



## Biographies of Speakers


### Rural Economic Transformation: Pathways to Inclusive and Sustainable Prosperity in Post-COVID-19 Asia


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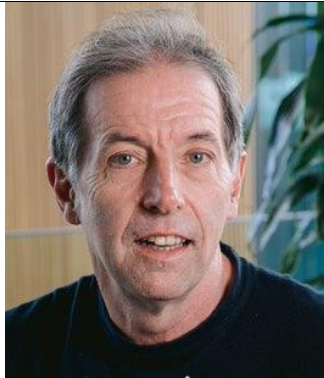
	<i>Name</i>	Tetsushi Sonobe
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
	<i>Position</i>	Dean
<b>Short Bio</b>		
<p>Tetsushi Sonobe is the Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), the Tokyo-based think tank of the Asian Development Bank that promotes the realization 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 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. 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 and taught economics for thirty years 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.</p>		

	<i>Name</i>	Mio Oka
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
	<i>Department</i>	Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Division in the South Asia Department
	<i>Position</i>	Director

#### Short Bio


Mio Oka is currently the Director of the Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture Division in the South Asia Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Since 2015, she has been responsible in administering several climate adaptation projects including flood and coastal management, water use efficiency, rural connectivity improvement and agriculture value chain projects in the following ADB developing member countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka.

Mio has over 20 years of experience in research, planning, designing, and implementing agriculture and rural development projects in South America, Southeast and South Asia, gained through her work with development organizations and ADB. She obtained her master's degree MSc (Econ.) in Social Policy and Planning in Developing Countries and bachelor's degree in Development Studies and Politics from the University of London (London, UK).

	<i>Name</i>	John Charles Quiggin
	<i>Institution</i>	The University of Queensland
	<i>Department</i>	School of Economics
	<i>Position</i>	Professor


#### Short Bio

John Quiggin is a Professor of Economics at the University of Queensland. He is a prominent research economist and commentator on Australian and international economic policy. He has produced over 2000 publications, including seven books and over 250 refereed journal articles, in fields including decision theory, environmental economics and industrial organization. He is an active contributor to Australian public debate in a wide range of traditional and social media.

	<i>Name</i>	Edward Barbier
	<i>Institution</i>	Colorado State University (CSU)
	<i>Department</i>	Department of Economics
	<i>Position</i>	University Distinguished Professor


#### Short Bio

Edward B. Barbier is a University Distinguished Professor in the Department of Economics, Colorado State University and a Senior Scholar in the School of Global Environmental Sustainability. His main expertise is environmental and resource economics as well as international environmental policy. He has consulted for a variety of national, international and non-governmental agencies, including many UN organizations, the World Bank and the OECD. He has authored over 300 peer-reviewed journal articles and book chapters, written or edited 26 books, and published in popular journals and social media. Barbier is a Fellow of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists and is a highly cited scholar on global environmental and sustainability issues. He is the author of *The Water Paradox: Overcoming the Global Crisis in Water Management*. Yale University Press, New Haven and London.

	<i>Name</i>	Nauman Ejaz
	<i>Institution</i>	International Islamic University Islamabad
	<i>Department</i>	School of Economics
	<i>Position</i>	Assistant Professor


#### Short Bio

Nauman Ejaz is an assistant professor of Economics at International Islamic University, Islamabad. His research interests include experimental and behavioural economics, and applied microeconomics. His recent work with the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research investigates institutional reforms in horticultural markets and food loss reduction pathways in fresh produce value chains in Pakistan. Nauman received his Ph.D. in Economics from La Trobe University in 2011.

