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Speaker Biographies (by session)

Opening Session



Tetsushi Sonobe

Dean and CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

Tetsushi Sonobe is the Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), the Tokyo-based think tank of the Asian Development Bank that promotes the realization of a prosperous, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable Asia and the Pacific through policy research and capacity building. Born in 1960 in Tokyo, Dean Sonobe obtained his PhD in economics from Yale University and BA in economics from the University of Tokyo. His research interests include the empirics of economic development, particularly industrial development processes and poverty reduction in developing countries.

Dean Sonobe has more than 20 years' experience analyzing the role of human capital, institutions, and management in industrial development in Asia and other regions. Notably, he and prominent agricultural and development economist, Keiji Otsuka, applied their unique enterprise survey approach to a series of development process case studies in different industries in East Asia. They expanded the scope of their industry study to cover South Asia, Africa, and Central America and conducted randomized controlled trials of management training programs for business owners and managers. Before joining ADBI in April 2020, Dean Sonobe served for six years as a vice president of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo. He also previously served as a professor of economics at Tokyo Metropolitan University and GRIPS. Dean Sonobe is a recipient of the Nikkei Book Publication Prize and the Masayoshi Ohira Memorial Prize, and a founding board member of the Japanese Association for Development Economics.



Stefano Scarpetta

Director, Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Stefano Scarpetta has been the Director of the Employment, Labour and Social Affairs (ELS) Directorate of the OECD since 2013. He leads the work of the Organisation in a number of broad areas including Employment, Labour, Migration, Health, Skills, Gender and Tackling Inequalities and contributes to the implementation of the Secretary-General's strategic orientations in these areas. Stefano represents the OECD in the G20 and G7 and many other high-level international fora on labour market, social, migration and health issues. Under his leadership, ELS provides continuous assistance and support to countries in the design, implementation and evaluation of policies drawing from evidence-based analyses of how policy affects different economic, labour and social outcomes. His advice has contributed to numerous policy reforms in OECD countries and beyond, and new policy thinking in areas ranging from inequalities, labour market inclusion and the future of work, social protection for all, the integration of migrants, the economics of public health and patient-centred health care.

Prior to 2013, Mr. Scarpetta held different positions in the OECD, leading a number of large-scale, innovative projects. He wrote the first assessment of the original OECD Jobs Strategy (Implementing the OECD Jobs Strategy). He was also in charge of the seminal work conducted by the Economics Department on the "Sources of Economic Growth", which for the first time also included firm-level analyses, and later led to the regular assessment of Going for Growth. Stefano also developed a new framework to assess "The Policy Challenges of Population Ageing".

From 2002 to 2006 he was the labour market advisor and lead economist at the World Bank in charge of the Bank-wide programme of Employment and Development; he authored a number of reports and was one of the leading authors of the 2005 World Development Report. Upon his return to the OECD in 2006, he led the economic reviews of Japan, Korea, Mexico, Portugal, Denmark, Sweden, China and India. In 2008 he moved back to ELS as the Head of the Employment Analysis and Policy Division and the editor of the Employment Outlook. In 2010, he became the Deputy Director of ELS.

Mr Scarpetta has published extensively in academic journals, including in the American Economic Review, the Economic Journal, Economic Policy, the International Journal of Industrial Organisation and Labour Economics. He holds a PhD in Economics from the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris), a M.Sc. in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a Laurea Summa cum Laude from the University of Rome "La Sapienza".



Panudda Boonpala

Deputy Regional Director, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, International Labour Organization (ILO)

Ms. Panudda Boonpala is appointed Deputy Regional Director of the ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, with effect from 1 January 2018. Prior to that, Ms Boonpala has held the position of Director of the ILO Decent Work Team for South Asia and Country Office for India. Ms. Boonpala has been with the ILO since 1995, serving the ILO in Geneva, Bangkok, Dhaka and New Delhi. Her professional experience covers several areas in the World of Work, working with Government, employers' organizations and trade unions, on issues such as social protection, fundamental principles and rights at work, labour market governance, labour migration, informal economy workers, youth employment and skills training. Ms Boonpala holds an MA in Labour Administration and Management from the Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand.

Keynote Speaker



Nedret Emiroglu

Director, Country Readiness Strengthening, Health Emergencies Programme, World Health Organization (WHO)

Dr Nedret Emiroglu (MD, PhD) is a medical doctor and health expert with over 30 years of experience, mostly in the United Nations. Her expertise spans all fields of public health and development work. This is coupled with a track record of leadership roles where she has contributed to crafting global health policy.

Currently, Dr Nedret Emiroglu is the Director of Country Readiness Strengthening in the Health Emergencies Programme at WHO Headquarters, before taking up her currently role, she was the Director of Division of Health Emergencies and Communicable, and Director of Programme Management at the WHO Regional Office for Europe. During this period, she led efforts to support countries prepare for and respond to health emergencies, and to prevent and control infectious diseases.

