

Inclusive, Sustainable, Prosperous and Resilient (INSPIRE) Health Systems in Asia and the Pacific

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Multilateral Financing for Pandemic Preparedness Symposium

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Overview

Pandemics like COVID-19 can shrink global GDP by trillions, reverse decades of development, and worsen poverty—especially in low- and middle-income countries facing a \$4.5 billion annual preparedness gap. ADB's APVAX delivered 675 million vaccine doses but revealed procurement and regulatory hurdles under first-come, first-served markets, underscoring the need for dedicated financing and streamlined processes.

In this symposium, government leaders, multilateral banks, health experts, and industry partners will co-develop a new financing mechanism for pandemic preparedness in Asia and the Pacific. They will discuss harmonized regulatory pathways, public–private collaboration, and regional cooperation to ensure timely access to vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics—and build a coordinated, resilient health security framework for future outbreaks.

Speakers/Contributors

- Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, former Chief Scientist, World Health Organization (WHO)
- Dr. Rosanna Peeling, Emeritus Professor, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
- Ms. Amanda McClelland, Senior Vice President of Prevent Pandemics, Resolve to Save Lives
- Dr. Hoon Sang Lee, Chief Strategy Officer, RIGHT Foundation
- Dr. Eduardo P. Banzon, Director, Health, Human and Social Development, ADB
- Mr. Javier Guzmán, Division Chief, Health, Nutrition and Population, Inter-American Development Bank
- Dr. Frederik Kristensen, Managing Director, Regionalized Vaccine Manufacturing Collaborative
- Mr. Robert Boothe, Principal Planning and Policy Economist, ADB
- Dr. Prashant Yadav, Senior Fellow for Global Health, Council on Foreign Relations
- Ms. Hui C. Yang, Head of Supply Operations, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis & Malaria
- Mr. Santiago Cornejo, Executive Manager, Regional Revolving Funds, Pan American Health Organization
- Dr. Kalipso Chalkidou, Director of Health Financing and Economics, WHO
- Ms. Patricia Rhee, Assistant General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, ADB

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