	<i>Name</i>	Thilak Mallawaarachchi
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Queensland (UQ)
	<i>Position</i>	Hon Associate Professor


#### Short Bio


Thilak Mallawaarachchi is an applied economist with experience across government, industry and academia in Australia and overseas. Since 2002, Thilak worked as Principal Research Fellow at the Risk and Sustainable Management Group at the University of Queensland and since retirement in 2020, holds an Honorary A/Professor position with The University of Queensland. Thilak was a Senior Economist at the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) and has worked extensively on Australian natural resource management issues since 1989. Thilak's international work with the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) has examined options to reduce farm-level risks across farming communities in East and Southern Africa, classification of farming systems in Africa and Cambodia and policy and institutional reform in Pakistan horticultural markets. Thilak holds a Bsc Agriculture from Sri Lanka, a Master in Agricultural Development Economics from the Australian National University and a PhD, Resource Economics, from James Cook University. Thilak is an Associate Editor of the Australasian Journal of Environmental Management.


	<i>Name</i>	Yu Sheng
	<i>Institution</i>	CCAP, Peking University
	<i>Position</i>	Professor

#### Short Bio

YU SHENG is a Professor at School of Advanced Agricultural Sciences (SAAS), and Deputy Director of China Centre for Agricultural Policy (CCAP), Peking University. He received his Ph.D. in Economics from the Australian National University in 2006. Since then, he has been working for ANU and ABARES. His research interest includes economic growth and development, agricultural productivity and rural economy, international trade and food policy, CGE modelling and China economy. Recent research has been published in American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Canadian Journal of Economics, Energy Economics, Review of Income and Wealth, World Development, Australian Journal of Agricultural Economics, etc.


	<i>Name</i>	Niladri Sekhar Bagchi
	<i>Institution</i>	IIT Kharagpur
	<i>Position</i>	PhD Research Scholar
<b>Short Bio</b>		
<p>I am currently doing my PhD in agricultural economics at IIT Kharagpur, India. My area of research comprises agricultural markets, value chain and linking land-constrained farmers to markets. I have been simultaneously working as a research assistant in a project titled "Promoting Socially Inclusive and Sustainable Agricultural Intensification in West Bengal and Bangladesh (SIAGI)" since January 2017. As regards my educational background, I hold a masters in economics from Jadavpur University, Kolkata.</p>		

	<i>Name</i>	Le Phuong Xuan Dang
	<i>Institution</i>	Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
	<i>Position</i>	PhD Candidate
<b>Short Bio</b>		
<p>My name is Le Phuong Xuan Dang, a PhD candidate at QUT. My PhD project is related to household finance. The project currently explores the household behaviours in getting credit and repaying their debt, especially for informal credit among households in Vietnam.</p>		

	<i>Name</i>	Wanglin Ma
	<i>Institution</i>	Lincoln University
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Professor


**Short Bio**


Dr. Wanglin Ma is currently an associate professor in Applied Economics at Lincoln University. He received a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of Kiel, Germany, in July 2016, and he moved to New Zealand in the same year. He has published around 75 journal articles and served as a referee for over 80 international journals. His research interests span Agricultural Economics and Development Economics, focusing on farmer organization, rural non-farm employment, agricultural and information technology adoption, economies of food sectors, productivity and efficiency, income growth, farmer subjective well-being, and rural energy transition.


	<i>Name</i>	Panharoth Chhay
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
	<i>Department</i>	Research
	<i>Position</i>	Research Associate


**Short Bio**

Panharoth Chhay joined the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) as a Research Associate in May 2021. She graduated with a PhD degree in development economics at the Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University. She holds a master's degree in economics from Kobe University and a bachelor's degree in international studies from the Royal University of Phnom Penh. Her previous research experience is in the field of applied micro-development economics. A chapter of her PhD dissertation has been published in a peer-reviewed journal World Development. Her current research interests include poverty alleviation, infrastructure development, financial inclusion, and impact evaluation.


