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28 March 2022

- Secretary / Ministry of Finance
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- Secretary / Ministry of Technology
- Secretary / Ministry of Economic Policies & Plan Implementation
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- Secretary / State Ministry of Provincial Councils and Local Government
- Secretary / State Ministry of Digital Technology and Enterprise Development
- Secretary / State Ministry of Foreign Employment Promotion and Market Diversification
- Secretary / State Ministry of Primary Health Care, Epidemics and COVID Disease Control
- Secretary / State Ministry of Samurdhi, Household Economy, Microfinance, Self-Employment & Business Development
- Secretary / State Ministry of Indigenous Medicine Promotion, Rural and Ayurvedic Hospitals Development and Community Health

Attn: Officer In-Charge of Foreign Training

Dear Sir / Madam

**ADB: Webinar on Rethinking Social Protection Reform in the Post-Pandemic Recovery**  
- 21 April 2022 at 16:00 to 18:00 (Japan Standard Time/GMT+9) via zoom

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has invited nominations from the eligible Government officials for the above online programme. The programme details are enclosed.

We would highly appreciate, if you could instruct the relevant officials to circulate this programme among the Departments/ Divisions/ Institutes under your purview and submit nominations to the Department of External Resources (ERD) with the following documents on or **before 18<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

- Nomination letter (from the relevant Ministry)
- Copy filled PAF, available on the downloaded from [www.erd.gov.lk](http://www.erd.gov.lk)

**Applicants are strongly advised to register as early as possible** via the following link.  
[https://adbi-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_yRZESMddTp67wuZbJFSoiQ](https://adbi-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yRZESMddTp67wuZbJFSoiQ)

For further enquiries please contact following officers of Technical Assistance Division of the ERD;  
Ms. M.R.C.K. Senanayake, Deputy Director – 0112484703 or Ms. Darshika Madurapperuma,  
Development Officer – 0112484995 (Email – darshika@erd.gov.lk).

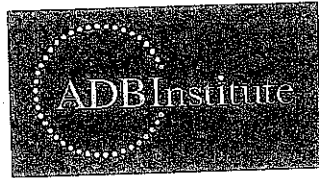
Your early response in this regard is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully



Udeni Udugahapattuwa  
Additional Director General  
*for Director General*

*Copies to: Chief Secretaries, All Provincial Councils*



7 March 2022

**Rethinking Social Protection Reform in the Post-Pandemic Recovery**  
**A side event of Task Force 5 T20 (Inequality, Human Capital, and Well-being)**

21 April 2022, online (via Zoom)  
16:00-18:00 Japan Standard Time  
14:00-16:00 Western Indonesian Time

Dear Invited Guest,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) and the SMERU Research Institute (SMERU), cohosting webinar entitled **"Rethinking Social Protection Reform in the Post-Pandemic Recovery."** This webinar will be held as a TF5 T20-associated event on **21 April 2022** online (via Zoom), **16:00-18:00 Japan Standard Time / 14:00-16:00 Western Indonesian Time**. Tentative agenda is attached.

The impacts of COVID-19 pandemic have affected all segments of the population and economy, caused increasing inequality and leading to vulnerabilities in the financial markets and members of those social groups in the most volatile situations being left behind. In response, understanding the implications of the social security is necessary to build up socioeconomic recovery efforts for inclusive and sustainable development.

Against this backdrop, this webinar will highlight key challenges and possible solutions for the comprehensive reform of social protection systems in the post-pandemic recovery. The webinar will also serve as a platform to learn from existing policies in order to build a stronger and more sustainable public finance to protect the needs of the most vulnerable. Panel discussion will focus on relevant topics of social protection, social safety nets, and policy measures to reduce inequalities and build global resilience, to provide a set of policy recommendations to the G20 and ADB member countries.

In this regard, government officials and other interested agencies whose work are related to the theme at hand and who would like to participate in the virtual event are invited to attend. We encourage you to share this invitation and the registration link below with interested parties, as this is an **open registration event**. Once you submit the completed registration form, you will receive login details to join the webinar. Please keep and use this link for joining the event on the scheduled date.



**Registration link:**

[https://adbi-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_yRZESMdd1p67wuZbJF3oiQ](https://adbi-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_yRZESMdd1p67wuZbJF3oiQ)

Should you require any further information on the proposed event, please feel free to contact our webinar coordinators, Dr. Pitchaya Sirivunnabood ([psirivunnabood@adbi.org](mailto:psirivunnabood@adbi.org)), Dr. Preechaya Kittipaisalsilpa ([pkittipaisalsilpa@adbi.org](mailto:pkittipaisalsilpa@adbi.org)), Dr. Heni Kurniasih ([henik@smeru.or.id](mailto:henik@smeru.or.id)) or Niken Kusumawardhani ([nkusumawardhani@smeru.or.id](mailto:nkusumawardhani@smeru.or.id)). Thank you for your kind attention. We look forward to seeing you in our webinar.

