



The COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated the importance of collective action among countries to address challenges that cross national borders and require cross-border solutions. This Webinar sets out and discusses an approach for understanding better the critical role of multilateral development banks (MDBs) supporting regional cooperation among countries in Asia-Pacific, to respond to and recover from the pandemic.

4:00 p.m. – 4:05 p.m. Welcome Remarks and Introduction to the Joint MDB Report and Webinar Series

Mr. Bruno Carrasco
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4:05 p.m. – 4:35 p.m. Presentations

“Objectives, Scope and Initial Key Findings of the Chapter on Innovating and Strengthening Cross-Border Collective Action”

Xiaoqin (Emma) Fan
Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Regional Cooperation Division
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“Innovating and Strengthening Collective Action for Responding to the COVID-19 Emergency and Fostering Recovery in the Region - The Experience of the Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Economic Cooperation Program”

HE Mr. Ros Seilava
Secretary of State, Cambodia GMS National Coordinator
Ministry of Economy and Finance, Royal Government of Cambodia

4:35 p.m. – 5:05 p.m. Panel Discussion

Moderator

Ms. F. Cleo Kawawaki
Senior Advisor, Central and West Regional Department, ADB

Panelists

Ms. Sisomboun Ounavong
Director General, Department of International Cooperation
Ministry of Planning and Investment, Lao PDR

Mr. Lav Agarwal
Joint Secretary
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, India

Ms. Yuping Zhu
First Secretary, Department of International Trade and Economic Affairs
Ministry of Commerce, People's Republic of China

Dr. Paula Vivili
Deputy Director-General
Science and Capability (Suva) Pacific Community (SPC)

5:05 p.m. – 5:25 p.m. Open Discussion

5:25 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Summary and Closing Remarks

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