	<i>Name</i>	Hari Sharma
	<i>Institution</i>	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE)
	<i>Position</i>	Research and Data Analyst
<b>Short Bio</b>		
<p>Hari is currently working at Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment (MBIE) as a Research and Data Analysts. His research interest are labour economics, human capital, migration and civil war. Hari has earned PhD in economics from University of Waikato in 2021, and previously worked as a consultant with World Bank, UN Women, CIMMYT, LWF.</p>		

	<i>Name</i>	Chea Phal
	<i>Institution</i>	Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI)
	<i>Position</i>	Research Fellow
<b>Short Bio</b>		
<p>Prior to joining CDRI in 2020 as Research Fellow, Dr. Chea worked as consultant for the World Bank, as research fellow at Kobe University, and as adjunct researcher at the Research Institute for Economics and Business Administration (RIEB), Japan. He earned his Master and Ph.D. degrees in economics of education from Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University, Japan. He also actively involved in joint projects between UNESCO Bangkok and Kobe University, conducting several educational research projects in Cambodia. His research interest includes economics of education, education finance, higher education, learning assessment, and field experiment. He has authored and co-authored many scientific papers including those indexed in SCOPUS journal database.</p>		

	<i>Name</i>	Michiko Katagami
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
	<i>Position</i>	Principal Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist
<b>Short Bio</b>		
<p>Michiko has been working on food security, agriculture and rural development issues with sovereign and non-sovereign investment and research teams for more than 20 years in Asia and the Pacific. She currently works on projects to develop inclusive and resource-efficient agribusiness value chains, support sustainable protein value chain growth, deploy technology solutions for smallholder agriculture, upscale climate smart agriculture and leverage green finance in ADB's developing member countries. Prior to joining ADB she worked for UNDP, Mitsubishi Trust &amp; Banking Co. and S.G. Warburg Securities. She holds a master's degree in development economics from the Institute of Social Studies, the Hague (Nuffic scholar).</p>		


	<i>Name</i>	Pradyot Ranjan Jena
	<i>Institution</i>	National Institute of Technology Karnataka
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Professor
<b>Short Bio</b>		
<p>Dr. Pradyot Ranjan Jena is Associate professor at School of Management, National Institute of Technology Karnataka (NITK), Surathkal. He has obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur in 2007. Before joining NITK, Surathkal in 2015, he worked as Agriculture and Development Economist at International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), Nairobi and as Research Fellow at Institute for Environmental Economics and World Trade (IUW), Leibniz University of Hannover in Germany. Dr. Jena's core research area of expertise is impact evaluation, food security and climate change. He led 10 national and international research projects funded by IFAD, CGIAR, Government of Australia, Indian Council of Social Science Research, Leibniz University of Hannover, Germany and Poverty, Equity and Growth Network (PEGNet). He has published 40 research papers in SCI, Web of Science and SCOPUS indexed peer reviewed journals, international conference Proceedings and book chapters. Some of the journals in which he has published are World Development, Ecological Economics, Agricultural Economics, Food Security, Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy, Economic Analysis and Policy, Environment Development and Sustainability, Environmental Management and Asian Development Review.</p>		



	<i>Name</i>	Poongothai Venuganan
	<i>Institution</i>	Central Bank of Sri Lanka
	<i>Department</i>	Economic Research Department
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Economist

#### Short Bio

Poongothai Venuganan joined the Economic Research Department of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka in 2010 and is currently serving as a Senior Economist. She is currently team lead of the Real Sector division, having previously served in the Modeling and Forecasting division and International Finance and International Relations division of the department. Poongothai completed her MSc in Economics at the University of Nottingham. She is an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (United Kingdom) and is a passed finalist of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (United Kingdom). Poongothai also holds a BSc (Hons) in Applied Accounting from the Oxford Brookes University. Over the years, she has been actively engaged in research in the areas of Labour Markets, Poverty, Economic Growth and Macromodeling.

	<i>Name</i>	Pulak Mishra
	<i>Institution</i>	IIT Kharagpur
	<i>Position</i>	Professor