Session One



Jean-Christophe Dumont

Head, International Migration Division, OECD

Jean-Christophe Dumont has been the Head of the International Migration Division in the Direction for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD since 2010. He joined the OECD Secretariat in 2000 to work on international migration issues. He oversees the OECD annual flagship publication on migration International Migration Outlook and of numerous publications on the economic impact of international migration as well as on migration management and the labour market integration of immigrants and their children

in OECD countries. He has also worked on migration and development issues and on the international mobility of health workers. He holds a PhD in development economics from the University Paris IX-Dauphine and was a research fellow at Laval University, Quebec, Canada.



Nilim Baruah

Senior Regional Labour Migration Specialist, Decent Work Team, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, ILO

Nilim Baruah has been working on **migration issues** since 1998 and earlier in the **development** field. Before assuming his current responsibilities as **Senior Migration Specialist** at the **ILO (International Labour Organization)** Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok in 2011, he was the **Chief**

Technical Adviser (CTA) of ILO technical cooperation labour migration projects in Southeast Asia (2010-11) and Eastern Europe/Central Asia (2007-2010). Earlier he headed **IOM's (International Organization for Migration)** Labour Migration unit in Geneva from 2002-2007. He has authored several papers on labour migration, recruitment and remittances. Prior to the IOM, Nilim Baruah worked in the development field with **Oxfam (U.K/Ireland)** as the Country Representative in Yerevan, Armenia (1995-2002) and Regional Representative in Bhubaneshwar, India (1991-94). He studied **Development Studies** at **Carleton University, Ottawa**, (1984-86) where he obtained a **Master's Degree in International Affairs**.



Pitchaya Sirivunnabood
Capacity Building and Training Economist, ADBI

Pitchaya's expertise is international economics and finance, specializing in regional economic integration and financial cooperation as well as bilateral and multilateral free trade agreements, development of financial markets, and international/ transnational investment.

Prior to joining ADBI, she was an assistant director and the head of finance integration division at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia. She was senior researcher, providing policy advocacy and consultancy for a Thai government think tank, the UNDP's Asia Pacific Regional Office, and the European Association for Business and Commerce. She was also an assistant director and macroeconomist at the ASEAN Integration Monitoring Office, in charge of surveillance and monitoring process for the ASEAN Economic Community. She has a PhD in international economics (trade and finance) from the University of Utah, United States.

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Shabarinath Nair
Regional Labour Migration Specialist, Decent Work Team for South Asia, ILO

Mr. Shabari Nair is the Labour Migration Specialist for South Asia, based in the ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team (DWT) in New Delhi. He provides technical advisory services to seven countries in the sub region: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. Before joining the DWT, he was leading ILO's work on global migration policy including for the inter-governmental negotiations and adoption of the Global Compact for Migration and for the newly established UN Network on Migration with postings in both the ILO Headquarters in Geneva and at the ILO's office for the United Nations in New York. He was also focal point for Asia and the Middle East in the Labour Migration Branch. Prior to joining the ILO, he worked with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Government of Switzerland.



Jitender Singh
Director, Indian Economic Service (Batch-2008), Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, India

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Ph.D. From Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Previous positions:
Assistant Director, Department of Industrial Promotion and Policy, Ministry of Commerce

Deputy Director, Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance
Joint Director, Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation
Joint Director, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
Joint Director, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance

International deputation and training

Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines in Asian Regional Cooperation and Integration Roundtable Conference on 'The Future of Regional Cooperation and Integration and Productivity' 2014
International Training Programme on "Economic Policy and Analysis, conducted by Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore (from 23 to 27 March 2015)

Publications

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Nasreen Jahan

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Expatriates, Welfare, and Overseas Employment, Bangladesh

I belong to Bangladesh Civil Service Administration Cadre. Total 30 years of work experiences. I served 2 years in teaching profession and last 28 years in Bangladesh Civil Service (Administration, development and international cooperation area). During last 28 years I served in 5 ministries of Bangladesh and 1 overseas mission in Dubai and field administration where my job responsibilities are to administer, manage different public policy issues and supervise development policy/program/projects of Bangladesh. I closely work with different development partners (including ILO, IOM, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNDP, WB, ADB, IDB) for negotiation and external resource mobilization for development projects.



Hans Leo J. Cacdac

Administrator, Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA), Philippines

The Administrator of the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) was born in Manila in 1968. He finished both his Bachelor and Juris Doctor Degree from the Ateneo de Manila University and a Master of Comparative Law from the Cumberland School of Law in Stanford University.

Before joining the government, Administrator Cacdac was a lawyer for the Sentro ng Alternatibong Lingap Panligal (SALIGAN) or the Alternative Legal Assistance Center providing developmental legal work with women, farmers, workers, the urban poor, indigenous people and local communities in the Philippines. Administrator Cacdac headed important offices under the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) prior his appointment as OWWA Administrator in October 1, 2016. He was the Director of Bureau of Labor and Relations (2001 to 2005), Executive Director of National Conciliation and Mediation Board (2005 to 2006), Deputy Administrator of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) from 2006 to 2010 and as POEA Administrator in 2012. Administrator Cacdac also served as a DOLE Undersecretary for Labor Relations.

