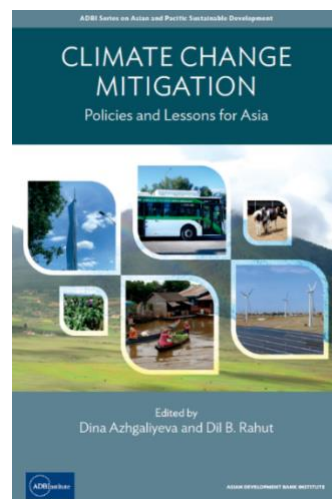


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Opening Remarks


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<p>Short Bio</p>	
<p>Prior to joining ADBI, he served as Deputy Minister for Planning and Coordination at the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Korea.</p>	
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Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, as well as an international development expert at the World Bank Institute.

His capacity building and training interests include post-COVID-19 recovery and inclusive growth for sustainable development in Asia and the Pacific.

He earned his doctor of public administration degree in public policy from Korea University.


Benefits and Solutions for Climate Change Mitigation in Developing Asia (Pre-recorded)

	<p>Warren Evans</p>
	<p>Special Senior Advisor (Climate Change), Office of the President, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Philippines</p>

Short Bio

Warren Evans is the Special Senior Advisor (Climate Change), Office of the President at the Asian Development Bank. Acting as ADB’s climate envoy, Warren provides broad oversight and guidance for ADB’s climate operations, including optimizing climate finance scale and impact, mobilizing new and additional technical and financial resources, strengthening ADB’s external climate partnerships and engagement with international climate agreements and initiatives, and reinforcing capacity development for climate change operations. Warren has more than 40 years of experience with various multilateral development banks, private organizations, and other international organizations, including ADB and the World Bank, where he helped establish the Climate Investment Funds. A national of the United States, he holds a Doctorate degree in Cleaner Production and Climate Change Policy from Erasmus University Rotterdam in the Netherlands, a Master’s degree in Environmental Health Engineering from the University of Kansas, and a Bachelor’s degree in Ecology from Kansas State University.

Panel discussion (Moderator)

	<p>Priyantha Wijayatunga</p>
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<p>Short Bio</p>	
<p>Priyantha Wijayatunga is the Director, South Asia Energy Division of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He was the founder Director General of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka and a Senior Professor of Electrical Engineering at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. He holds a Doctorate in Power Systems Economics from the Imperial College. As a regular Academic Visitor at Imperial College London during 1993-1998 and he contributed to research involving costing of electricity transmission network services of the United Kingdom and Chile. He was a Chairman of the South Asia Forum for Infrastructure Regulators. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Ceylon Electricity Board and the Sustainable Energy Authority, Sri Lanka. He has contributed extensively in energy sector policy and regulatory activities and has co-authored over 75 publications. He was an Advisory Board member of the Melbourne Energy Institute at the University of Melbourne during 2016-2019. He is a Chartered Electrical Engineer, a Member of the Institute of Engineering Technology (IET), UK, Senior Member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka. He is a Past President of the Sri Lanka Energy Managers Association (SLEMA).</p>	

(Panelist)

	<p>Venkatachalam Anbumozhi</p>
	<p>Director, Research Strategy and Innovations, the Economic, Research Institute ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Indonesia</p>
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<p>Venkatachalam Anbumozhi is a Director, Research Strategy and Innovations at the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Indonesia. His previous positions include Capacity Building Specialist at Asian Development Bank Institute, Assistant Professor at the University of Tokyo, Senior Policy Researcher at the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies and Assistant Manager in Pacific Consultants International, Tokyo. He has published several books, authored numerous research</p>	

articles, and produced many project reports on energy policies, energy infrastructure design, and private sector participation in Green Growth. Anbumozhi was invited as a member of the APEC Expert Panel on Green Growth, G20/T20 Task Force Green Financing and the ASEAN Panel on Smart Cities. He has taught Resource management, International cooperation and Development Finance at the University of Tokyo and has speaking engagements at some of the leading international organizations. He obtained his PhD from the University of Tokyo.



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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 was involved in empirical analysis of the impact of local content policy on extractive industries. She worked as Economics Teaching Fellow at the University College London. She also worked as a leading and chief specialist for the Tax Committee at the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan. She holds a PhD, Master's, and Graduate Diploma in economics, all 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. Her research interests include energy policy, particularly renewable energy, energy efficiency, and energy storage. 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". More information is available here: <https://www.adb.org/adbi/about/staff-profiles/dina-azhgaliyeva>



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Short Bio

Prof. Ying Fan received her PhD in system engineering. She had involved in the research of energy economics and management at the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) for 25 years before moving to Beijing University in 2015. She is currently a professor and the Dean of the School of Economics and Management at Beihang University, and the director of the Center for Energy and Environmental Policy Research (CEEP), a joint center of Beihang University, IPM at CAS and CNPC. She visited Cornell University in the US as a visiting scholar from 2004 to 2005, and visited KAPSARC in Saudi Arabia in 2015. She was the Vice President for Academic affairs of the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE) during 2016-2020. She has carried out over 60 research projects, published over 300 papers in peer reviewed journals. She has received important awards, such as Yangtze River Scholar Distinguished Professor sponsored by the Ministry of Education, research grant for distinguished young scientists sponsored by NSFC, CAS Hundred Talents Program sponsored by the CAS, and a few Science and Technology Awards. Now she is leading an Innovative research group of NSFC titled “Green oriented complex system management and decision making”. Her research and teaching fields include energy economics, Energy-Environment-Economy system modeling, Emission Trading, climate change, energy and environmental policy.



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Short Bio

Dr Ada Ignaciuk is a Senior Economist at the Agricultural Development Economics (ESA) division of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), where she leads the CSA-EPIC team. Her main areas of expertise are economics of climate change and sustainable food production. She holds a PhD degree from Wageningen University where she analyzed the emerging bioenergy market. Subsequently, she worked at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy in Germany and for the Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency in the Netherlands on quantitative assessment of environmental policies, and at the Earth System Science Partnership (ESSP) where she managed large scale science projects. Prior to the FAO, she worked as an economist at the Natural Resources Policy division of Trade and Agricultural department at the Organization of Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) where she was responsible for providing scientific, technical and policy guidance to the governments on the implementation of climate-friendly agricultural policies.



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Short Bio

Paul Steele is Chief Economist at the International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) where he focuses on financing for the SDGs and Incentives for an inclusive, green economy. He spent eight years with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) in Bangkok working with Ministries of Finance in Asia Pacific on climate and development finance and budgeting. He spent four years with the Department for International Development (DFID), UK focused on growth, poverty and environment issues in Africa and Asia. He worked for one year with the Ministry of Environment in Sri Lanka on a World Bank capacity building programme. He set up Economics For the Environment Consultancy (EFTEC) Ltd which is still the largest environmental economics consultancy in the UK. He holds an MSc in Environmental Economics from London University and a BA in Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE) from Oxford University.

Concluding Remarks



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Short Bio

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