



SPEAKER PROFILE

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In his current role as Advisor to the Chief Partnerships Officer (CPO), Anouj is leading strategic activities that can build effective and forward-looking partnerships and collaborations for ADB as well as impactful and catalytic funds raising and utilization efforts. This cuts across governments, multilateral and bilateral development partners, philanthropic entities amongst others and also involves coordinating new partnerships on innovative finance initiatives for new development themes impacting the Asia Pacific region. Anouj was, between 2021-2026, the Country Director heading ADB's Thailand Resident Mission in Bangkok, where he led a repositioning of the office's strategic activities, both public and private sector, under an overall vision of creating an innovative and green incubator for Thailand and the Southeast Asia region for new themes and challenges. Special thematic initiatives launched included the Asean focused "GSS Bonds Initiative", Coastal and Floods Protection, Clean Air & Heat Initiative, Sponge Cities, Green Data Centers, etc, leading to a \$ 4 bn pipeline for ADB. He also led the creation of an Asia-Pacific wide Nature Solutions Finance Hub, launched at COP28 with 10 global partners. Prior to heading ADB in Thailand, Anouj created and headed the ASEAN Catalytic Green Finance (ACGF) facility, a pioneering regional facility under the ASEAN Infrastructure Fund, aimed at green recovery in the region with 13 partners and \$2 billion in financing support.

