







## Speakers' Bios



OPENING REMARKS				
	<i>Last Name</i>	Kho	<i>First Name</i>	M. Teresa
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	Director General, East Asia Department		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	<p>Ms. M. Teresa Kho is the Director General of the East Asia Department at the Asian Development Bank. The Department is responsible for ADB's engagement with the People's Republic of China (PRC); Hong Kong, China; Republic of Korea; Mongolia; and Taipei, China.</p> <p>Prior to this, she was the Deputy Director General of the East Asia Department (2017–2021), ADB's Country Director in India (2013– 2016) and Country Director in Bangladesh (2012–2013).</p> <p>Ms. Kho was Director of South Asia Urban Development and Water (2010–2011) and Director of the Office of Cofinancing Operations (2008–2010).</p> <p>Ms. Kho joined ADB in 1997 and worked in various departments, including Budget, Personnel and Management Systems Department; Office of the Vice-President Finance and Administration; South Asia Department; and Private Sector Operations Department.</p> <p>Before joining ADB, Ms. Kho spent 12 years in the U.S. private sector, performing finance, treasury, and audit functions for Fortune 500 companies.</p> <p>Ms. Kho obtained an MBA from Stanford University, California, U.S.A. in 1991 and B.A. Economics from the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, U.S.A. in 1983.</p>		
	<i>Last Name</i>	Zhukov	<i>First Name</i>	Yevgeniy
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	Director General, Central and West Asia Department		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	<p>Mr. Zhukov is a national of Kazakhstan. He holds a Master's degree in Economics from Claremont Graduate School, United States and a university diploma with distinction in Political Economy from Kazakh National</p>		

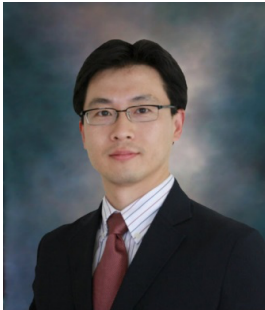

	<p>University, Kazakhstan. He has more than 27 years of professional work experience, including more than 26 years in ADB. He joined ADB in 1995 as a Young Professional. He progressed into increasing levels of responsibility across several departments and held senior level positions in the Pacific Department (PARD), the Department of Budget, People, and Management Systems (BPMSD), the Strategy, Policy and Partnerships Department (SPD) and the Office of the Secretary (OSEC). In PARD, he was appointed as the Regional Director in Sydney, Australia. In BPMSD, he led preparation of 4 ADB budgets, implementation of Enhanced Separation Program, and finalization of 2017 pension reform. As The Secretary, he ensured that OSEC delivered a very high standard of support to Management, Board and the rest of ADB amidst a challenging agenda. He led successful conduct of ADB's first Annual Meeting in a Pacific developing member country (DMC) in 2019 – Fiji, and ADB's first virtual Annual Meeting in 2020. He was appointed as Director General of Central and West Asia Regional Department effective January 2021. He is responsible for ADB operations in Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.</p>
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### SESSION 1



	<i>Last Name</i>	Karimova	<i>First Name</i>	Zulfia
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	Principal Regional Cooperation Specialist, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	<p>International development professional with diverse work experience, having worked with multilateral organizations like ADB, IMF, World Bank, UN; private sector and international NGOs, think tank/academia. Ms. Karimova has extensive experience in managing policy dialogue with senior government officials and complex programs in [sub]regional cooperation and integration (RCI), corporate finance and social sectors, as well as in strategic coordination and implementation of ADB-wide strategies and policies.</p> <p>Ms. Karimova led and coordinated multi-stakeholder and cross-sectoral efforts in the conceptualization and design of innovative development initiatives for ADB operations. She coordinates diverse range of RCI, trade and investment, capacity development, and co-financing. She manages RCI projects in the People's Republic of China,</p>		