#### Short Bio

Prof. Pulak Mishra currently works as a Professor at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, and a Joint Faculty Member of the Centre of Excellence on Safety Engineering and Analytics of the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur. Prof. Mishra has teaching and research experience of more than twenty years. He has research interests in Industrial Economics, Public Economics and Policy, and Economics of Rural Development. He has been carrying out research on: Implications of mergers and acquisitions, technology strategies, non-price competition, etc. for market structure, business performance, and public policies and regulations; Market-policy-institution linkages for inclusive and sustainable development; Socio-economic and ecological implications of rural infrastructure; Value chain development in agriculture sector; Cleaner energy transition. Prof. Mishra has published research outputs in leading journals such as Innovation and Development (Routledge), Journal of Industry, Competition and Trade (Springer), South Asia Economic Journal (SAGE), Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research (SAGE), Journal of Cleaner Production (Elsevier), Energy (Elsevier), Land Use Policy (Elsevier), Renewable and Sustainable Energy Reviews (Elsevier), Journal of Urban Management (Elsevier), The Extractive Industries and Society (Elsevier), Development Policy Review (Wiley), Review of Development and Change (SAGE), Economic and Political Weekly, Eurasian Journal of Business and Economics, etc.



<i>Name</i>	Jiaowei Gong
<i>Institution</i>	Renmin University of China
<i>Department</i>	School of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development
<i>Position</i>	Postgraduate Student

Short Bio


Jiaowei Gong now is a postgraduate at the School of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, Renmin University of China. His interests include growth theory and productivity, inequality, and public economics.



<i>Name</i>	Jia Li
<i>Institution</i>	Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology
<i>Position</i>	Lecturer

Short Bio

Dr. Jia Li graduated from Kobe University, and was a special researcher of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, a postdoctoral fellow at Tsinghua University, and a short-term consultant of FHI Solutions. Currently, she is a lecturer at Business School of Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology. She has extensive fieldwork experience in poor areas in China as well as in developing countries. Her main research area is development economics.

	<i>Name</i>	Thilani Kaushalya
	<i>Institution</i>	Centre for Poverty Analysis, Sri Lanka
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Research Professional


#### Short Bio

Thilani is a Senior Research Professional at Centre for Poverty Analysis, Sri Lanka, and works in the Basic Services and Social Protection team. She holds an MS degree in Agricultural and Applied Economics from Virginia Tech University, USA. Her research interests are in food security, rural development, and education. Her current research assesses the impact of livelihood diversification on food poverty among rural households in Sri Lanka.


	<i>Name</i>	Clevo Wilson
	<i>Institution</i>	Queensland University of Technology
	<i>Department</i>	School of Economics and Finance
	<i>Position</i>	Professor

#### Short Bio

Professor Clevo Wilson is an applied economist specializing in agricultural, environmental, transport, education, tourism, ecological, energy (renewables), and development economics with a special interest in using environmental valuation techniques, both revealed and stated. His research interests also focus on supply chain value analysis, efficiency and productivity analysis and structural equation modelling. He has also undertaken research and published papers relating to information disclosure, issues relating to market failures, regulation and policy decision-making. He is the Editor-in-Chief of Economic Analysis and Policy (Elsevier Journal) with an impact factor of 2.47.


	<i>Name</i>	Stefania Dina
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
	<i>Department</i>	Southeast Asia Department
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Natural Resources and Agriculture Specialist
<b>Short Bio</b>		
<p>Stefania is responsible for ADB's projects in the Agriculture and Rural Development sector in Myanmar, Viet Nam and Timor-Leste. She believes in sustainable agriculture and rural development as a means to reduce our environmental footprint and achieve food and nutrition security. She is a development economist who has extensive work experience in Africa and Asia. Prior to join ADB, she worked at the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the European Commission and in the private sector.</p>		

	<i>Name</i>	Asanka Wijesinghe
	<i>Institution</i>	Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka
	<i>Position</i>	Research Economist
<b>Short Bio</b>		
<p>I am a research economist attached to the Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka. I am doing policy-relevant research in the fields of trade, competitiveness, and development economics. Mainly, I am interested in regional trade integration, overlapping areas of politics and trade adjustment costs, and the welfare effects of trade policy. Additionally, I am interested in parametric and non-parametric efficiency analysis. I obtained my PhD in Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics from The Ohio State University.</p>		

	<i>Name</i>	Badri Narayanan Gopalakrishnan
	<i>Institution</i>	University of Washington Seattle
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Economist


