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## Session 2A: Adaptive and shock-responsive social protection

### Moderator



#### **Arghya Sinha Roy**

Principal Climate Change Specialist (Climate Change Adaptation), Climate Change, Resilience, and Environment Cluster, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Department, ADB

Arghya has more than 19 years of international experience in the field of climate and disaster resilience, especially in the context of urban, infrastructure and community resilience, and post-disaster recovery and reconstruction. He worked with the Asian Disaster Preparedness Center from 2004–2012. He joined ADB in 2012 and has been involved in supporting the implementation of ADB's climate and disaster resilience-related policies, investments, and priorities. He has a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning.

### Speakers



#### **Daniel Longhurst**

Regional Social Protection and Cash-Based Transfer Adviser  
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Daniel is WFP's social protection and cash adviser for Asia Pacific. He has over a decade of operational and analytical experience with WFP and other UN agencies, academia, think tanks and development organizations in social protection, resilience, DRM and climate adaptation. He has previously worked on similar issues with the likes of German Development Cooperation, FCDO, FAO, UNICEF, Humanitarian Outcomes, and the Institute of Development Studies. His research focuses

on shock-responsive and adaptive social protection, disaster risk financing, social protection and migration, and the use of cash in nexus contexts.



**Agnes Soucat**

Director Health and Social Protection  
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Previously, she was the Director for Health Systems, Governance and Financing at WHO in Geneva, Switzerland. Before joining WHO, she was Global Health Lead Economist at the World Bank and the Director for Human Development, for the African Development Bank, where she was responsible for health, education, social protection and employment for Africa, including fifty-four countries in the continent.

She has over thirty years of experience in health and poverty reduction, covering more than seventy countries in Africa, Asia and Europe. She is a pioneer of several innovations in health financing, including community-based financing and performance-based financing. She was a main author of the World Development Report, "Making Services Work for Poor People"(2004), the Lancet Commission reports, "Global Health 2035: a world converging within a generation" (2011) and "Planetary Health: Safeguarding human health in the Anthropocene epoch" (2015), and "The labor market for health workers in Africa: a new look at the crisis" (2013).

Soucat holds an MD and a Master's in Nutrition, from the University of Nancy in France, as well as an MPH and PhD, in Health Economics from the Johns Hopkins University. She is currently Senior Associate at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore (USA).



**Rhodora Alday**

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Ms. Rhodora Alday is the Director of the Policy Development and Planning Bureau of the Philippines' Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). In the span of 20 years with the Department, she has acquired extensive experience in development policy and programming specifically in the areas of social protection and social welfare. She serves as the lead technical support to the Philippine Sub-Committee on Social Protection, and has direct experience in implementing social welfare and development reform projects. She is a Registered Social Worker, and has two (2) post-graduate degrees – MA in Development Studies from the International Institute of Social Studies (The Hague, Netherlands), and Master of Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Development from the University of Newcastle (New South Wales, Australia).



**Suprayoga Hadi**

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Dr. Suprayoga Hadi is currently assigned as the Deputy of Policy Support for Human Development and Equality, and the Executive Secretary of the National Team of the Acceleration of Poverty Alleviation (TNP2K), at the Secretariat of Vice President, the Republic of Indonesia. Dr. Hadi is working on the coordination of the poverty alleviation program in Indonesia, as well as the coordination the stunting reduction program in Indonesia, Dr. Hadi has been working as senior government official since 2011, when he assigned as the Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Disadvantaged Region (2011-2015), and the Director General at the Ministry of Village and Disadvantaged Region (2015-1017). Dr. Hadi holds a doctoral degree in planning and development studies from the University of Southern California (USC) in 2002.