



ADB I Virtual Conference on

“Food and Nutritional Security in Asia – Exploring Challenges and Opportunities”

18 – 19 March 2024

Day One: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Day Two: 10:00 AM – 5:05 PM

(Japan Standard Time)

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Conference Agenda

Day One: 18 March 2024

9:30-9:40	<p>Introduction/Technical Guidance/Photo Session</p> <p>Dil Rahut, Vice-Chair of Research/Senior Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Japan</p>
9:40-9:50	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Seungju Baek, Deputy Dean, ADBI, Japan</p>
9:50-9:55	<p>Session Chair: Sabah Abdulla, Senior Economist (Climate Change), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines</p>
9:55-10:25	<p>Paper 1: Unlocking Resilience: Mitigating the Prenatal Air Pollution Exposure Effects via Postnatal Micronutrient Powders</p>
9:55-10:10	<p>Presenter: Yuhang Pan, Assistant Professor, Institute for Global Health and Development, Peking University, People's Republic of China</p>
10:10-10:20	<p>Discussant: Gopal Krishna Sarangi, Associate Professor and Head of the Department, TERI School of Advanced Studies, India</p>
10:20-10:25	<p>Q&A</p>
10:25-10:55	<p>Paper 2: Famines to Obesity: Exploring the Impacts of Globalization on the Nutritional Security of India</p>
10:25-10:40	<p>Presenter: Aravind Gopal, Student - MA Sustainable Development Practice, TERI School of Advanced Studies, India</p>
10:40-10:50	<p>Discussant: Christopher Gan, Professor of Accounting and Finance, Lincoln University, New Zealand</p>
10:50-10:55	<p>Q&A</p>
10:55-11:25	<p>Paper 3: A qualitative exploration of the reasons for improvement in the nutritional status of children under three during the COVID-19 pandemic in an informal settlement in Mumbai</p>
10:55-11:10	<p>Presenter: Anuja Jayaraman, Director Research, Society for Nutrition, Education and Health Action, India</p>
11:10-11:20	<p>Discussant: Neha Rathi, Malviya Postdoctoral Fellow, Banaras Hindu University, India</p>

11:20-11:25	Q&A
11:25-11:40	Short Break (15min)
11:40-12:10	Paper 4: The Effects of Urbanization on Nutritional Stability in Indonesia: Examining the Gap between Rural and Urban Areas
11:40-11:55	Presenter: Marihot Nasution , State Budget Analyst, Center of Analysis on Budget and State Finance Accountability, Parliamentary Expertise Agency, House of Representatives of Indonesia, Indonesia
11:55-12:05	Discussant: Bhagirath Behera , Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India
12:05-12:10	Q&A
12:10-12:40	Paper 5: Dietary diversity among children with complicated severe acute malnutrition in Nandurbar district, Maharashtra, India
12:10-12:25	Presenter: Marian Abraham , Senior Research Analyst, Koita Centre for Digital Health, IIT Bombay, India
12:25-12:35	Discussant: Neha Rathi , Malviya Postdoctoral Fellow, Banaras Hindu University, India
12:35-12:40	Q&A
12:40-12:45	Ending Session: Sabah Abdulla , Senior Economist (Climate Change), ADB, Philippines
12:45-13:30	Long Break (45 minutes)
13:30-13:35	Session Chair: KE Seetharam , Senior Consulting Specialist, Capacity Building and Training, ADBI, Japan
13:35-14:05	Paper 6: Enhancing Child Wellbeing in Balochistan, Pakistan: Exploring the Role of Food Diversity in Mitigating Stunting and Wasting
13:35-13:50	Presenter: Ashar Awan , Assistant Professor, The University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir
13:50-14:00	Discussant: Rajendra Kumar , Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, India
14:00-14:05	Q&A
14:05-14:10	Introduction to Keynote Speaker
14:10-14:40	Keynote Speech “A Resilient Market Ecosystem Approach to Nutritional Security in Western Nepal” Corey O'Hara , Chief of Party, USAID Feed the Future Resilient Coastal Communities International Development Enterprises (iDE), United States
14:40-14:55	Q&A

14:55-15:05	Short Break (10min)
15:05-15:35	Paper 7: A Holistic Approach to Sustainable Food Management and Exchange Systems in Rural Areas in Sri Lanka: Nutrition Resilient Communities for a Thriving Future
15:05-15:20	Presenter: NP Dammika Padmakanthi , Senior Lecturer, Economics, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka
15:20-15:30	Discussant: Alessia Destefanis , PhD Student, Economics, Paris School of Economics - Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, France
15:30-15:35	Q&A
15:35-16:05	Paper 8: Factors affecting the organic food consumption behavior of the residents in Hung Yen
15:35-15:50	Presenter: Hung Dac Nguyen , Professor in Economics, Hung Yen University of Technical Education, Viet Nam
15:50-16:00	Discussant: Shibly Sharier , Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Economics, Teesside University International Business School, United Kingdom
16:00-16:05	Q&A
16:05-16:35	Paper 9: Tackling Malnutrition in India: An Approach through Crop Diversification in Agriculture
16:05-16:20	Presenter: Krishna Nair J , PhD Student, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India
16:20-16:30	Discussant: Shibly Sharier , Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Economics, Teesside University International Business School, United Kingdom
16:30-16:35	Q&A
16:35-16:45	Ending session: KE Seetharam , Senior Consulting Specialist, Capacity Building and Training, ADBI, Japan
16:45-17:00	Closing Session: Dil Rahut , Vice-Chair of Research/Senior Research Fellow, ADBI, Japan

