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Opening Remarks

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Short Bio

Tetsushi Sonobe is the Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), the Tokyo-based think tank of the Asian Development Bank. Dean Sonobe is a development economist and obtained his PhD in economics from Yale University. Before joining ADBI in April 2020, he served for six years as a vice president of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies (GRIPS) in Tokyo and taught economics for 30 years at Tokyo Metropolitan University and GRIPS.

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<th>Bambang P. S. Brodjonegoro,</th>
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<td>Professor of Economics, Universitas Indonesia, Lead Co-Chair, T20 Indonesia 2022</td>
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**Bambang Brodjonegoro** currently serves as the President Commissioner of PT. Telkom Indonesia Tbk and PT. Bukalapak.com, two main leading companies in technology in Indonesia.

Moreover, Bambang is also appointed as the Chairman of the Economic Empowerment Agency, Indonesia Chamber of Commerce (KADIN). For more than 10 years, Bambang was appointed as the Minister of Finance, Minister of Development Planning and Minister of Finance, respectively. He served within the three cabinets of Indonesia’s Presidency.

Bambang earned a PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and currently is a Professor of Economics, at the University of Indonesia.

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**Yukari Niwa Yamashita**

Managing Director, Institute of Energy Economics (IEEJ), Japan

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**Yukari Niwa Yamashita** is a Managing Director for the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ), in Charge of the Energy Data and Modelling Center which is responsible for quantitative and qualitative analyses on energy policy issues.

Her team's analyses and recommendations contribute greatly to debate and policy making for Japan and international communities such as ERIA, APEC and IEA. The annual IEEJ's Outlook is globally recognized for its timely analyses and pragmatic approach towards climate change.

She has been serving as a member of various government councils and committees in the fields of energy and science & technologies. She also led miscellaneous international and regional programs in the area of energy cooperation through IEA, APEC, ERIA and IPEEC. She is a visiting professor at Kyushu University. She served as the 2020 President of the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE) and is the 2021 Executive Vice President.
**Chair**

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**Paper 1: Financing Renewable Energy in Southeast Asia (TBC)**

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**Short Bio**

Dr. Dina Azhgaliyeva is a Research Fellow at the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI). Before joining ADBI in July 2019, she worked as a Research Fellow in the energy economics division of the Energy Studies Institute, National University of Singapore. She was also a Research Fellow at the Henley Business School, University of Reading (UK) where she worked on a project ‘Kazakh-British Centre for Competitiveness’. She also worked as a leading and chief specialist for the Tax Committee at the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan.

Her research focuses on energy policy, particularly renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage. Dina has published articles on these topics in journals such as Technological Forecasting and Social Change, Australasian Journal of Environmental Management, Journal of Environmental Management, Energy Policy and Journal of Sustainable Finance & Investment. She is currently a guest editor for the Applied Energy’s special issue “Integration of Renewable Energy in Energy Systems, Perspectives on Investment, Technology, and Policy”.

She earned her PhD and MSc in economics from the University of Essex (UK). She also holds an internationally recognized teaching qualification from the Fellow of Higher Education Academy and a qualification in research career management from the Staff Educational and Development Association. More information is available here: https://www.adb.org/adbi/about/staff-profiles/dina-azhgaliyeva

**Paper 2: De-risking Instruments to Leverage Renewable Energy Financing**

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**Short Bio**

Dr. Alin Halimatussadiah is an active lecturer at the Faculty of Economics and Business, University of Indonesia (FEB UI) since 2004.

She obtained her doctorate degree from the University of Indonesia in 2013 with a focus on economics of natural resources and the environment.

She has been leading the environmental economics research group at the Institute for Economic and Social Research (LPEM) FEB UI since 2017. She has collaborated with various stakeholders, such as policy makers, the private sector, and the community, donors, experts, both from national and international levels.

She is a certified expert in several areas, such as sustainability reporting, sustainable finance, impact investing, climate finance and renewable energy financing. Currently she is focusing on her career as a lecturer at FEB UI, and as a researcher at LPEM FEB UI.

**Paper 3: Energy Transition Mechanism**
Dr. Nuki Agya Utama is appointed as the Executive Director of the ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) and reporting directly to an International organization under ASEAN entities and reporting to Governing Council consist of ministries energy in ASEAN member states.

