



Tentative Agenda as of 8 March 2021

**ADBI-BMGF Partnership:
Roundtable Discussion on *Sanitation and Development***

Organized by: Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) and Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS), UK

20-21 April 2021

[\[Registration link for audience\]](#)

<p><u>20 April 2021</u> 09:00-10:30 JST [17:00-18:30 PDT (Seattle) 19 April 2021]</p> <p>Day 1: Impacts of Sanitation on Development Outcomes</p> <p>Moderator: Mitzi Borromeo</p> <p>Chair: Roshan Shrestha, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)</p> <p>Panelists: Erin McCusker, LIXIL Alyse Schrecongost, BMGF Dil Rahut, ADBI Claire Chase, World Bank</p> <p>The first session focuses on the impacts of sanitation on various development outcomes. Empirical evidence supports the notion that improved sanitation access can lead to better health and education outcomes among individuals living in developing countries. Evidence indicates a significant decrease in childhood cases of diarrhea and an overall decline in infant mortality under the right conditions. Likewise, improvements in school sanitation facilities, make it possible for girls to catch up with boys in terms of enrollment, which in turn has been shown to lead to lower gender gaps in school participation at the primary, secondary, and tertiary levels. Future empirical work on sanitation may investigate how to achieve the right improvement in sanitation environments, as well as other potential downstream effects, such as employment, individual income, marriage decisions, or other spillover effects at the household- and community-level.</p>	
09:00 - 09:05 JST	<p><i>Welcome Remarks</i></p> <p>Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean and CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)</p>
09:05 - 09:10 JST	<p><i>Chair's Remarks</i></p> <p>Roshan Shrestha, BMGF</p>

<p>09:10 - 09:20 JST</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Roundtable Discussion 1:</u> <i>Health, Environment, and Spillover Effects</i></p> <p><i>Policy Questions: To what extent does improved sanitation affect health outcomes? How can governments ensure that sanitation programs benefit children’s health? How does sanitation contribute to environmental protection? What are the positive spillover effects of sanitation to other community members? How does the COVID-19 pandemic put a spotlight on the importance of sanitation for global health?</i></p> <p>Presentation 1: Emily Pakhtigian, Pennsylvania State University Presentation 2: Orazio Attanasio, Yale University</p>
<p>09:20- 09:50 JST</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Roundtable Discussion 1/ Q&A</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Co-moderator: Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak, Yale University</p>
<p>09:50- 10:00 JST</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Roundtable Discussion 2:</u> <i>Education, Employment, Income, and Marriage Market</i></p> <p><i>Policy Questions: How does sanitation improve the educational outcomes of girls and boys (i.e., through which channels)? What are ways to encourage schools to prioritize sanitation infrastructure? What does long-term micro-level data reveal on the positive impacts of sanitation on employment and income? What are the downstream impacts on marriage decisions? How is data availability an issue for further empirical work on sanitation?</i></p> <p>Presentation 3: Jennifer Orgill-Meyer, Franklin & Marshall College Presentation 4: Sanghmitra Gautam, Washington University in St Louis</p>
<p>10:00- 10:25 JST</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Roundtable Discussion 2/ Q&A</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Co-moderator: Anjali Adukia, University of Chicago</p>
<p>10:25 - 10:30 JST</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Wrap Up and Closing Remarks</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kala Vairavamoorthy, International Water Association</p>

21 April 2021
19:00-20:30 JST
[11:00-12:30 GMT (UK)]

Day 2: Challenges and “Wicked Problems” in Sanitation Finance and Delivery

Moderator: Mitzi Borromeo

Chair: Deputy Dean Seungju Baek, ADBI

Panelists: Molly Lipscomb, University of Virginia
 Elizabeth Tilley, ETH Zurich
 Antonella Bancalari, Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS)
 Venugopal Gupta, Toilet Board Coalition
 Johann Caro-Burnett, Hiroshima University

The second session aims to tackle key issues and challenges in sanitation finance, investments, and delivery. In recent decades, governments, international agencies, private organizations – and indeed individuals - have invested substantial amounts in sanitation infrastructure and service delivery. However, the sector continues to face challenges, including efficiently allocating funds across various programs, boosting investments from stakeholders, developing effective marketing strategies, constructing and maintaining sanitation infrastructure, and encouraging households to invest in and utilize sanitation facilities. Now more than ever, practitioners strive to explore innovative approaches to address these persistent issues.

19:00 - 19:05 JST	<p><i>Chair’s Remarks</i></p> <p>Deputy Dean Seungju Baek, ADBI</p>
19:05- 19:15 JST	<p><i><u>Roundtable Discussion 3:</u></i> <i>Sanitation Finance and Investments</i></p> <p><i>Policy Questions: What are the current and longstanding challenges in financing sanitation? What are the possible ways to address financial constraints in long-term service provision? How can investments be allocated efficiently? How can private-public partnership play a key role? What are strategies to ensure cost-effectiveness of sanitation projects?</i></p> <p>Presentation 5: Michael Bennon, Stanford University Presentation 6: Bansi Malde, IFS</p>
19:15- 19:45JST	<p><i>Roundtable Discussion 3/ Q&A</i></p> <p>Co-moderator: Britta Augsburg, IFS</p>

<p>19:45- 19:55 JST</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Roundtable Discussion 4:</u> <u>Service Delivery and Technology</u></p> <p><i>Policy Questions: What are the issues in implementing and delivering sanitation, especially to poor urban and rural households? What is the role of technology (i.e., online payment systems) in improving sanitation delivery and access? What are the available low-cost scalable technology that can be used? How can governments implement innovative ways to increase utilization of sanitation facilities? What forms of subsidies, to both manufacturers and recipients, can be most effective in influencing toilet usage or discouraging open defecation?</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presentation 7: Laura Abramovsky, IFS Presentation 8: Alex Armand, IFS</p>
<p>19:55- 20:25 JST</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Roundtable Discussion 4/ Q&A</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Co-moderator: Olivia Jensen, National University of Singapore</p>
<p>20:25- 20:30 JST</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wrap Up and Closing Remarks</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">KE Seetha Ram, ADBI</p>