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10:00-10:10	<p>Introduction/Technical Guidance/Photo Session</p> <p>Dil Rahut, Vice-Chair of Research/Senior Research Fellow, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Japan</p>
10:10-10:15	<p>Session Chair: Milan Thomas, Economist, Economic Research and Development Impact Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines</p>
10:15-10:45	<p>Paper 10: Dairy Development and Nutritional Outcomes of Children: Evidence from India</p>
10:15-10:30	<p>Presenter: Gopi Sankar, Assistant Professor, School of Development, Azim Premji University, India</p>
10:30-10:40	<p>Discussant: Moh. Shadiqur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Brawijaya University, Indonesia</p>
10:40-10:45	Q&A
10:45-11:15	<p>Paper 12: Who is more vulnerable and how? Food security heterogeneity among informal wage laborer households across rural-urban Pakistan</p>
10:45-11:00	<p>Presenter: Khadija Anjum, PhD Student, School of Community and Regional Planning, The University of British Columbia, Canada</p>
11:00-11:10	<p>Discussant: Apoorva Nambiar, Research Scientist, Gender Equity and Health Project, Indian Institute of Population Sciences, India</p>
11:10-11:15	Q&A
11:15-11:30	<p>Short Break (15min)</p>
11:30-12:00	<p>Paper 12: Rural and Semi-Urban Disparities in Household Food Security amid Covid-19 Pandemic: Evidence from the Vietnamese Mekong Delta</p>
11:30-11:45	<p>Presenter: Hiep Ngoc Le, PhD Candidate, School of Medicine and Dentistry, Griffith University, Australia</p>
11:45-11:55	<p>Discussant: Gopal Krishna Sarangi, Associate Professor and Head of the Department, TERI School of Advanced Studies, India</p>
11:55-12:00	Q&A
12:00-12:30	<p>Paper 13: Women's Socioeconomic and Intra Household Status and Household Food Poverty in Pakistan</p>
12:00-12:15	<p>Presenter: Maryyam Binte Ajaz, PhD Student, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Pakistan</p>
12:15-12:25	<p>Discussant: Moh. Shadiqur Rahman, Assistant Professor, Brawijaya University, Indonesia</p>
12:25-12:30	Q&A

12:30-13:00	Paper 14: Effects of Fishery Closure on the Nutrient Intakes of School-Aged Children in a Marine Protected Area in Davao De Oro, Philippines
12:30-12:45	Presenter: Pedro Alviola IV , Professor, School of Management, University of the Philippines-Mindanao, Philippines
12:45-12:55	Discussant: Rajendra Kumar , Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, India
12:55-13:00	Q&A
13:00-13:05	Ending session: Milan Thomas , Economist, Economic Research and Development Impact Department, ADB, Philippines
13:05-13:55	Long Break (50 minutes)
13:55-14:00	Session Chair: Asif Razzaq , Senior Research Specialist, CAREC Institute, People's Republic of China and ADBI, Japan
14:00-14:30	Paper 15: Importance of pulses in ensuring both food and nutritional security in India
14:00-14:15	Presenter: Jaya Jumrani , Senior Scientist, Indian Council of Agricultural Research-National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (ICAR-NIAP), India
14:15-14:25	Discussant: Christopher Gan , Professor of Accounting and Finance, Lincoln University, New Zealand
14:25-14:30	Q&A
14:30-15:00	Paper 16: Preference of freshwater exotic fish species and their nutritional values inhabited in the reservoirs of Badulla, Sri Lanka
14:30-14:45	Presenter: Chamari Lasanthini Coswatte , Lecturer, Department of Animal Science, Faculty of Animal Science and Export Agriculture, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka
14:45-14:55	Discussant: Bhagirath Behera , Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India
14:55-15:00	Q&A
15:00-15:30	Paper 17: Navigating Childhood to Ageing Nutritional Challenge in India: Empirical Evidence from Three Population-based Surveys in India
15:00-15:15	Presenter: Mukesh Kumar , PhD student, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India
15:15-15:25	Discussant: Alessia Destefanis , PhD Student, Economics, Paris School of Economics - Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, France
15:25-15:30	Q&A
15:30-15:45	Short Break (15min)
15:45-16:15	Paper 18: Rural-Urban Disparities in Women Malnutrition: A Study of Two Selected Districts from West Bengal, India

15:45-16:00	Presenter: Debashree Paul , PhD Student, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India
16:00-16:10	Discussant: Alessia Destefanis , PhD Student, Economics, Paris School of Economics - Université Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, France
16:10-16:15	Q&A
16:15-16:45	Paper 19: Does Greater Happiness Lead to Improved Food and Nutrition Security or vice versa?: A path analysis from the Indonesian Family Life Survey
16:15-16:30	Presenter: Isnawati Hidayah , Lecturer, Universitas Negeri Malang, Indonesia; Sapienza University of Rome, Italy and Leiden University, Netherlands
16:30-16:40	Discussant: Apoorva Nambiar , Research Scientist, Gender Equity and Health Project, Indian Institute of Population Sciences, India
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