Yours sincerely,

**Tetsushi Sonobe**

Dean & CEO  
Asian Development Bank Institute  
Co-chair TF5 T20

**Widjajanti Isdijoso**

Director  
The SMERU Research Institute  
Host Institution of TF5 T20

Attached documents:

- \* Concept note and Tentative Agenda



## **Webinar on Rethinking Social Protection Reform in Post-Pandemic Recovery**

**A side event of Task Force 5 T20 (Inequality, Human Capital, and Well-being)**

**Co-organized by**

**Asian Development Bank Institute**

**SMERU Research Institute**

**21 April 2022**

**14:00 – 16:15 (Jakarta time) / 16:00 – 18:15 (Tokyo time)**

### **Background**

The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is the major unprecedented event faced by mankind in the 21st century with global impact on social protection systems. It emphasizes the urgency to establish comprehensive, adaptable, and responsive social protection systems to health, disaster, and financial crises. In parallel, the rapid demographic shift across the global economy also calls for the similar need for inclusive social protection systems and safety nets in the post-pandemic world that can protect and support vulnerable groups as well as narrowing inequality.

To develop comprehensive and inclusive social protection reform, the adoption of digital technologies and innovative approaches as well as financial literacy, among others, are key solutions to the challenges posed by the abovementioned crises, particularly to vulnerable groups. The design and implementation of social protection systems and emergency safety nets must be refined and tailored to a community or a country based on different socioeconomic characteristics and other intersecting factors that shape its needs, opportunities, and outcomes.

As countries develop post-pandemic recovery strategies, social protection programs that help the poorest and most vulnerable groups will become increasingly important. Continuous innovation, learning, and sharing of experiences in the design and implementation of social protection measures are essential in shaping the reform of social protection systems for the post-pandemic recovery.

### **Objectives**

1. To identify important and necessary measures that must be taken into account for comprehensive reforms of social protection systems and policy solutions that address the key challenges facing developed and developing countries, particularly the disability, longevity poverty, gender equality, and non-traditional workers

For any questions or comments, please contact the organizers at [tf5@adb.org](mailto:tf5@adb.org) or [tf5@smeru.or.id](mailto:tf5@smeru.or.id)



## Tentative Program

14:00 – 14:05 (JKT) 16:00 – 16:05 (TKY)	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <i>Tetsushi Sonobe</i> , Dean & CEO Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)
14:05 – 14:15 (JKT) 16:05 – 16:15 (TKY)	<b>Keynote Address</b> <i>Stefano Scarpetta</i> , Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD
14:15 – 14:25 (JKT) 16:15 – 16:25 (TKY)	<b>Special Talk on Social Protection Reform for Inclusive and Sustainable Development (TBC)</b> <i>Vivi Yulaswati</i> , Senior Advisor to the Minister of National Development Planning for Social Affairs and Poverty Reduction, Indonesia
14:25 – 14:35 (JKT) 16:25 – 16:35 (TKY)	<b>Social Safety Net in the Post-Pandemic Recovery – Japan's Experience (TBC)</b> <i>Tomoko Hayashi</i> , Director-General of Gender Equality Bureau Cabinet Office, Japan
14:35 – 14:50 (JKT) 16:35 – 16:50 (TKY)	<b>Q&amp;As</b>
14:50 – 15:35 (JKT) 16:50 – 17:35 (TKY)	<b>Panel Discussion: Comprehensive Social Protection Framework for Post-Pandemic Recovery (TBC)</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <i>Elan Satriawan</i> , Chief of Policy Working Group, The National Team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction (TNP2K), Indonesia and Co-chair T20 Task Force5  <b>Panelists:</b> • <i>Paola Subacchi</i> , Professor and Chair Advisory Board at the Global Policy Institute at Queen Mary, University of London • <i>Sudarno Sumarto</i> , Senior Research Fellow The ILM 99 Research Institute and Co-chair



## Tentative Program

- *Armando Barrientos*, Emeritus Professor of Poverty and Social Justice, Global Development Institute, University of Manchester
- *Representative from Asia Development Bank (TBC)*
- *Taesuk Lee*, Head of Unit of Policy Responses to Demographic Changes, Korea Development Institute (KDI)

**15:35 – 15:55 (JKT)**

**Q&A and Discussion Session**

**17:35 – 17:55 (TKY)**

**15:55 – 16:00 (JKT)**

**Summary Points and Closing**

**17:55 – 18:00 (TKY)**

*Asep Suryahadi*  
Lead Co-chair of Task Force 5



Task Force 5 T20/G20 Indonesia

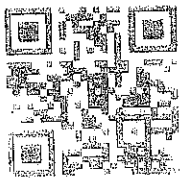
# Webinar: Rethinking Social Protection Reform in the Post-Pandemic Recovery

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**Thursday, 21 April 2022 | 16:00-18:00 JST / 14:00-16:00 WIB (GMT+7)**



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