**PROGRAMME / AGENDA**

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| ***18 January, Wednesday*** | ***19 January, Thursday*** | ***20 January, Friday*** |
| ***9:00 am- 10:30 am*** | ***8:30 am- 10:30 am*** | ***8:30am-10:30 am*** |
| ***Economists’ Forum 2023 Opening Session***  ***(Auditorium 3 & 4)***  ***Development Impact***  *Welcome remarks:*  ***Woochong Um****,* Managing Director General and Officer-in-Charge, Office of the President  Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development  *Keynote speaker:*  ***Emmanuel Jimenez****,* Director General, Independent Evaluation Department  *Panel discussion:*   * ***Albert Park****,* Chief Economist and Director General, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department (ERCD) * ***Tetsushi Sonobe****,* Dean, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) * ***Susann Roth****,* Advisor, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department and Chief of Knowledge Management * ***Lu Shen****,* Director, Strategy, Policy and Partnerships Department   *Moderator:* ***Madhavi Pundit****, Senior Economist, ERCD* | ***Session 1A****: Urgent Issues in Agriculture in Asia (Auditorium 1)*  ***[Session 1B](#_20_January,_Thursday)****[: Trade and Regional Cooperation (Auditorium 2)](#_20_January,_Thursday)*  ***Session 1C****: Macroeconomy and Financial Stability (Auditorium 3)*  ***Session 1D****: Education and Youth Unemployment in Bhutan (Auditorium 4)* | ***Session 4A****: Poverty and Inequality (Auditorium 1)*  ***Session 4B****: Nudges and Preferences (Auditorium 2)*  ***Session 4C****: Health and Work Capacity of Older Persons* ***[all presentations will be virtual]*** *(Auditorium 3)*  ***Session 4D****: COVID-19: Learning Loss and Mortality (Auditorium 4)* |
| ***10:45 am- 12:45 pm*** | ***10:45 am-12:15 pm*** | ***10:45 am- 12:15 pm*** |
| **Special Session I—Mini-Retreat:**  ***How Can ADB Economists Thrive in the New Organizational Structure?***  ***Speakers:***  ***Albert Park****, Chief Economist and Director General, ERCD*  ***Joseph Zveglich****, Deputy Chief Economist, ERCD*  ***Chia-Hsin Hu****, Deputy Director General, ERCD*  *[Closed Session for ADB Economists; Registration Required; Lunch Included]* | ***Session 2A****: Transition* *to Net Zero in Asia (Sub-session 1)* ***[all presentations will be virtual]***  ***Session 2B****: Future of Work*  ***Session 2C****: Renewable Energy and Green Financing [ADBI Special Session]*  ***Session 2D****: Digital Economy and Finance* | ***Session 5A****: Transition to Net Zero in Asia (Sub-session 2) (Auditorium 1)*  ***Session 5B****: Resilience and Social Protection (Auditorium 2)*  [***Session 5C****:*](#_21_January,_Friday_2)  [*Digital*](#_21_January,_Friday_3) *Technologies, Tech- start Up and Venture Capital* ***[all presentations will be virtual]*** *(Auditorium 3)* |
| ***12:30 am- 1:30 pm*** | ***12:30 pm – 1:30 pm*** |
| **Special Session II—Learning Lunch**  ***Poster Presentations***   * *Poverty Indicator and Vulnerability Estimator of Low-Income Population* * *Infrastructure Trends, Needs and Gaps in Asia: A Dashboard for Monitoring and Evaluation* * *Gender Gaps in Ownership of Nonagricultural Enterprise in Georgia, Mongolia and Cavite, Philippines*   ***\* [Light snacks to be served]*** | **Special Session III—Learning Lunch**  ***Publishing in the Economics Working Paper Series and Asian Development Review***  ***Speakers****:*  ***Joseph Zveglich****, DCE, ERCD*  ***Donghyun Park****, Economic Advisor, ERCD*  *\*****[Light snacks to be served]*** |
| ***1:00pm-5:30 pm*** | ***1:45pm- 3:15 pm*** | ***1:45 pm- 3: 15 pm*** |
| ***Regional Departments’ Workshops***   1. *Economists’ Retreat by the*   ***Pacific Regional Department***  *[by invitation]*   1. *Economists’ Workshop organized by the* ***Central and West Asia******Regional Department*** *[Open only to ADB staff]* **(Auditorium 1)**  * Session1: The Russian invasion of Ukraine and Its implications for Developing Asia * Session 2: Country Economics  1. *Economists’ Forum by the* ***South Asia Regional Department*** *[Closed session****]* (LRC1)** | ***Session 3A****: Infrastructure Impact (Auditorium 1)*  ***[Session 3B](#_21_January,_Friday_2)****[: Migration and Remittances (Auditorium 2)](#_21_January,_Friday_2)*  ***Session 3C****:*  [*Big Data Analysis*](#_21_January,_Friday_3) *(Auditorium 3)*  ***Session 3D****: Managing Food Security Issues in Selected Economies [Southeast Asia Regional Department’s Special Session]*  *(Auditorium 4)* | ***Session 6A****: Infrastructure Investment and Project Performance*  ***Session 6B****: Climate Change Impact and Adaptation*  ***Session 6C****: Nutrition and Food Consumption* ***[all presentations will be virtual]***  ***Session 6D:*** *Joint SDIU and FCI Hands-on Session on Key Indicators and FCI databases*  ***[Pre-registration is required]*** |
|  | ***3:30 pm- 5:00 pm*** | ***4:00 pm- 5:00pm*** |
|  | ***Joint ERCD-SERD Learning Event [Open for all ADB staff](*Auditorium 1)**  ***Monetary Policy Frameworks Since Bretton Woods, Across the World and Its Regions***  *Moderator:* ***Alfredo Perdiguero***  *Paper presentation:* ***David Cobham***  *Discussion:* ***Abdul Abiad, James Villafuerte***  *Q&A: open discussion* | ***Asian Impact Webinar***  [Live Webinar, Registration at [https://asianimpact.adb.org](https://asianimpact.adb.org/) ]  ***Economic Impacts of Urban Transit Infrastructure Upgrading***  *Webinar host/Presenter:* ***Yi Jiang***  *Presenter:* ***Julia Bird*** *(Vivid Economics*)  Panel discussion:  ***Roderick Planta***, Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Development, National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA)  ***Arturo Corpuz***, Urban-Regional Planner,NEDA  ***James Leather***, Chief of Transport Sector Group, SDCC  *Moderator:* ***Maria Rowena Cham*** |
| ***5:00 pm – 6:30 pm*** |
| ***Economists’ Forum***  ***Social Welfare Function***  *@ the ADB Courtyard*  *Hosted by ERCD*  *Open to all ADB staff and Economists’ Forum Participants* |
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