Under his leadership, OWWA continues to strengthen welfare protection especially to vulnerable OFWs and their families through implementation of different programs and services notably the enactment of Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 10801, otherwise known as the OWWA Act. Included among the many achievements of Administrator Cacdac are the forging of Memorandum of Agreement on Child Protection with the Department of Social Welfare Division and the Department of Justice; implementation of the Marine Financial Subsidy for Marine Deck and Engine Officers who intend to take up MLC management level courses; initiated partnership with the LandBank of the Philippines for online payment and creation of OWWA Member Mobile App.

Administrator Cacdac represented the Philippines as Vice-Chair of the Special Tripartite Committee (STC) of the Maritime Labour Convention (MLC), and as Vice-Chair of the ASEAN Committee on Migrant Workers (ACMW).

Among the many involvements of Administrator Cacdac in international policy formulation included chairing the ILO Committee on Domestic Workers, chairing the ILO Tripartite Workshop on Private Employment Agencies; and heading the Philippine Delegation in the ILO Experts Meeting on Formulation of Maritime Labour Convention Flag and Port State Inspection Guidelines.

Administrator Cacdac is a Lifetime Member of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), and was the 2010 Bar Examiner in Labor and Social Legislation. He is a member of the Faculty of the Ateneo de Manila Law School. Administrator Cacdac has written articles on Philippine industrial relations, workers' protection and land use and human settlements, published in the Ateneo Law Journal, Philippine Journal of Industrial Relations, and the Journal of the IBP.

He is married to Ruby Alvarez from Davao City. They have a seven-year old daughter, Lourdes Severine.

Session 4



Alex Chen

**Director Plans, Assurance, Care and Engagement (ACE) Group,
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As Director Plans, Alex oversees plans, policy and data for ACE Group, which is the new Division set up by the Ministry of Manpower of Singapore to support migrant workers and dormitory operations.



Seori Choi

**Senior Policy Researcher, Migration Research and Training Centre
(MRTC), Republic of Korea**

Seori Choi is a senior policy researcher at the Migration Research and Training Center (MRTC) based in Seoul, Korea. She has done extensive research on labor migration to Korea and served in an advisory role to national and local authorities in matters relating to migrant workers and their employers. Her research focus has been on establishing pathways and mechanisms for regular migration of workers at all skill levels.

Session 5



Pataraporn Samantarath
Assistant Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Thailand

Former Directory of Inspection and Evaluation Bureau and Director of Surathani Provincial Labour Office, Ministry of Labour, Thailand. Current position is the Assistant Permanent Secretary, responsible for migrant workers and other issues assigned by the Permanent Secretary. She holds a Bachelor of Political Science.



Dharendra Wardhana
Senior Planner, Directorate of Manpower, National Development Planning Agency/BAPPENAS, Indonesia

Dharendra has been awarded PhD on Development Studies with reference to Emerging Economies from King's College London in 2018 and has been working at National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS) since 2006. An economist by training and self-proclaimed historian, he enjoys writing in his spare time. His published op-eds and articles are listed in <https://goo.gl/VZiuZ3>.

Session 6



Jonathan Chaloff
Senior Policy Analyst, OECD

Jonathan Chaloff is a Senior Policy Analyst and comparative migration policy expert at the International Migration Division of the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), specialised in admission policies and management of economic migration. He has written and co-written

OECD book chapters and working papers.

He has worked directly with a wide range of governments and non-governmental organisations for 20 years. Prior to coming to the OECD in 2007, he was the immigration specialist for the Italian foundation Censis (1997-2004). He has also worked for international organisations on migration management issues in origin countries.

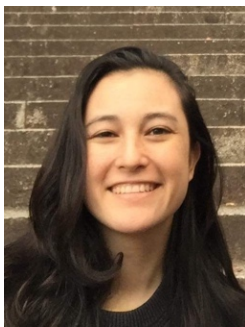
He was the correspondent for Italy to the OECD's SOPEMI network from 1998 to 2006, and co-ordinated a trilateral working group on implementation of the 1998 Italian framework immigration law (1998-2002).



Aiko Kikkawa

Economist, Economic Research and Cooperation Department, Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Aiko Kikkawa is Economist at the Economic Research and Cooperation Department of the Asian Development Bank. She covers research portfolio of international migration and remittances, aging and demographic change, and economic analysis of ADB projects. Prior to joining ADB, she was with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) where she led technical assistance programs on overseas employment policy, remittances, and disaster relief operation targeting mobile population. Ms. Kikkawa obtained her Ph.D. in Development Economics from the National Graduate Institute of Policy Studies, Japan, and Master's degree in Forced Migration from the University of Oxford, UK.



Rachael Kawasaki

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Rachael Kawasaki is a trainee in the International Migration Division at the OECD. Previously, she interned in the UNESCO Bangkok Lifelong Learning and Literacy team, providing data analysis on learning outcomes for migrant youth. Currently, she is pursuing a Ph.D. at Kyoto University, focusing on cross-national attitudes towards immigrants using network science.



Cindy Justo

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Cindy is a consultant at the Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department of Asian Development Bank. Her main research interests are in labor, international, and development economics, and particularly on migration, services trade and trade policy, poverty and inequality, and development aid. She holds a Master of Science in Economics from the University of Sussex, UK.