

## WELCOMING REMARKS

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- Opening greetings, express appreciation for taking part
- Central and West Asia Regional Department's mission is as one team, partnering with countries in Central and West Asia in their pursuit of prosperity and their fight against poverty.
- The TAJ Resident Mission, together with the Office of Anticorruption and Integrity, are hosting today's event to improve executing and implementing agencies' knowledge of ADB's Anticorruption Strategy and bolster skills to prevent corruption and fraud in ADB-financed activities.
- ADB recognizes that many developing member countries struggle with improving good governance in public administration.
- To quote Earl Nightingale "Integrity is the seed for achievement. It is the principle that never fails." And this quote resonates as anticorruption and integrity have become a key agenda more than ever with the economic pressures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic as we move to the new normal and rebuild economies with transparency, trust, and integrity.
- In ADB's Strategy 2030, ADB committed to support our member countries efforts to eradicate corruption, promote corruption-free public services, and implement anticorruption measures in programs and projects financed by ADB.
- CWRD's commitment to support the ADB mission to promote integrity and eradicate corruption.
- Integrity and anticorruption are critical to achieve project objectives and ensure that project resources are used for their intended purpose.
- ADB's commitment to strengthen governance across Asia and the Pacific as it mitigates integrity risks, investigates integrity violations, and promotes integrity across ADB's stakeholders

- Our dialogue throughout today's forum will provide building knowledge blocks for a successful anticorruption and integrity agenda in ADB-financed projects focusing on three important areas:
  - The impact that corruption can have on projects that are critical to Tajikistan and its citizens
  - ADB's Anticorruption Strategy in eradicating corruption
  - ADB's expectations regarding corruption mitigation, prevention, and detection measures
- The session will also highlight some examples of fraud, corruption, collusion, and other integrity risks that our Office of Anticorruption and Integrity has detected or investigated.
- Let me thank you once again for your participation as we work together in fighting corruption and take forward ADB's commitment to mitigate integrity risks, investigate integrity violations, and continue to promote integrity among all ADB stakeholders.