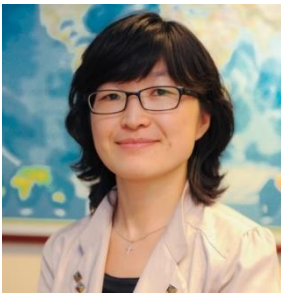




## Plenary Panel 2: Leaving No-One Behind: The Role of Inclusive Social Protection

### Moderator



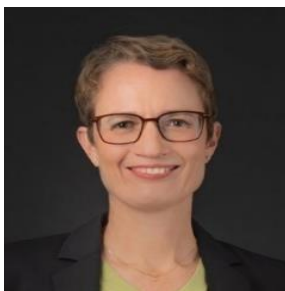
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Gi Soon Song has over 20 years of experience in international development. She led various ADB programs and projects in education, skills development, health, and social protection areas in South Asia and the Pacific for over 12 years.

Prior to joining ADB, Ms. Song had been with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Indonesia from 2003 to 2009, taking responsibilities in supporting governance and poverty reduction programs/projects.

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Dr. Katinka Weinberger has 25 years of experience in sustainable development, agriculture, and the environment at international level, working through multistakeholder processes, and focusing on the interconnections of economic, social and environmental dimensions of development. Currently, as Chief of the Sustainable

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Previously, as Chief of the Environment and Development Policy Section, she led the establishment of the Asia Pacific Forum on Sustainable Development as an annual, inclusive intergovernmental forum, and was responsible for key issues related to the environment and the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development, including on climate ambition, food systems, ecosystems health and environmental governance. Before joining EDPS she was the Head of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty for Sustainable Agriculture and previously worked in different scientist positions within the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).

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