

TOWARDS SAFE FOOD, NUTRITIOUS DIETS, AND RESILIENT FOOD SYSTEMS

28 JUNE 2021, 15:00-17:30 GMT+8



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Overview. The Asian Development Bank (ADB), in partnership with the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and with the participation of the World Vegetable Center, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, private sector, and academia, will discuss concrete solutions and actions to mobilize financing of nature-positive solutions to promote safe food, nutritious diets, and resilient food systems, including innovative knowledge sharing and learning approaches, and natural capital financing.

The discussions will be done in the context of:

- **Shifts in dietary preferences towards animal protein.** This is an inevitable outcome of rising per capita income. The increase in the global supply of animal meat, from 71.36 million tons in 1961 to 342.2 million tons ([Our World in Data](#), 2019) in 2018, highlights the so-called “feed–food competition;”
- **Feed–food competition and its threats to food and nutrition security.** High consumption of animal protein is associated with diet-related diseases like obesity, heart diseases, and cancer; and
- **Increasing greenhouse gas emissions.** About 26% of the planet’s ice-free land is used for livestock grazing and 33% of croplands are used for livestock feed production. Livestock contributes to 7% of the total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through enteric fermentation and manure ([FAO](#), 2012).

Focus. The independent summit dialogue will focus on the following, highlighting the case of Mongolia:

- Strategies to mobilize finance and technologies to promote balanced animal and plant protein sources and low carbon footprint
- Development of a catalytic financing platform to mobilize more public and private natural capital investments

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- Promotion of a responsible food production pathway with reduced environmental footprint, healthy consumption (of good food), and balanced animal and plant protein sources
- Ways to mobilize finance to green the livestock sector, promote more vegetable production, incentivize modern and sustainable management of livestock production through private sector investments, and strategize Mongolia's role in contributing to the global food system
- Policy, finance, and research priorities that promote the production and consumption of good food with reduced environmental footprint

At the same time, ADB will share its plan to establish the natural capital lab platform to attract public and private investments in natural capital in Asia and the Pacific region; explore and test nature-positive solutions; develop appropriate regulatory mechanisms, valuation tools and accounting methodologies; and act as an enabler for blended financing.

Program

Moderator	
Qingfeng Zhang, Chief, Rural Development and Food Security (Agriculture) Thematic Group, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB	
	Session 1: Opening
3:00–3:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bambang Susantono, Vice President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB
3:10–3:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alvaro Lario, Associate Vice President, Financial Operations Department, IFAD
	Session 2: Towards Balanced, Healthy and Nutritious Food
3:20–3:35	<p>Presentation: Building Balanced Food and Nutrition Security: A Case Study on Mongolia</p> <p>Pavit Ramachandran, Country Director, Mongolia Resident Mission, ADB</p>
3:35–3:41	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vinod Ahuja, FAO Representative in Mongolia • Stacy Pyett, Program Manager, Wageningen University and Research • Srinivas Ramasamy, Flagship Program Leader for Safe and Sustainable Value Chains, World Vegetable Center • Hirofumi Kugita, Regional Representative for Asia, and the Pacific, OIE • Abdul Ghafoor, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan
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4:05–4:20	Q&A

Moderator	
Thomas Panela, Director, Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture Division, EARD	
4:20–4:35	Session 3: Natural Capital Investments and Green Agri-Business Development Presentation: Financing Green Agribusinesses to Reduce Climate Vulnerability Qingfeng Zhang, Chief, Rural Development and Food Security (Agriculture) Thematic Group, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB
4:35–4:41	Panel Discussion
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5:05–5:20	Q&A
5:20–5:25	Session 4: Closing
5:25- 5:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jambaltseren Tumur-UYA, State Secretary of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Light Industry of Mongolia Xiaohong Yang, Chief Thematic Officer, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB

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