

AGENDA

8:30 – 8:45 AM

Welcome Remarks by Mr. Scott Morris,

Vice-President (East and Southeast Asia, and the Pacific), Asian Development Bank (ADB)

8:45 – 9:15 AM

Keynote Speech by Dr. Soumya Swaminathan,

Former Chief Scientist, World Health Organization (WHO) and former Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India

9:15 – 10:45 AM

Session 1: Pandemic Preparedness—Lessons from COVID-19 and Other Health Crises

This session examines country experiences of responses to COVID-19 and other health crises and aims to draw lessons learned and good practices that shape innovative approaches to pandemic responses, preparedness, and health system resilience.

Moderator: Mr. Jae Kyoung Kim,

Health Specialist, Human and Social Development Sector Office, Sector Department 3, ADB

Speakers:

Dr. Rosanna Peeling, Emeritus Professor

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and Founding Director, International Diagnostics Centre (IDC)

Ms. Amanda McClelland,

Senior Vice President of Prevent Pandemics, Resolve to Save Lives

Dr. Hoon Sang Lee,

Chief Strategy Officer, RIGHT Foundation (Research Investment for Global Health Technology Fund), Republic of Korea

10:45–11:00 AM

Coffee Break



11:00-12:30 PM

Session 2: Creating A Multilateral Financing Mechanism for Pandemic Preparedness

This session discusses the design and setup of a new multilateral financing mechanism for DMCs to serve as a regional platform for health risk surveillance and pandemic responses, with support from MDBs, international organizations, and donors. The proposed financing mechanism will ensure strategic engagement with vaccine manufacturers and developers and undertake procurement of medical countermeasures on behalf of DMCs.

Moderator: Ms. Sofia Shakil,

Director, Human and Social Development Sector Office, Sectors Department 3, ADB

Speakers:

Mr. Javier Guzmán,

Division Chief, Health, Nutrition and Population, Inter-American Development Bank (virtual)

Dr. Frederik Kristensen,

Managing Director, Regionalized Vaccine Manufacturing Collaborative (RVMC)

Mr. Robert Boothe,

Principal Planning and Policy Economist, Strategy, Policy, and Partnerships Department, ADB (virtual)

12:30-1:30 PM

Lunch

1:30-3:00 PM

Session 3: Ensuring Access to Medical Countermeasures through Strategic Procurement

This session contemplates effective procurement strategies to ensure timely and equitable access to medical countermeasures (vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics including oxygen) in responses to future known and unknown health security threats. The discussions will guide how DMCs and MDBs can work together to implement advance purchase agreements, which provide the manufacturer some prepayment and a legally binding commitment to procure the vaccine conditional on regulatory authorization.

Moderator: Mr. Philipp Kalpaxis,

Principal Procurement Specialist, Procurement, Portfolio, and Financial Management Department, ADB

Speakers:

Dr. Prashant Yadav,

Senior Fellow for Global Health, Council on Foreign Relations (CFR)

Ms. Hui C. Yang,

Head of Supply Operations, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (virtual)

Mr. Santiago Cornejo,

Executive Manager, Regional Revolving Funds PAHO and former Director, Country Engagement at COVAX Facility

Mr. Jesper Pedersen

Director, Procurement, Portfolio and Financial Management Department (PPFD), ADB

3:00-3:15 PMCoffee Break

3:15-4:45 PM

Session 4: Bridging Financing Gaps for Pandemic Preparedness

This session explores the roles of MDBs, international organizations, and donors in bridging the financing gaps for pandemic preparedness in DMCs. The session aims to shed light on how ADB and other development partners can realign its priorities and existing financing modalities toward impactful pandemic preparedness investments.

Moderator: Mr. Dinesh Arora,

Principal Health Specialist, Human and Social Development Sector Office, Sector Department 3, ADB

Speakers:**Dr. Kalipso Chalkidou,**

Director of Health Financing and Economics, World Health Organization (virtual)

Mr. Eduardo P. Banzon

Director, Human and Social Development Sector Office, Sector Department 3, ADB

Ms. Patricia Rhee,

Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, ADB

Dr. Ruchir Agarwal

Co-Founder of the Global Talent Network and Global Talent Lab

4:45-5:30 PM

Closing Session: High-level Roundtable Discussion on Ways Forward**Moderator: Mr. Scott Morris,**

Vice-President (East and Southeast Asia, and the Pacific), ADB

Speakers:**H.E. Aminath Shirna**

Minister of State for Health, Maldives

Mr. Farkhodjon Tashpulatov

Deputy Minister of Health, Uzbekistan

drg. Murti Utami

Deputy Minister and Acting Director General, Ministry of Health, Indonesia

Ms. Ayako Inagaki

Senior Sector Director, Health and Social Development Sector Group, Sector Department 3, ADB

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Mr. Scott Morris currently oversees operations in East Asia, Southeast Asia, and the Pacific at the Asian Development Bank. He brings over 25 years of experience in international economic policy, specializing in development finance and debt policy. Before ADB, he was a Senior Fellow at the Center for Global Development and held senior roles in the US government, including Deputy Assistant Secretary for Development Finance and Debt at the US Treasury.



