



2023 ADB GENDER FORUM

2 Billion Changemakers

Women Leading on Climate Action in Asia and the Pacific

21–22 November 2023, Auditoriums 3–4, ADB HQ

DAY 1

21 November 2023
7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
ADB HQ

THEME 1.

Women in the Energy Transition

THEME 2.

**Gender-Responsive Climate Change
Adaptation**

DAY 2

22 November 2023
7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
ADB HQ

THEME 3.

Women in the Green Economy

THEME 4.

**Gender-Responsive Private Sector-led
Climate Action**

DAY 1 | 21 November 2023

7:45 – 9:00 a.m.

Registration, Coffee, and Tea

9:00 – 9:40 a.m.

Opening of the 2023 ADB Gender Forum

Emcees: **Maralmaa Munkh-Achit**, Young Professional, Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

Vivek Raman, Principal Knowledge Management Specialist, Department of Communications and Knowledge, ADB

Welcome Remarks

Masatsugu Asakawa, President, ADB

Opening Remarks

Bruno Carrasco, Director General, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

Keynote Speech

Shaila Shahid, 2023 Women's International Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (WIN DRR) Leadership Awardee

Overview of the Gender Forum

Samantha Hung, Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

THEME 1. Women in the Energy Transition**SESSION 1.1: A Gender-Responsive Energy Transition: What it is and Why it Matters?**

9:40 – 11:00 a.m.

Opening

Veronica Mendizabal Joffre, Senior Gender and Social Development Specialist, Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

Setting the Scene

H.E. Lenny Rosalin, Deputy Minister, Gender Equality, Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection, Republic of Indonesia (Virtual)

Panel Discussion

Moderator: **Susann Roth**, Advisor, Department of Communications and Knowledge, ADB

Soma Dutta, Lead Gender and Energy Transition Expert, ENERGIA (Virtual)

Cherrie Atilano, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, AGREA Agricultural Systems International, Inc.

Jose Paolo Delgado, President and Chief Executive Officer, Delbros Group

Molly Huang, Secretary General, Women in Renewables Alliance (WiRA), Head of Content & Corporate Responsibility at Leader Associates (Virtual)

Winfried Wicklein, Director General, Southeast Asia Regional Department, ADB



Special Remarks

H.E. Vivi Yulaswati, Deputy Minister for Maritime Affairs and Natural Resources,
Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS), Republic of Indonesia (Virtual)

11:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Coffee Break @ The Auditorium Gallery

SESSION 1.2: How do we Make the Energy Transition Gender-Responsive?

11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Opening and Introduction to Cases

Moderator: **Toru Kubo**, Senior Director, Climate Change, Resilience and Environment Cluster,
Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

Presentation of Cases and Q&A

Case 1

Filda Yusigantoro, Chairperson, Purnomo Yusgiantoro Policy Research Center (PYC)

Case 2

Kamia Handayani, Executive Vice President for Energy Transition and Sustainability,
PLN Indonesia State Electricity Corporation (Virtual)

Case 3

Robeliza Halip, Coordinator, Indigenous Peoples Major Group for Sustainable Development,
and Right Energy Partnership with Indigenous Peoples

Case 4

Nina Kolybashkina, Senior Social Development Specialist, Climate Investment Fund (CIF),
World Bank

Case 5

Simarna Singh, Social Entrepreneur, Sustainability Advocate,
and Youth Leader National Youth Council Singapore

Case 6

Rosemary Idem, Programme Manager, Women and Youth at the Forefront,
Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) (Virtual)

Closing

Veronica Mendizabal Joffre, Senior Gender and Social Development Specialist,
Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch @ The Executive Dining Room





THEME 2. Gender-Responsive Climate Change Adaptation

SESSION 2.1: How Can Women Drive Climate-Resilient Agriculture?