		Mongolia, and subregional trade initiatives in the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Program and Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS).		
	<i>Last Name</i>	Ee	<i>First Name</i>	Max
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	CPMM Consultant		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	<p>Max Ee is a transport and logistics consultant based in Singapore. He has 23 years of experience in the domain of supply chain management, international trade facilitation and cross-border logistics. Max holds a Master of Science in Logistics, Graduate Diploma in Systems Analysis and a Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.) 2nd Upper Honours, awarded from National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University, both ranked 11th and 13th in QS World University Rankings 2021. His clientele included World Bank, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Asian Development Bank and International Trade Center.</p>		
	<i>Last Name</i>	Abdulloev	<i>First Name</i>	Ilhom
	<i>Institution</i>	CAREC Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Research and Knowledge Connectivity Specialist		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	<p>Ilhom Abdulloev is the Specialist on Research and Knowledge Connectivity at the CAREC Institute. He is a research fellow at the European Institute for the Study of labor and the Global Labor Organization, and the corresponding member of Engineering Academy of Tajikistan. Abdulloev graduated from the Tajik National University, attended advanced courses on International Trade in the Northeastern University of China, and earned an MLitt from the University of Saint Andrews (UK) and a PhD in economics from Rutgers University (USA).</p>		
<b>SESSION 2</b>				
	<i>Last Name</i>	Abdullaev	<i>First Name</i>	Iskandar
	<i>Institution</i>	CAREC Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Deputy Director II		

	<i>Short Bio</i>	<p>Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev holds MSc and PhD degrees from Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agriculture Mechanization Engineers (TIAME), Tashkent, Uzbekistan. Part of his PhD work Dr. Abdullaev conducted at Iowa State University (ISU), Iowa, USA.</p> <p>Dr. Iskandar Abdullaev joined Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute as Deputy Director in June, 2019. From 2013-2019 Dr. Abdullaev worked as an Executive Director of Regional Environmental Center (CAREC) for Central Asia.</p> <p>Prior joining of CAREC in 2009-2013, Dr. Abdullaev worked as regional advisor for Germany's Berlin Initiative-Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia (Programme) at the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ).</p>		
	<i>Last Name</i>	Sharafeyeva	<i>First Name</i>	Alfinura
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Adelaide		
	<i>Position</i>	Adjunct Fellow, School of Economics and Public Policy		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	<p>Dr Alfinura Sharafeyeva is a trade policy expert with eight years of consultancy experience with the Markets and Trade Division at FAO UN. Her main area of expertise covers various aspects of the agricultural trade policies in the post-Soviet countries. She holds a PhD in agricultural economics from the University of Adelaide, Australia. Her PhD thesis addresses issues with trade facilitation and agrifood exports in Central Asian countries.</p>		
	<i>Last Name</i>	Rosenkranz	<i>First Name</i>	Peter
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	Financial Sector Specialist, Public Management, Financial Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division, East Asia Department		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	<p><b>Peter Rosenkranz</b> is a Financial Sector Specialist in the Public Management, Finance Sector, and Regional Cooperation Division in the East Asia Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). In his role, he supports and leads origination, processing, and implementation of lending projects, guarantees, and technical assistance in the PRC and in Mongolia, with focus on financial sector development.</p>		

		<p>He held prior positions at the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) as an Advisor on economic and development policy, and the European Central Bank (ECB) as a Market Infrastructure Expert. He holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Zurich, Switzerland; and his Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Economics from the University of Konstanz, Germany.</p>		
	<i>Last Name</i>	Kim	<i>First Name</i>	Kijin
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Economist, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	<p>Kijin Kim is a Senior Economist at the Asian Development Bank. Since joining in 2017, he has been working on trade, trade facilitation, and trade finance within the context of regional cooperation and integration. He contributed to ADB's publications on these areas, including the Asian Economic Integration Report; Trade Finance Gaps, Growth, and Jobs Survey; and Asia-Pacific Trade Facilitation Report. Before joining the ADB, Kijin was a Research Fellow of the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory at the University of Illinois. Prior to that, he worked as an Economist at the Bank of Korea. Kijin earned his PhD in economics from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign in 2016.</p>		
	<i>Last Name</i>	Abesamis	<i>First Name</i>	Jerome
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	Economic Analyst (Consultant), Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	<p>An economic analyst currently engaged as a consultant working on trade-related projects with the Economic Research and Cooperation Department at the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He has a broad range of experience from providing cost-benefit analysis on proposed government programs to modelling the fiscal impact of proposed bills. He is currently a Phd candidate in economics from the University of the Philippines.</p>		
	<i>Last Name</i>	Aleksanyan	<i>First Name</i>	Lilia
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		

