



rule of law for inclusive & sustainable development:

ADB'S LAW AND POLICY REFORM PROGRAM AT WORK

4 May 2018, 3:30–4:30 pm, Learning Resource Center 3, ADB HQ

Panelists

Ambeng Kandakasi

Justice, Supreme and National Courts of Justice of Papua New Guinea (PNG)

Justice Kandakasi will discuss the positive development impacts of having an effective dispute resolution regime through international arbitration in Pacific developing member countries (DMCs), which helps enhance the investment climate to attract more foreign direct investment and cross-border trade. He will also speak on ADB-led legislative reforms in the region, including the Fiji International Arbitration Act 2017 and ongoing arbitration reform in PNG.



Samar Minallah Khan

Anthropologist and International Award-winning Documentary Filmmaker

Ms. Minallah Khan will speak about the underappreciated yet essential role gender equality plays in sustainable development. She will also touch upon culturally sanctioned forms of violence against women and girls, the manner by which the law and the courts can be used to eliminate these practices, and how ADB has successfully used non-traditional media and art to advance legal literacy at the grassroots level.



Neil Jensen

International Anti-Money Laundering/Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Specialist and Former CEO of AUSTRAC (Australia's Anti-Money Laundering Regulator and Financial Intelligence Unit)

Mr. Jensen will explain ADB efforts to assist DMCs comply with international AML/CFT standards issued by the Financial Action Task Force. These involve working with banks, financial intelligence units, and other stakeholders, and have helped DMCs assess their money laundering and terrorist financing risks and produce corresponding mitigating measures.



Sonia Chand Sandhu

Senior Advisor to the Vice President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB

Ms. Sandhu will talk about ADB's multi-stakeholder approach to combating environmental degradation, including how the Office of the General Counsel has systemically designed an environmental rule of law program through a top-down (chief justices and legislatures) and bottom-up (academe and civil society) approach. She will also share the significant impacts of this program, and how it was broadened to include emerging climate change issues.



Irum Ahsan

Senior Counsel for Law and Policy Reform, ADB

Ms. Ahsan will talk about ADB's Law and Policy Reform Program, in particular how gender equality is foundational for any rule of law initiative. She will also discuss the issues and challenges women face at this time and age, the barriers to justice that they encounter, and what ADB has done to eliminate gender inequalities. She will also briefly talk about ADB's environment and climate justice work.



Moderators

Christopher Stephens

General Counsel, ADB



Christina U. Pak

Senior Counsel, ADB

