



10th ADB INTERNATIONAL SKILLS FORUM

A New Era of Digitalized and Climate-Resilient Human and Social Development

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Today, a new vision for education is called for amid far-reaching market changes in an increasingly technology-enabled world. A reimagining of skills and workforce development is critical to ensure that talent keeps pace with changing demand from employers and the aspirations of young people. Education and training are powerful levers by which policy makers can navigate disruptive changes and harness the benefits of technologies for the poor and vulnerable.

ADB will host the 10th International Skills Forum to explore key issues confronting education across kinder to grade 12 (K-12), technical and vocational education and training (TVET), and higher education. The Forum will address three over-arching topics – digital transformation, climate change and inter-disciplinary education. The rise of big data, artificial intelligence (AI), and growing human–machine collaboration spell new frontiers for productivity and market expansion. Realizing the potential of technology requires timely investments in higher-order education and skills development. Innovations and knowledge accumulation can help to shape a climate-resilient and sustainable future. Quality of learning is crucial in a post-COVID 19 era to address the learning crisis as well as the mismatch with the future of jobs amidst digital transformation and green transition.

This flagship event of ADB’s Education Sector Group brings together key stakeholders in the Asia and Pacific region and beyond—policy makers, officials, and project managers of ADB projects, academia, private sector, international organizations, and leading global experts.

The objectives of the Forum include the following:

1. To chart new directions and improve the quality of education by harnessing the potential of digital transformation in education, particularly, the Fourth Industrial Revolution, digital platforms for education, micro credentials and blockchain, generative AI and big data.
2. To amplify the role of education and training through incorporation of climate change curriculum, skills development for just transition and climate resilient occupations and investment in research and innovation to promote climate technologies and knowledge.
3. To enhance the impact of investments in education through multi-disciplinary approaches and connecting different sectors such as the health, medical and care economy, creative industries, clean energy, rail sector and e-mobility and smart cities.

The event will be held in a hybrid mode in order to facilitate wide participation. The Forum includes the Innovation Marketplace exhibition and demonstrations to showcase a range of products and services, including education technology.

10th ADB International Skills Forum Provisional Program

Day 1, AM Tuesday, 17 October		Day 2, AM Wednesday, 18 October		Day 3, AM Thursday, 19 October							
Global Trends and Digital Transformation		Climate Action and Green Transition		Intersectoral Approach							
8:00–8:45 AM	Forum Registration and Networking Coffee Session	8:30–9:00 AM	Forum Registration and Networking Coffee Session	8:30–9:00 AM	Forum Registration and Networking Coffee Session						
8:45–9:00 AM	Opening of the forum <i>(Auditorium Hall 1-4)</i>	9:00–9:05 AM	Introduction of Keynote Speaker <i>(Auditorium Hall 1-4)</i>	9:00–10:00 AM	Thematic Session 9A Transforming Education for Enhanced Gender Equity and Inclusion <i>(Auditorium Hall 1)</i>	Cross Sectoral Session 9B Professionalizing the Care Economy through Skills, Training, and Quality Jobs <i>(Auditorium Hall 2-3)</i>					
9:00–9:10 AM	Opening Remarks <i>(Auditorium Hall 1-4)</i>	9:05–9:30 AM	Keynote Address Shaping Climate-Resilient Education Systems <i>(Auditorium Hall 1-4)</i>				Cross Sectoral Session 9C Scaling Private Sector Investment in Education and Training <i>(Auditorium Hall 4)</i>				
9:10–9:20 AM	Forum Objectives <i>(Auditorium Hall 1-4)</i>										
9:20–9:40 AM	Short Messages from Leaders for the 10th ADB ISF <i>(Auditorium Hall 1-4)</i>										
9:40–9:55 AM	Introduction of the Cvent App and poll <i>(Country, affiliation)</i> <i>(Auditorium Hall 1-4)</i>	9:30–11:00 AM	Plenary Session 6 Charting the Course for Climate-Smart Education and a Just Transition <i>(Auditorium Hall 1-4)</i>								
9:55–10:55 AM	Plenary Session 1 Reimagining Human and Social Development for Digitalized and Climate-Resilient Economies <i>(Auditorium Hall 1-4)</i>	11:00–11:30 AM						<i>Coffee Break</i>			
10:55–11:25 AM		<i>Coffee Break</i>	11:30 AM–12:15 PM	Introduction to the Innovation Marketplace <i>(Auditorium Hall 1-4)</i>	10:00–10:15 AM	<i>Transition Break</i>					
11:25–12:25 PM	Plenary Session 2 Unlocking the Future of Learning: Leveraging Big Data and Generative AI for Educational Excellence <i>(Auditorium Hall 1-4)</i>	10:15–11:15 AM			Cross Sectoral Session 10A Boosting Capabilities for the Creative Industry <i>(Auditorium Hall 1)</i>	Cross Sectoral Session 10B Reskilling and Upskilling for Quality Jobs in Infrastructure Investments with a Focus on the Transport Sector <i>(Auditorium Hall 2-3)</i>	Cross Sectoral Session 10C Establishing High-Tech Agricultural University Network <i>(Auditorium Hall 4)</i>				
12:25–1:30 PM								<i>Lunch at the ADB Executive Dining Room</i>	11:15–11:45 AM	<i>Networking Coffee Break</i>	
									11:45–12:00 PM	Closing Keynote Rethinking Intersectoral Approach for Education and Skills Development	
			12:00–12:30 PM	Closing Panel <i>(Voices from the table, evaluation)</i>							
		12:15–1:30 PM	<i>Lunch at the ADB Executive Dining Room</i>	12:30–2:00 PM	<i>Lunch at the ADB Executive Dining Room</i>						