**Short Bio**

Dr. Badri Narayanan Gopalakrishnan is a Senior Economist with University of Washington Seattle and Senior Fellow with European Center for International Political Economy, Brussels. He is on the Board of Directors of British American Business Council. He is also a consultant with ADB, UN, World Bank, ILO, FAO, WHO, IMF and many other orgs across the world. He is also engaged with the startup community across the world as an advisor and co-founder. He founded a consulting firm named “Infinite Sum Modelling”, which has a global presence. He has published over 100 papers in reputed international journals like Nature, British medical Journal, Energy Economics, Network and Spatial Economics, Economic Modelling, Applied Economics, Agricultural Economics, etc., and 5 books. He has also produced global economic datasets and models widely used by academic/policy/industry researchers and analysts across the world, with over 4600 Google Scholar citations plus several more times in popular media (FT, BBC, CNN, WP, NYT, The Economist, etc.). He works on trade, energy, environment, disruptive technologies, agriculture, labor, health and manufacturing, cutting across disciplines. He has worked with top universities like Purdue University, MIT, Harvard University and London School of Economics, as well as leading firms like McKinsey, KPMG and PWC.

	<i>Name</i>	Bhagirath Behera
	<i>Institution</i>	Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
	<i>Department</i>	Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
	<i>Position</i>	Professor


**Short Bio**

Prof. Bhagirath Behera works as a professor of environmental and resource economics in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, India. He has more than twenty years of research and teaching experience in the area of environmental and natural resource economics, specifically on the issue of sustainable use and management of natural resources and climate change and their economic and livelihood implications on local people in the context of India and South Asian and African countries.

	<i>Name</i>	Runsinarith Phim
	<i>Institution</i>	National University of Management (NUM)
	<i>Position</i>	Research Director

Short Bio

Dr. Phim is currently the research director of NUM research center at the National University of Management in Cambodia. He is a development professional with 17 years of teaching and conducting policy research related to socio-economic development issues sponsored by the World Bank, the UNDP, other UN agencies, and the Asian Development Bank. He also used to be an Assistant Professor at the Graduate School of Human Development and Environment of Kobe University in Japan. Dr. Phim received PhD in International Development from Nagoya University, Master's Degree in International Public Policy and Bachelor of Economics from Osaka University, Japan.

	<i>Name</i>	Trung Thanh Nguyen
	<i>Institution</i>	Leibniz University Hannover, Germany (LUH)
	<i>Position</i>	Associate Professor

Short Bio

Dr. Nguyen is at the Institute for Environmental Economics and World Trade ([www.iuw.uni-hannover.de](http://www.iuw.uni-hannover.de)), School of Economics and Management ([www.wiwi.uni-hannover.de](http://www.wiwi.uni-hannover.de)), Leibniz University Hannover ([www.uni-hannover.de](http://www.uni-hannover.de)), Germany. His research and teaching focus on the interactions between environmental and development issues in the developing world.



<i>Name</i>	Gokul Paudel
<i>Institution</i>	Leibniz University Hannover, Germany
<i>Position</i>	PhD Student

#### Short Bio

Gokul Paudel is a PhD student in Economics in the Leibniz University Hannover (LUH), Germany. Prior to PhD student, he worked with International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) and CGIAR Centers as a Socio-economist based in CIMMYT South Asia Regional Office, Kathmandu, Nepal. Gokul has published several articles in international peer reviewed journals (e.g., Journal of Agricultural Economics, Land Use Policy, PLOS One, Technology in Society etc.) as a lead author and he shares many publications published in different journals (e.g., Agricultural Systems, Field Crop Research, Soil & Tillage Research, European Journal of Agronomy etc.) in collaboration with researchers from CGIAR Centers and Universities across the USA. Gokul has reviewed over 15 articles in international peer review journals. Gokul's areas of interest are sustainable intensification of agricultural systems, technology adoption and impact assessment, climate change impacts and adaptation, productivity and efficiency analysis, scale-appropriate farm mechanization, non-market valuation, and programming, data mining and advance machine learning. Gokul is a programmer and he was heavily involved in the application of data driven agriculture in smallholders' systems in Bangladesh, India, and Nepal.