He is currently an advisory board member of Asia Pacific Energy Research Centre (APERC), World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Future Councils, and energy working group of UN-ESCAP. He has an academic and research background as Post-Doctorate in Graduate School. Energy Science Kyoto University on life cycle energy analysis and energy scenario and planning modelling. Holding PhD, with research on Life Cycle Energy Analysis from Joint Graduate School of Energy and Environment, the University of Technology King Mongkut (KMUTT), Thailand.

Prior to assuming his position in ACE, he has been working in various international organizations as well as private sectors in energy and environmental issues. He also serves as an invited lecture in Diponegoro University as well as an editor and reviewer in various international journals.
Closing Remarks

John Beirne

Vice-Chair of Research and Senior Research Fellow, ADBI, Japan

Short Bio

John Beirne was appointed Vice-Chair of Research and Senior Research Fellow at the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) in April 2022.

He joined ADBI as a Research Fellow in March 2019. He has over 20 years of experience as an economist in the public and private sectors. In his current role, he co-heads ADBI’s Research Department, leading research workstreams on macroeconomics, finance, and infrastructure. He is also co-managing editor of the ADBI Working Paper Series.

Previously, he worked as a staff economist at the European Central Bank in various positions for around 11 years. He also worked for around six years as an economic consultant with KPMG and senior economist with DTZ in Ireland and the United Kingdom (UK), and for three years as a part-time lecturer in economics at Brunel University in the UK.

His research focuses on international macroeconomics, financial economics, and applied econometrics. He has published over 30 articles in peer-reviewed journals in economics and finance, co-authored or coedited several ADBI books, and serves as an editorial board member of the Asian Development Review and subject editor of Asian Economics Letters. He presents his research regularly at international conferences and lectures at the University of Tokyo and Hitotsubashi University in Japan on topics related to financial globalization, monetary policy, and macro-financial risk. He holds a PhD in Economics from Brunel University.

Moekti Handajani Soejachmoen

Co-Founder & Executive Director of Indonesia Research Institute for Decarbonization (IRID); Lead Co-Chair, Task Force 3, T20 Indonesia

Short Bio
Moekti Handajani Soejachmoen (Kuki Soejachmoen) is currently the Executive Director of the Indonesia Research Institute for Decarbonization (IRID) and one of its Co-founders.

She has been working in climate change since early 1990s. Her first area in this issue was scientific modelling in relation to the energy-based sector during her time with the Center for Research on Energy at the Institut Teknologi Bandung. While at Pelangi Indonesia, she was actively involved in the Climate Action Network (CAN) not only in Indonesia but also in CAN Southeast Asia and CAN International. She was on the boards of CAN International and CAN Southeast Asia. Her involvement in international climate negotiations started in the year 2000 during COP-6 in the Hague.

After her tenure as the Executive Director of Pelangi Indonesia in 2010, she joined the Office of Indonesia’s President’s Special Envoy (PSE) for Climate Change for 2 terms (2010-2014 and 2015-2019), where she assisted the PSE in international climate negotiations, including during the preparation of the Paris Agreement.

After COP21 in Paris, she remained part of Indonesia’s Article 6 of the Paris Agreement negotiating team. She has been involved in a number of studies and policy analysis related to climate change, energy, transportation and air quality.

Dil Rahut

Vice-Chair of Research and Senior Research Fellow, ADBI, Japan

Short Bio

Dil Rahut is Vice-Chair of Research and Senior Fellow at Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI).

His research focuses on development microeconomics, agricultural economics, and environmental and natural resource economics. He is currently implementing experiments and field research in agriculture, natural resources, and climate in Asia.

Prior to joining ADBI, he was a senior global program manager for the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre’s (CIMMYT) socioeconomics and sustainable intensification programs and served as chair of the staffs’ committee at CIMMYT.

He also previously worked for the Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan’s Research and Statistics Department and 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 over 130 publications in Scopus indexed journals and has guest-edited several journal special issues. He also serves as an editorial board member of the Asian Development Review and lectures. He lectures at the University of Tokyo and Hitotsubashi University in Japan on recent issues in development economics.