary (Commercial) at the Embassy of Canada in the Philippines. In her current role, she oversees Canada's commercial relationship with the Philippines and the Office of Liaison with the Asian Development Bank.

Lulu has over 8 years of experience with Global Affairs Canada and has also served at the Embassy of Canada in Washington, DC. She previously worked for Canada's Department of National Defense and obtained a Bachelor of Commerce from McGill University.





Gerald Ollivier

Lead Transport Specialist, India
World Bank Group

Gerald Ollivier is Lead Transport Specialist for the World Bank in India. He focuses on developing solutions to enhance urban mobility, unlock markets for electric mobility, achieve sustainable economic integration through multimodal transport, and achieve safer transport to better serve the needs of India. Prior to India, he was Cluster Leader in the Singapore World Bank Hub. From 2010 to June 2018, he supported the development of metro lines and high-speed rail lines in China, as team leader for several World Bank projects. From 1995 to 2010, he focused on World Bank trade and transport projects in Europe and Central Asia. He is a civil engineer and a chartered financial analyst.



Kris Panday

Executive Director for Canada
Asian Development Bank

Kris was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Asian Development Bank in April 2018 in the Constituency office representing Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden

A career member of the Canadian Foreign Service, prior to his appointment with the Bank, Kris was seconded to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada as Director General of the Market Access Secretariat. Before that, he served as Minister (Commercial) at the Embassy of Canada in Beijing. Kris' other overseas assignments include Dubai, as Canada's first Consul General; Washington DC, as Minister Counsellor for Congressional Relations; Seoul, as Counsellor (Market Access); and Singapore, as Trade Commissioner. Headquarters assignments include roles as Director, Softwood Lumber Division, and Executive Assistant to the Deputy Minister of International Trade, among others.



Andrew Smith

Minister (Commercial)
High Commission of Canada in New Delhi

Andrew is currently serving as Minister (Commercial) at the High Commission of Canada to India in New Delhi. In his current role, Andrew is responsible for managing Canada's commercial relationship with India, as well as with Nepal and Bhutan; and for providing leadership and guidance to the 8 trade and investment offices Canada has across the region. Prior to this assignment, he served as Canada's first Consul General in Istanbul (2016-2014). He has also served as Canada's Senior Trade Commissioner in Manila (2011-2008), a/ Minister (Commercial) and Senior Trade Commissioner in Beijing (2008-004), and Trade Commissioner in Tokyo (2001-1997).

Andrew has extensive experience in international commerce, policy analysis related to economic development, trade promotion and investment attraction activities, with a particular emphasis on Asia.





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