



ASIA CLEAN BLUE SKIES PROGRAM

LAUNCH EVENT

7 September 2022
10am-12 pm (GMT+9)

Suwon City, South Korea
(hybrid event)



Speakers & Panelists



Qingfeng Zhang

Chief, Rural Development and Food Security Thematic Group, and concurrently, OIC Chief of Environment Thematic Group, ADB



Karma Yangzom

Principal Environment Specialist, ADB



Tom Buckland

Associate Director, Ricardo



Glynda Bathan-Baterina

Deputy Executive Director Clean Air Asia



Ben Grebot

Director of Environmental Policy & Economics, Air Quality Consultants



Mushtaq Memon

Regional Coordinator for Resource Efficiency in Asia Pacific Office, UNEP



Arindam Datta

Senior Fellow, Earth Science and Climate Change Division, TERI



Hadika Jamshaid

Climate Change Policy Specialist, Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan



Tappei Tsutsumi

Director, Office of International Cooperation in Air and Water Quality Management, Ministry of the Environment Japan (MOEJ)



Jostein Nygard

Senior Environment Specialist, World Bank (to be confirmed)

About the Asia Clean Blue Skies Program (ACBSP) Launch Event

This event will launch the “Asia Clean Blue Skies Program” of the Asian Development Bank. The first phase of the program will be implemented from September 2022 until September 2023. The overall goal of the program is to scale up investments in improving air quality.

At the launch, speakers will provide an overview of the program scope, background, ambition, aims and timeline; case studies and knowledge sharing events done at the Program preparatory phase; and outline one of the projects planned for Phase 1.

There will also be a panel discussion with representatives from a developing member country, multilateral financial institution, non-government organization, and research institute to provide their initial impressions on the Program and possible synergies with their organization’s plans and priorities.

Agenda

10:00-10:05	Welcome and Introduction	Qingfeng Zhang Asian Development Bank
10:05-10:10	Introduction to Asia Clean Blue Skies Program (ACBSP)	Karma Yangzom Asian Development Bank
10:10-10:15	ACBSP – Actions taken under Preparatory Phase	Ben Grebot Air Quality Consultants
10:15-10:30	Case studies under Preparatory Phase	Tom Buckland Ricardo
10:30-10:45	Knowledge sharing events under Preparatory Phase	Glynda Bathan-Baterina Clean Air Asia
10:45-11:00	Questions from the Audience	
11:00-11:10	ACBSP plans	Karma Yangzom Asian Development Bank
11:10-11:20	Opportunities for Air Quality Support under Phase 1	Tom Buckland Ricardo
11:20-11:50	Panel Discussion: Partnerships under the ACBSP	Hadika Jamshaid Ministry of Climate Change, Pakistan Tappei Tsutsumi Ministry of the Environment, Japan Jostein Nygard (tbc) World Bank Arindam Datta TERI
11:50-12:00	Closing statement	Mushtaq Memon UNEP Karma Yangzom Asian Development Bank