<i>Name</i>	Ihtiyor Bobojonov
<i>Institution</i>	Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO)
<i>Position</i>	Research Associate

#### Short Bio

Dr. Ihtiyor Bobojonov joined IAMO in October 2012 as a research associate in the Department Agricultural Markets. He studied agricultural economics at the University of Bonn, Germany. He wrote his PhD thesis in the framework of a project of the Center for Development Research (ZEF) about modeling crop and water allocation under uncertainty in irrigated agriculture in Uzbekistan. He was honored with a prize for the best Doctoral Thesis between January 2007 and May 2009 at the ZEF. Dr. Bobojonov works on several projects related to the mobilization of agricultural market potentials in Commonwealth of Independent States countries. He mainly carries out research on the impact of supply chain transformation on the welfare of agricultural producers. Furthermore, he investigates the role of agricultural insurance in agricultural sector development, and analyzes possible options to improve the performance of insurance markets. He is coordinator of the International Agricultural Economics Chair at the Tashkent State Agrarian University and co-coordinator of the Insurance Lab at the Tashkent State Economic University.




<i>Name</i>	Carmen Camacho
<i>Institution</i>	French National Research Center and at Paris School of Economics
<i>Position</i>	Senior Researcher

#### Short Bio


I am Carmen Camacho, senior researcher at the French National Research Center and at Paris School of Economics. After taking a Bs in Maths in Madrid and a MsC in Finance in the UK, I took a MsC in Economics in the Univeristy of Louvain (Belgium). There I had the chance to meet with my PhD supervisors, Raouf Boucekkine and David de la Croix, and I completed my PhD dissertation in 2009 on Spatial Economics and Growth. My research is mainly theoretical or in applied theory, with many numerical applications and it aims at establishing links between economic growth and various issues linked to the environment (like air pollution), the spatial diffusion of production factors, migration, the role and power of women or more recently, epidemics.



	<i>Name</i>	Peter J. Morgan
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
	<i>Department</i>	Research
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Consulting Economist and Vice Chair of Research

Short Bio

Peter J. Morgan is Senior Consulting Economist and Vice Chair of Research at the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), and has been with ADBI since 2008. He has 23 years experience in the financial sector in Asia, most recently serving in Hong Kong as Chief Asia Economist for HSBC, responsible for macroeconomic analysis and forecasting for Asia. Previously, he served as Chief Japan Economist for HSBC, and earlier held similar positions at Merrill Lynch, Barclays de Zoete Wedd and Jardine Fleming. Prior to entering the financial industry, he was a consultant for Meta Systems Inc in Cambridge, MA, in energy and environmental analysis, and at International Business Information KK in Tokyo, in financial sector consulting. He earned his MA and PhD degrees in economics from Yale University. His research interests are in macroeconomic policy and financial sector regulation, reform, financial development, financial inclusion, fintech, financial literacy and financial education. In 2019 he served as the Lead Co-chair for the Task Force on The Future of Work and Education for the Digital Age for the Think 20 process, an engagement group with the G20.

	<i>Name</i>	Dil B. Rahut
	<i>Institution</i>	Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
	<i>Department</i>	Research
	<i>Position</i>	Senior Research Fellow/Economist

Short Bio

Prior to joining ADBI, he was a global program manager for the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre's (CIMMYT) socioeconomic and sustainable intensification programs. He also served as chair of the staffs' committee at CIMMYT. He previously worked for the Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan's Research and Statistics Department. He also served as a research fellow at the WorldFish Centre; senior fellow and Japan chair at the Indian Council for Research in International Economic Relations; chief of research, planning, and monitoring and Visa/Mastercard director at the Bank of Bhutan Ltd; and assistant professor of development economics at South Asian University. He has a PhD in development economics from the University of Bonn's Center for Development Research, a master's degree in economic policy management from the University of Tsukuba, and an

MBA specializing in finance and bachelor of science degree from India. He has over 100 publications in Scopus indexed journals focusing on development issues across Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.