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Social Protection in a Changing World

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## Opening Session

### Moderator



#### **Mitzi Borromeo**

Multimedia Communications Consultant and Former  
Correspondent and News Anchor, CNN Philippines

Mitzi Borromeo is a media and communications specialist with over two decades of multi-media communications experience with media networks, nongovernment organizations, and corporations focused on conservation, sustainability, and popular education. She was previously an award-winning broadcast journalist with CNN Philippines. Among her projects is Director, Executive Producer, and Screenwriter of MIND S-COOL TV, the top-rated family educational TV show in the Philippines. Mitzi is also a Climate Reality Leader trained by former U.S. Vice President Al Gore.

### Speakers



#### **Fatima Yasmin**

Vice-President for Sectors and Themes  
Asian Development Bank

Fatima Yasmin was the Senior Secretary at the Finance Division of Bangladesh's Ministry of Finance. She has more than 32 years of broad development experience, including in macroeconomic management, public sector and fiscal policy reform, and trade and poverty reduction in government and international organizations.

ADB's sector and thematic expertise are consolidated in the two groups under Ms. Yasmin to deliver integrated solutions to clients in accordance with country programs and strengthen ADB's position as a leader in development knowledge in the region.

Fatima holds a master in development economics from the Australian National University and a master of business administration from the Institute of Business Administration, Dhaka University, in Bangladesh. She also received a Fellowship in Public Policy and Human Rights under the Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program at Rutgers University in New Jersey, United States.



**Wendy Walker**

Director, Human and Social Development Sector Office,  
Sectors Group  
Asian Development Bank

Wendy Walker heads the Social Development practice team. She provides technical leadership in social development and social protection and facilitates collaboration across sectors and technical groups in ADB, and with external partners. She co-leads the implementation of ADB Strategy 2030's first operational priority on *Addressing Remaining Poverty and Reducing Inequalities*. She has led multi-sector teams for designing and implementing complex and innovative projects and has worked across diverse sectors such as transport, urban, health, education, and social protection.

Wendy has an M. Phil from University of Oxford and a PhD from Johns Hopkins University.