



# #ADB Sustainable Food Webinar Series

Rural Development and Food Security (Agriculture) Thematic Group



## JOINT WEBINAR

Rural Development and Food Security (Agriculture) Thematic Group  
East Asia Sustainable Infrastructure Division

## Rikolto: Sustainable Production, Inclusive and Enabling Environments Towards Food System Transformation and Resilience #ADB Sustainable Food

**3 August 2021, 2:00 – 3:10pm Manila time (GMT+8)**

Register in advance via [Zoom](#)

## Rationale

[Rikolto](#) is an independent Belgian nongovernment organization (NGO) with more than 40 years of experience in partnering with farmer organizations and food chain actors across Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America.

The incredible variety of food on our plates is not to be taken for granted. To keep up with the ever-growing world population in a scenario of rapidly changing climate, the food sector needs more stable supply chains to provide affordable food for all, today and tomorrow. This requires fundamental changes at various levels in food systems.

The absence of proven pathways of change characterises many areas in the food system. To meet this challenge, Rikolto experiments on different levels with the purpose of deepening its understanding of how to bring about transformational changes. Rikolto aims to foster innovation across the entire agri-food value chain to mainstream sustainable and inclusive business models. Its focus includes connecting farmers with innovators in the value chain, developing mechanisms of trust and transparency in the value chain, and empowering farmer groups. Through this approach, Rikolto aims to future-proof food systems, encourage climate-smart practices, build effective commodity platforms, and develop food-smart city policies.

This Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department (SDCC) and East Asia Department (EARD) joint brownbag seminar will introduce Rikolto's approach towards sustainable food systems and explore potential areas and pathways of collaboration with ADB.

## Objectives

The webinar aims to introduce Rikolto's approach towards sustainable food systems and explore potential areas and pathways of collaboration with ADB.

## Participants

The webinar welcomes representatives from the following organizations engaged in agriculture, natural resources, and rural development:

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- government and intergovernmental organizations
- multilateral and bilateral development institutions
- private firms engaged in the agriculture and food business
- research and development institutions, think tanks, and centers of excellence
- NGOs, civil society, and advocacy organizations other individuals and organizations interested and/or engaged in agriculture and natural resources

## Speakers

- Qingfeng Zhang, Chief, Rural Development and Food Security Thematic Group Secretariat (SDTC-AR) concurrently, OIC, Chief Environment Thematic Group Secretariat (SDTC-ENV), SDCC, ADB
- Sujata Gupta, Director, EARD, ADB
- Catur Utami Dewi, Global Rice Programme Coordinator, Rikolto
- Nonie Kaban, Head of Programme in Indonesia, Rikolto
- Peni Agustijanto, Cocoa and Cinnamon Manager, Agroforestry, Rikolto

## Program

2:00 – 2:05 pm	<b>Opening Remarks</b> Qingfeng Zhang, Chief, Rural Development and Food Security Thematic Group Secretariat (SDTC-AR) concurrently, OIC, Chief Environment Thematic Group Secretariat (SDTC-ENV) Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB
2:05 – 2:25 pm	<b>Presentation: Sustainable Rice Production (Rikolto)</b>  <b>Q&amp;A</b>
2:25 – 2:45 pm	<b>Presentation: Coffee &amp; Cocoa – Agroforestry &amp; PES (Rikolto)</b>  <b>Q&amp;A</b>
2:45 – 3:05 pm	<b>Presentation: Food Smart City – Food Waste and other FSC approaches (Rikolto)</b>  <b>Q&amp;A</b>
3:05 – 3:10 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Sujata Gupta, Director, East Asia Regional Department, ADB

## About the Series

The Rural Development and Food Security (Agriculture) Thematic Group, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department implements its [#ADBSustainableFood Webinar Series](#) with relevant ADB Sector and Thematic Groups, ADB Operations, and external partners to offer a platform to discuss, share knowledge and experiences, and find out solutions and best practices that can help developing members countries build sustainable and resilient food systems and enable them to recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and future disruptions.

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