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1:30–2:30 PM	Plenary Session 3 <i>Round Table of University Presidents and Leaders:</i> Rethinking the Future of Higher Education (HE) <i>(Auditorium Hall 1-4)</i>				1:30–2:30 PM	Thematic Session 7A Greening the Curriculum for a Climate-Smart Future <i>(Auditorium Hall 1)</i>	Thematic Session 7B Transforming Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) for a Green and Just Transition <i>(Auditorium Hall 2)</i>	Roundtable Session 7C Boosting the Role of Philanthropic Organizations in Scaling Quality Education <i>(Auditorium Hall 3)</i>		2:00–4:30 PM	Regional Sessions 11 <i>(By invitation only)</i> Prioritization and Planning in Education and Training <i>Central West and East Asia Region</i> <i>South Asia Region</i> <i>Southeast Asia and Pacific Region</i>	
	Introduction of Parallel Sessions (2 slides to introduce) and the Cocktail Reception <i>(Auditorium Hall 1-4)</i>					Coffee Break						
2:30–3:00 PM	Coffee Break				2:30–3:00 PM	Coffee Break						
3:00–4:00 PM	Spotlight Session 4A Adopting Tech-inclusive Approaches to Learning Quality, Assessment, and Reforms to Scale-up Education Access <i>(Auditorium Hall 1)</i>	Spotlight Session 4B Empowering Tomorrow's Workforce: Reshaping Skills and Careers in the 4th Industrial Revolution <i>(Auditorium Hall 2)</i>	Roundtable Session 4C Economists' Round Table: Investing in Human Capital in a Post-Pandemic Era <i>(Auditorium Hall 3)</i>	3:00–5:00 PM	Innovation Marketplace							
			8A Showcasing Innovative Practices across K-12 <i>(Auditorium Hall 2)</i>		8B Showcasing Innovative Practices across TVET and HE <i>(Auditorium Hall 4)</i>	8C Showcasing Innovative Incubation +Startup Ecosystem <i>(Auditorium Hall 3)</i>	8D Classroom Teaching and Learning Demonstration <i>(Auditorium Hall 1)</i>					
4:15–5:30 PM	Regional Session 5A Scaling Innovative Education Projects in South Asia <i>(Auditorium Hall 1)</i>	Regional Session 5B Scaling Innovative Education Projects in Southeast Asia and Pacific <i>(Auditorium Hall 2)</i>	Regional Session 5C Scaling Innovative Education Projects in Central West Asia and East Asia <i>(Auditorium Hall 3)</i>	Story Telling Session 5D Teacher Digital Learning: Teachers' own stories <i>(Auditorium Hall 4)</i>								
	Break and Prepare for Reception <i>(Network with DMCS)</i>											
5:30–6:00 PM												
6:00 PM	Reception for Participants, Launch of New ADB Publications in Education, and Cultural Presentations <i>(Multi-Function Halls 1-3)</i>											