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Social Protection in a Changing World

The logo features a stylized illustration of a group of diverse people (including a person in a wheelchair, a person with a cane, and a person with a stroller) standing under a large umbrella. The umbrella is orange on the left and white on the right.

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## Session 1B: Just Transition

### Moderator



#### **Katherine Hughes**

Principal Climate Change Specialist, Climate Change, Resilience, and Environment Cluster, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department  
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Kate has 18 years of experience working on climate change and sustainable development policy, financing, and technology projects across the Asia Pacific region. She focuses on climate policy and financing, including developing and managing programs and technical assistance projects to support countries to pursue transformational change to low-carbon and resilient development pathways; supporting operations departments to enhance climate considerations in their activities; and promoting multilateral and regional cooperation on climate change. She is leading the development of ADB's institutional Just Transition agenda with a focus on supporting countries to manage just transition across all sectors as an enabler of climate action. Prior to joining ADB, Kate ran a climate change consultancy in Sydney. Kate holds a Bachelor's degree in Aeronautical Engineering and a Master's degree in Engineering majoring in Energy Policy and Planning.

## Panelists



### **Christina Dankmeyer**

Advisor

Just Transition, Financing Sector Initiative, Social Protection  
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit  
(GIZ)

Christina Dankmeyer is formerly ILO's Social Protection and Climate Change Specialist, and is now advising the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) on behalf of GIZ on just transition, social protection financing and links to employment promotion. Prior appointments included working with UNICEF as Social Policy Specialist in the Eastern Caribbean, coordinating a joint programme across several UN agencies to support countries in adaptive universal social protection, and several placements with GIZ, including in Southeast Asia (Cambodia, the Philippines), as well as work with FAO and WHO.



### **Mizuho Okimoto-Kaewtathip**

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Mizuho Okimoto-Kaewtathip works at the UNDP Bangkok Regional Hub as the Regional Team Leader & Advisor, Inclusive Growth. She was formerly the Chief of Social Policy and Governance Programme at UNICEF Viet Nam overseeing socio-economic policy analysis. She also worked with UNICEF Oman as the Programme Coordinator, at UNICEF Lao PDR as Chief of Social Policy and served in various positions in Indonesia, Timor-Leste and UNICEF Innocenti Research Centre.

Mizuho holds MPhil in Development Studies from the Institute of Development Studies and BA in International Relations and Political Science from the International Christian University.



### **Suranjali Tandon**

Associate Professor, National Institute of Public Finance  
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Suranjali Tandon is Associate Professor at NIPFP, a leading think tank of India's Ministry of Finance where she leads the work on direct taxes and sustainable finance. She is also Senior Visiting Fellow at Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and Environment.



## **Ippei Tsuruga**

Social Protection Programme Manager  
International Labour Organization (ILO)

Ippei Tsuruga is Social Protection Programme Manager for Indonesia at International Labour Organization. He has been managing programs and providing technical contributions to social security reforms at the country level in Indonesia, Viet Nam and Myanmar, and also contributing to research and knowledge management at the ASEAN regional and global levels. He has been involved in various policy discussions and research activities on unemployment benefit, old-age, invalidity and survivors' benefits, maternity benefit, sickness benefit, and the extension of social protection to workers in the informal economy. He has worked at the ILO Country Office for Indonesia and Timor-Leste, the Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific and the Social Protection Department; and JICA Washington D.C. Office, Research Department, Country Office for Kenya, and Africa Department for Kenya, Nigeria and Somalia.