



ASIA-PACIFIC SOCIAL PROTECTION WEEK 2026

Empowered Lives, Resilient Futures

6-8 OCTOBER 2026 • ADB HEADQUARTERS, MANILA

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TUES 6 OCT | EMPOWERMENT

- 8:30 - 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 - 10:25 **OPENING SESSION**
KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Next-Generation Social Protection in Asia and the Pacific: What Do We Now Know and Where Do We Need to Go?
- 10:25 - 10:50 Networking Break (Tea/Coffee)
- 10:50 - 12:00 **High-Level Plenary 1:** Social Protection as a Platform for Empowerment
- 12:00 - 13:00 Lunch
- 13:00 - 14:15 **Session 1:** Food for Thought: Leveraging Social Protection to Improve Nutrition and Food Security
Session 2: Breaking Barriers: Enabling Gender Equality through Social Protection
- 14:15 - 15:15 Tea & Coffee Break/ Marketplace Rotating Booths
- 15:15 - 16:30 **Session 3:** A Pathway out of Poverty? The Power of Economic Inclusion Programs
Session 4: Advancing Autonomy: Disability-inclusive Social Protection
- 16:30 - 18:00 Networking Reception & Cocktails

WED 7 OCT | RESILIENCE

- 8:30 - 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 - 10:30 **KEYNOTE SESSION:** Boosting Resilience Amidst Polycrisis and Megatrends
High-Level Plenary 2: Boosting Resilience through Social Protection
- 10:30 - 11:00 Networking Break (Tea/Coffee)
- 11:00 - 12:15 **Session 5:** Is It Working for Our Workforce? Rethinking Social Insurance
Session 6: Weathering Future Storms: Adaptive and Shock-Responsive Social Protection
- 12:15 - 13:15 Lunch
- 13:15 - 14:30 **Session 7:** More than A Meal: School Feeding to Nourish Resilient Futures
Session 8: Generation Employed: Creating Youth Jobs through Labor Market Programs
Session 9: The Silver Surge: Preparing for Aging and Long-Term Care
- 14:30 - 15:15 Tea & Coffee Break/ Marketplace Rotating Booths
- 15:15 - 16:30 **Session 10:** Safety Nets and Springboards: The Evolving Role of Social Assistance
Session 11: Linking the Missing Middle: Social Security for Gig and Platform Workers

THURS 8 OCT | SUSTAINABILITY

- 8:30 - 9:00 Registration
- 9:00 - 9:30 **BIG IDEAS:** Social Protection in a World Without Jobs?
- 9:30 - 10:30 **FINAL KEYNOTE / High-Level Plenary 3:** Securing the Future of Social Protection
- 10:30 - 10:50 Tea & Coffee Break
- 10:50 - 12:05 **Session 12:** Systems Reboot: Social Protection in a Digital World
Session 13: Beyond This Budget Cycle: Making Social Protection Sustainable
- 12:05 - 13:40 Lunch
- 13:40 - 14:55 **Session 14:** Bringing Business to the Table: The Role of the Private Sector in Social Protection
Session 15: Stop Guessing, Start Knowing: The Power of Data and Evidence
- 14:55 - 15:30 **Key Takeaways and Areas for Future Collaboration**
- Closing Remarks