



Session 1A: Inflation and Social Protection

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Paul Vandenberg is a Principal Economist at the Asian Development Bank. His research interests include industrialization, the middle-income trap, employment, small and medium enterprises, tech startups, and skills training. Paul previously worked at the ADB Institute in Tokyo and was a consultant for a number of years with the International Labour Organization. He received a PhD in economics from the School of Oriental and African Studies at the University of London.

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