1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Opening

Noelle O'Brien, Director, Climate Change, Climate Change, Resilience, and Environment Cluster, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

Setting the Scene

Yasmin Siddiqi, Director, Agriculture, Food, Nature, and Rural Development, Agriculture, Food, Nature, and Rural Development Sector Division, Sectors Group, ADB

Panel Discussion

Moderator: **Mary Alice Rosero**, Senior Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

Azav Nomanov, Project Coordinator, Horticulture Value Chain Development Project, International Strategic Center for Agri-Food Development, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Uzbekistan (Virtual)

Clara Park, Senior Gender Officer and Co-Lead, Gender Equality Division, United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization

Ranjitha Puskur, India Representative, CGIAR and International Rice Research Institute

Warathida Chaiyapa, Assistant Director of Academic Affairs, School of Public Policy, Chiang Mai University

Yasmin Siddiqi, Director, Agriculture, Food, Nature, and Rural Development, Agriculture, Food, Nature, and Rural Development Sector Division, Sectors Group, ADB

Q&A

Moderator: **Mary Alice Rosero**, Senior Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Coffee Break @ The Auditorium Gallery

SESSION 2.2: Adapting to Increasing Heat Through Gender-Responsive Solutions

3:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Introduction to the Session

Zonibel Woods, Senior Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

Setting the Scene

Bushra Afreen, Chief Heat Officer, North Dhaka, Bangladesh, Arsht-Rock





Panel Discussion

Moderator: **Zonibel Woods**, Senior Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

Abhiyant Tiwari, Lead - Health & Climate Resilience, Natural Resources Defense Council, India

Ana Bonell, Associate Professor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (Virtual)

Bushra Afreen, Chief Heat Officer, North Dhaka, Bangladesh, Arsht-Rock

Laxmi Sharma, Senior Urban Development Specialist, ADB (Virtual)

Q&A

Moderator: **Zonibel Woods**, Senior Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

4:45 – 4:50 p.m.

Closing

Jinha Kim, Gender Specialist (Climate Change), Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

Closing of DAY 1

4:50 – 5:00 p.m.

Day One Summary

Tofu Creatives

Maralmaa Munkh-Achit, Young Professional, Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

Vivek Raman, Principal Knowledge Management Specialist, Department of Communications and Knowledge, ADB

5:00 p.m.

Cocktail Reception @ The Courtyard



DAY 2 | 22 November 2023

7:45 – 8:45 a.m.

Registration, Coffee, and Tea

9:00 – 9:05 a.m.

Opening of the 2023 ADB Gender Forum

Emcees: **Maralmaa Munkh-Achit**, *Young Professional, Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB*

Vivek Raman, *Principal Knowledge Management Specialist, Department of Communications and Knowledge, ADB*

THEME 3. Women in the Green Economy**SESSION 3.1: Skills for the Green Transition: Global Perspective**

9:05 – 9:10 a.m.

Opening

Malika Shagazatova, *Senior Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB*

9:10 – 9:30 a.m.

Setting the Scene

Rebecca Razavi, *Head of Public Policy and Economic Graph, Regional Director, Asia-Pacific LinkedIn*

9:30 – 9:45 a.m.

Q&A

Moderator: **Albert Park**, *Chief Economist and Director General, Economic Research and Development Impact Department, ADB*

SESSION 3.2: Green Jobs, Green Skills, and Green Entrepreneurship for Women

9:45 – 11:15 a.m.

Panel Discussion

Moderator: **Samantha Hung**, *Director, Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB*

Alexander Tsironis, *Education Specialist, Human and Social Development Sector Office, Sectors Group, ADB*

Dimitra Xynou, *Policy Analyst, Finance, Investment & Global Relations Division, Environment Directorate, OECD*

Nalini Singh, *Executive Director, Fiji Women's Rights Movement (FWRM)*

Natavan Mammadova, *Chief Executive Officer, Azerbaijan National Confederation of Employers and Entrepreneurs Organizations*

Q&A

Moderator: **Samantha Hung**, *Director, Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB*

11:15 – 11:30 a.m.

