ASIA–PACIFIC CONTRACTUAL SAVINGS FORUM 2026

Mobilizing Life Insurance and Pension Funds for Resilience, Infrastructure, and Sustainable Growth in Asia and the Pacific

ADB

16–17 November | Pan Pacific Singapore, 7 Raffles Boulevard, Marina Square, Singapore

Day 1: 16 November 2026, Monday
Theme: Building Asia's Future through Private Pensions and Contractual Savings

09:30-10:00	**Registration**
10:00-10:35	**Inaugural Session** Formal inauguration of the Forum, establishing strategic relevance of pillar III contributory pensions, life insurance and annuities, and positioning of inclusive pensions and insurance as cornerstones of domestic capital mobilization and resilience.
10:40- 11:00	**Keynote Address** The keynote address shall highlight the role of contractual savings in enabling resilience, inclusion, and long-term growth for the region.
11:00 – 11:15	**Coffee Break**
11:15 -12:15	**Session 2: Strengthening Resilience of Ageing Asia** **Objective:** This session shall focus on how contractual savings—life insurance and private (Pillar III) pensions—strengthen fiscal stability and mobilize long term domestic capital. It will examine how expanding contributory pensions and life insurance coverage reduces governments' long-term exposure to ageing-related liabilities, particularly in economies with high informality and limited fiscal space.
12:15 – 13:45	**Networking Lunch**
13:45 -14:45	**Session 3: Creating Foundations for Growth and Stability** **Objective:** To emphasize the role of regulatory oversight, governance standards, and institutional capacity across Asia's private pension and life insurance systems to enhance financial integrity, operational efficiency, and public trust. The session will focus on improving transparency, data quality, and accountability mechanisms that underpin effective supervision and sound investment decision-making.
14:45 – 15:00	**Coffee Break**
15:00-16:00	**Session 4: Digital Transformation as a Systemic Lever to Contractual Savings** **Objective:** To appreciate how digital technologies as an operating system (digital infrastructure) can be leveraged to scale life insurance and pension coverage, improve administrative efficiency, and strengthen public trust in pension systems, in order to improve penetration of the life insurance and pensions (Pillar III) to the informal workers, gig economies, MSME entrepreneurs, and other excluded and vulnerable sections. The role of digital finance, DPI and digital operating infrastrucre as a systemic value enhancer shall be highlighted.
16:00-16:15	**Closure of the Day and De-brief**
17:15-19:00	Cocktail Reception hosted by Mr. Jackie B. Surtani, Regional Director, ADB, Singapore

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Day 2: 17 November 2026
Theme: **Investment, Markets, and Capital Mobilization**

09:30-10:00	**Registration**
10:00-10:25	**Keynote Address:** The keynote address shall highlight the investment possibilities in contractual savings for resource mobilisation, transition and long-term resilience.
10:30 – 11:30	**Session 2: Frontiers for Institutional Capital: Infrastructure, Climate, and Alternative Investments** **Objective:** This session will explore investment opportunities for life insurers and private pension funds in infrastructure funds, private credit, private equity, real estate, green and transition finance instruments, and other long-duration assets to diversify portfolios and meet Asia's development financing needs. Discussions will cover project availability, investment vehicles, risk-return profiles, transaction structures, credit enhancements, liquidity considerations, and the role of fund managers and development finance institutions in scaling investment opportunities.
11:30- 11:45	**Coffee Break**
11:45 – 12:45	**Session 3: Resilient Portfolios and Deeper Markets: Life Insurance and Pension Capital at Work** **Objective:** This session will examine how Asian life insurers and pension funds can build resilient portfolios through strong investment governance, asset-liability management, and risk-based strategic asset allocation. Discussions will cover duration, liquidity, credit, market, currency, concentration, and climate-related risks, as well as the governance, oversight, and institutional capabilities needed to prudently diversify while safeguarding policyholder and beneficiary interests.
12:30- 13:45	**Lunch Break**
13:45 -14:45	**Session 4: Catalyzing Asia's Contractual Savings Markets: The Role of MDBs and Global Financial Institutions** **Objective:** Drawing on lessons from across the Forum, this session will outline how governments, regulators, industry, MDBs, and global financial institutions can jointly advance inclusive and resilient contractual savings systems. It will define practical priorities for reform, capacity building, innovation, market development, risk sharing, and catalytic finance to expand insurance and pension coverage and mobilize long-term capital across Asia.T
14:45-15:15	**Closing Session** Senior ADB management will conclude the learning from the Forum highlighting the convergence opportunity, synthesizing insights on inclusion, market depth, capital mobilization, development impact, and public-private integration, including the call for innovation by governments, regulators, and industry.