A seasoned public health official, Aminath Shirna serves as one of the Ministers of State for Health in Maldives. In her role at the Ministry of Health, she supports the formulation and implementation of national health policies, with a special focus on emergency preparedness, service delivery, and international collaboration.



Mr. Farkhodjon Tashpulatov was appointed Deputy Minister of Health of the Republic of Uzbekistan in 2023. In 2011-2021, he held a number of responsible positions in the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan. He also has an extensive experience in insurance sector.



drg. Murti Utami is a seasoned public servant with over three decades of experience in Indonesia's Ministry of Health. Since beginning her civil service career in 1992, she has held a range of key leadership roles that reflect her deep expertise in public administration and governance. Her longstanding service and leadership have been recognized with the Satyalancana Karya Satya medal for 20 years of exemplary service to the Republic of Indonesia.



Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, a renowned Indian physician and scientist, revolutionized medical practices through her significant contributions to tuberculosis and human immunodeficiency virus research, yielding a lasting impact on global health. As the former Chief Scientist of the World Health Organization, her committed approach to healthcare has been instrumental in linking scientific research and evidence to policy development.



Ms. Ayako Inagaki is the Senior Sector Director for the Health and Social Development Sector Group at ADB. She has led the planning, implementation, and supervision of ADB's lending and non-lending operations in the social sectors, that includes education and skills development, health, and social protection.



Dr. Jae Kyoung Kim focuses on advancing health sector operations in ADB developing member countries. His career encompasses roles with the World Health Organization, various government and non-government agencies, consulting firms, and academic institutions.



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Dr. Rosanna Peeling is currently Professor and Chair of Diagnostics Research at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM). She is also the Director of the International Diagnostics Centre (IDC).



Ms. Amanda McClelland is the Senior Vice President of Prevent Epidemics at Resolve to Save Lives, where she leads a team working to accelerate progress to make the world safer from epidemics.



Dr. Hoon Sang Lee works as the Chief Strategy Officer (CSO) of the RIGHT Fund (Research Investment for Global Health Technology Fund), established in July of 2018 as a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) funding agency in Korea dedicated to supporting global health R&D.



Ms. Sofia Shakil is a Director at the Human and Social Development Sector Office, Sectors Department 3, ADB. With an illustrious career spanning over two decades, Ms. Sofia Shakil has been a transformative leader in economic and social development across Asia.



Mr. Javier Guzmán is Division Chief for Health, Nutrition and Population at the Inter-American Development Bank. He is a medical doctor with over 20 years of experience in leading high performance teams and organizations in the public and private sectors.



Dr. Frederik Kristensen is the Managing Director of the newly launched Regionalized Vaccine Manufacturing Collaborative. With over 7 years of experience as the Deputy CEO of CEPI (Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations), he is a senior healthcare executive with a passion for driving innovations in global health.

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Mr. Robert Boothe is an economist and public sector expert with experience in public financial management, tax policy and administration, labor market activation, investment climate and competitiveness, public sector performance, governance and accountability.



Mr. Philipp Kalpaxis is currently a Principal Procurement Specialist at Asian Development Bank. Philipp Kalpaxis brings experience from previous roles at UNICEF and United Nations OCHA.



Dr. Prashant Yadav is a senior fellow for global health at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). He is a globally recognized expert in healthcare supply chains and has published extensively on health product manufacturing, procurement, and distribution.



Ms. Hui C. Yang is the Head of Supply Operations at the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Ms. Yang's experience across a wide range of markets and sectors has been gained over the course of a 16-year career with Procter & Gamble.



Mr. Santiago Cornejo has been the Executive Manager for PAHO's Regional Revolving Funds since 2022. Before joining PAHO, he held several positions in the Gavi Alliance. At Gavi, he led the development of the COVAX Facility, Gavi's Co-financing, Transition, and Eligibility, the Transparency and Accountability policies, and Gavi's Middle-Income Countries Strategy.



Mr. Jesper Pedersen is the Director of Procurement Division 1 of ADB's Procurement, Portfolio, and Financial Management Department. He has over 20 years of experience developing procurement policies and strategies and managing large procurement portfolios covering multiple sectors, including energy, transport, climate change, electoral support, and IT.



Mr. Dinesh Arora is a medical doctor specializing in public health and economics. He has more than 20 years of experience leading transformational public sector projects in South Asia, the Middle East, and North Africa.

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Dr. Kalipso Chalkidou is the Director of Health Financing and Economics at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva and a Visiting Professor of Global Health at the School of Public Health, Imperial College London.



Dr. Eduardo P. Banzon is ADB Director, Health Practice Team, Human and Social Development Sectors Office, Sectors Group who champions Universal Health Coverage and has long provided technical support to countries in Asia and the Pacific in their pursuit of this goal.



Ms. Patricia Rhee has more than 18 years of legal experience as an international finance lawyer in Australia, United Kingdom, and Asia and has advised on ADB's sovereign investment projects in the Southeast Asia, East Asia and Central and West Asia regions. Prior to joining ADB, Patricia was Vice President in the European Leveraged Finance legal team at Barclays Capital, London



Ruchir Agarwal is an M-RCBG Research Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School and Co-Founder of the Global Talent Network and Global Talent Lab. He worked at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for over a decade before that. He has also been a Senior Advisor to the G20 Finance Health Task Force and an Executive Fellow at the Yale School of Management.

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