Coffee Break @ The Auditorium Gallery



SESSION 3.3: Stories from ADB's Developing Member Countries

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Panel Discussion**

Moderator: **Tsolmon Begzsuren**, Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

Chen Chao, Section Chief of Provincial Project Management Office, Fujian Farmland Sustainable Utilization and Demonstration Project, People's Republic of China

Choikhand Janchivlamdan, Coordinator, Regional Technical Assistance on Accelerating Gender Equality in East Asia for an Inclusive and Green Recovery, Mongolia

Shaunalee Katafono, Co-Founder and Chief Operating Officer, Traseable Solutions

Q&A

Moderator: **Tsolmon Begzsuren**, Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

Closing

Malika Shagazatova, Senior Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch @ The Executive Dining Room**

THEME 4. Gender-Responsive Private Sector-led Climate Action

SESSION 4.1: Levers Driving Gender-Inclusive Initiatives in the Green Economy

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Opening and Introduction to the Breakout Rooms**

Breakout Room Moderators

Discussions

Room 1

Moderators: **Anne Valko Celestino**, Senior Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

Kathy Mulville, Gender and Partnership Expert (Consultant), Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

Speakers: **Sabrina Tan**, Vice President of People and Impact, Lhoopa Inc.

Devendra Chawal, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Greencell Mobility





Room 2

Moderators: **Amanda Satterly**, *Principal Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB*

Neeti Katoch, *Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB*

Speakers: **Erdenedelger Bavlai**, *Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Khan Bank*

Bharat Joshi, *Chief Financial Officer, Cimory*

Enkhbold Khaliun, *Chief Administration Officer, E-Mart*

Room 3 (Online)

Moderators: **Xianshuang Zhang**, *Gender in Private Sector Operations Consultant, Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB*

Gisela Garzon De La Roza, *Senior International Gender in Private Sector Operations Consultant, Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB*

Speakers: **Shami Nissan**, *Partner and Head of Sustainability, Actis Fund (Virtual)*

Nuka Mshvidobaze, *Chief Financial Officer, Georgian Renewable Power Holding (GRPH) (Virtual)*

Session Takeaways

Breakout Room Moderators

3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Coffee Break @ The Auditorium Gallery

SESSION 4.2: Spotlight on Gender-Inclusive Green Finance

3:30 – 3:35 p.m.

Introduction to the Session and WFX

Sabine Spohn, *Principal Investment Specialist, Private Sector Financial Institutions Division, Private Sector Operations Department, ADB*

3:35 – 3:40 p.m.

Opening Remarks

Suzanne Gaboury, *Director General, Private Sector Operations Department, ADB*

3:40 – 4:30 p.m.

Fireside Chats

Interviewer: **Sabine Spohn**, *Principal Investment Specialist, Private Sector Financial Institutions Division, Private Sector Operations Department, ADB*

Joana Pedro, *Social Lead, United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (Virtual)*





Interviewer: **Anshukant Taneja**, *Principal Investment Specialist, Private Sector Operations Department, ADB*

Kamrul Tarafder, *President and Chief Executive Officer, ASA Philippines Foundation*

Interviewer: **Gema Perez**, *Senior Investment Specialist, Private Sector Financial Institutions Division, Private Sector Operations Department, ADB*

Maya Kobalia, *Head of Environmental and Social (E&S) Department, Crystal*

Interviewer: **Anne Valko Celestino**, *Senior Social Development Specialist (Gender and Development), Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB*

Biao Huang, *Principal Investment Specialist, Private Sector Financial Institutions Division, Private Sector Operations Department, ADB*

4:30 – 4:40 p.m.

Closing

Sabine Spohn, *Principal Investment Specialist, Private Sector Financial Institutions Division, Private Sector Operations Department, ADB*

Closing Ceremonies

4:40 – 5:00 p.m.

Forum Recap

Maralmaa Munkh-Achit, *Young Professional, Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB*

Vivek Raman, *Principal Knowledge Management Specialist, Department of Communications and Knowledge, ADB*

Tofu Creatives

Samantha Hung, *Director, Gender Equality Division, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB*

Closing of the 2023 ADB Gender Forum

Fatima Yasmin, *Vice-President (Sectors and Themes), ADB*



