

Time	Session	Facilitators and Speakers
Day 1—Understanding the Landscape		
9:30–9:45 a.m.	Opening Session	
	Welcome	Samantha Hung Director, Gender Equality Division Asian Development Bank
	Introductory Message	H.E. Saroja Savithri Paulraj Minister, Ministry of Women and Child Affairs Government of Sri Lanka
		Delivered by: Ketevan Chkheidze Gender Specialist, Asian Development Bank
9:45–10:20 a.m.	Fireside Chat	Facilitator: Samantha Hung Director, Gender Equality Division Asian Development Bank Speaker: Ramani Gunatilaka Development Economist Sri Lanka
10:20–10:45 a.m.	Group Photo and Coffee Break	
10:45–12:00 n.n.	Plenary 1: Women's Economic Empowerment in South Asia—Progress and Priorities	Facilitator: Veronica Mendizabal Joffre Senior Gender and Social Development Specialist, Asian Development Bank Speakers: Ritu Singh Head of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion, Energy Efficiency Services Limited, India P.G.P. Rasanjalie Deputy Director, Department of Development Finance, Ministry of Finance and Planning, Economic Development, Sri Lanka Maheen Sultan Senior Researcher, BRAC Institute, Bangladesh Kalpana Sankar Chairperson, Hand in Hand, India
12:00–12:45 p.m.	Lunch	
12:45–2:00 p.m.	Plenary 2: Barriers to Participation—What Holds Women Back?	Facilitator: Ketevan Chkheidze Gender Specialist, Asian Development Bank Speakers: Prashani Dias Programme Management Analyst/Head of Programmes, UN Women, Sri Lanka Nusrat Aman Chief Executive Officer, AYAT Education Foundation, Bangladesh

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		<p>Reena Thapa Chief, Women and Children Division, Secretariat to the National Commission for Women and Children, Bhutan</p> <p>Srijana Tiwari Undersecretary, Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Nepal</p> <p>Supria Kumar Bhattacharjee Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist, GFA Consulting Group, Bangladesh</p>
2:00-2:15 p.m.	Coffee Break	
2:15-3:30 p.m.	World Café: What-How-Now What?	<p>Facilitators:</p> <p>Tahrima Ahmed Social Development Officer, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Govind Desai Social Development Officer, Asian Development Bank</p>
3:30-5:00 p.m.	Plenary 3: Fishbowl Dialogue—The Road Ahead	<p>Facilitator:</p> <p>Nasheeba Selim Principal Social Development Officer, Asian Development Bank</p>
6:00-8:00 p.m.	Reception	
Day 2—From Dialogue to Action		
9:00-9:15 a.m.	Opening Session	<p>Cholpon Mambetova Country Operations Head, Sri Lanka Resident Mission, Asian Development Bank</p>
9:15-10:15 a.m.	Plenary 4: Sectoral Deep Dive— Unlocking Opportunities	<p>Facilitator:</p> <p>Deepa Ahluwalia Senior Social Development Officer, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Radhika Uppal Senior Technical Specialist - Gender & Development, International Center for Research for Women, India</p> <p>Upulka Samarakoon Vice President, John Keells Group, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Hon. Ahmed Shafeeu Minister of State, Higher Education, Labour and Skills Development, Maldives</p>

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		<p>Praveen Agrawal Chief of HR, IR, Facility Management & Health Services, Tata Power-DDL, India</p> <p>Chathini Uduwana Women in Tech Chapter Ambassador Sri Lanka</p>
10:15-10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break	
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Plenary 5: Women Entrepreneurs as Drivers of Growth	<p>Facilitator:</p> <p>Neeti Katoch Gender Specialist, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>Uresha Walpitagama Project Officer (Finance), Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Saman Priyankara Senior Manager for Credit, Regional Development Bank, Sri Lanka</p> <p>Simmi Dhingra Chief Risk Officer, Shubham Housing Finance, India</p> <p>Isha KC Chief Manager, Small Farmers Development Bank, Nepal</p>
11:30-12:15 p.m.	Action Labs: From Ideas to Action - Work in Groups	<p>Facilitator:</p> <p>Shuvechha Khadka Senior Social Development Officer, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Co-facilitators:</p> <p>Puri Gamon Social Development Officer, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Athifa Ibrahim Consultant, Asian Development Bank</p>
12:15-1:15 p.m.	Lunch	
1:15-1:45 p.m.	Plenary 6: Building Inclusive and Gender - Responsive Economies	<p>Facilitator:</p> <p>Ranmini Vithanagama Consultant, Asian Development Bank</p>
	Summary and Closing: The Road Ahead	<p>Facilitator:</p> <p>Ketevan Chkheidze Gender Specialist, Asian Development Bank</p>
2:00-6:00 p.m.	Project Site Visit (Optional)	