	<i>Position</i>	Economist, Regional Cooperation and Operations Coordination Division, Central and West Asia Department		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	Lilia Aleksanyan is an Economist at ADB's Central and West Asia Department. Before joining ADB, she worked at the French Ministry of Finance, Banque de France and taught at Sciences Po as well as the University of the Philippines. She is currently based in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, and works as a regional economist covering Central Asia. Her current work focuses on formulating ADB's country partnership strategy in the Kyrgyz republic, macroeconomic outlook analysis, policy advice and technical assistance. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the Paris School of Economics.		
	<i>Last Name</i>	Karymshakov	<i>First Name</i>	Kamalbek
	<i>Institution</i>	Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University		
	<i>Position</i>	Vice-Rector, Associate Professor		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	He is Vice-Rector of the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University. He was economist at CAREC Institute. He has 15 years of experience as an economist in Central Asian economies. Kamalbek holds Ph.D. in Economics from Yeditepe University (Istanbul, Turkey). He also had post-doctoral research fellowship at Free University of Berlin (2010-2011). His research interests include labor economics, migration, economic integration, infrastructure development, economic growth and development in Central Asia. He has applied economic analysis experience. He has project and consultancy experience on various topics of labor market, migration, public policy, and rural economic development.		
	<i>Last Name</i>	Hugot	<i>First Name</i>	Jules
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	Economist, Macroeconomics Research Division, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	Jules Hugot is a trade economist and an ADB staff based out of ADB's office in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. He contributes to ADB's macroeconomic monitoring and research work, covering trade, global value chains, tourism, and remittances. He also covers matters related to the Caucasus and Central Asia more broadly. Prior to joining ADB, he got a PhD from Sciences Po, taught at La Sorbonne, and was an Assistant Professor at Universidad		

		<p>Javeriana in Bogota, Colombia. His research relies on gravity models to explore the impact of trade policy and transport infrastructure on global trade patterns. Upon joining ADB, he worked on agriculture value chain development in Central Asia, and then on identifying suitable deals and processing loans for agribusiness companies in the Caucasus and Central Asia.</p>		
	<i>Last Name</i>	Samad	<i>First Name</i>	Ghulam
	<i>Institution</i>	CAREC Institute		
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Research Specialist		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	<p>Dr. Ghulam Samad is a Senior Research Specialist at the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute, ADB. Before joining CAREC Institute, Dr. Samad was a Senior Research Economist at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Ministry of Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives. Dr. Samad also served as an Economist at the Planning Commission of Pakistan. Dr. Samad holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Colorado State University, USA. He brings together an experience spanning over 15 years of high-level research and teaching, along with providing valuable contributions to peer-reviewed national and international journals and several international books on key economic themes. As a consultant, Dr. Samad worked as a consultant for International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Canada, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), and UN World Intellectual Property Organization (WTO).</p>		
	<i>Last Name</i>	Ramizo	<i>First Name</i>	Dorothea
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Economics Officer, Office of the Director General, East Asia Department		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	<p>Dorothea M. Ramizo is an Associate Economics Officer at EARD, ADB. She is a seasoned economics researcher in international trade, trade policy, and econometric analysis with several publications in peer-reviewed journals. She has completed her MA Economics from the University of the Philippines and obtained her Master of Laws (LL.M.) from Hamburg University, Ghent University, and Erasmus University Rotterdam as an Erasmus Mundus scholar.</p>		

		She is currently working on her PhD Economics dissertation at Curtin University, Australia.		
	<i>Last Name</i>	Avendano	<i>First Name</i>	Rolando
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	Economist, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	Rolando Avendano is an economist in the Economic Research and Cooperation Department of ADB. His research focuses on regional integration, cross-border investment, and competitiveness in emerging economies. Prior to joining ADB, he worked for the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris, France. He holds a PhD in economics from the Paris School of Economics (PSE).		
<b>CLOSING</b>				
	<i>Last Name</i>	Terada-Hagiwara	<i>First Name</i>	Akiko
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank		
	<i>Position</i>	Principal Economist, Office of the Director General, East Asia Department		
	<i>Short Bio</i>	Akiko Terada-Hagiwara is a Principal Country Specialist at the Resident Mission in the People's Republic of China of East Asia Department in charge of economics and strategy of ADB's operations in the People's Republic of China. She was also at the Economics Research and Regional Integration Department contributing to ADB's research agenda. Outside ADB, she held various positions at Institute for Monetary and Economic Studies of the Bank of Japan, Global Insight and the World Bank. Her areas of expertise are in international finance, development economics, macroeconomic policies, knowledge management. She holds Ph.D. in Economics from George Washington University and B.A. from Osaka University.		