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New Zealand Infrastructure Commission Board Chair Alan Bollard on the Role of Infrastructure in COVID-19 Recovery
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Speaker Biographies

Alan Bollard, Board Chair, New Zealand Infrastructure Commission
Alan Bollard was appointed as the inaugural Board Chair of the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission upon its establishment in 2019. A professor of practice at Victoria University of Wellington’s business school, he served as Executive Director of the APEC Secretariat in Singapore from 2013-2018 and Reserve Bank of New Zealand Governor from 2002-2012. He holds a PhD in economics from the University of Auckland.

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Tetsushi Sonobe is Dean and CEO of ADBI. His interests are centered on the empirics of economic development, particularly the roles of industrial clusters, human capital, social capital, management practices, and market competition in industrial development in developing Asia and other regions. He previously served as a vice president of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo. He obtained his PhD in economics from Yale University.

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Nella Hendriyetty is a Senior Capacity Building and Training Economist at ADBI. Prior to joining ADBI, she served as deputy director for the G20 forum at the Fiscal Policy Agency, Ministry of Finance, Indonesia. She holds a PhD in economics from Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia.

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Dina Azhgaliyeva is a Research Fellow at ADBI, specializing in energy policy, particularly renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage policies. Previously, she worked in the energy economics division of the Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore. She holds a PhD from the University of Essex.

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John Beirne is a Research Fellow at ADBI, specializing in international finance and macroeconomics. Previously, he worked at the European Central Bank where he focused mainly on research and analysis of global financial market developments, commodities, and financial stability, as well as global governance issues. He holds a PhD in economics from Brunel University.