



# Key Themes and Plenary Sessions

The Forum adopts the theme, “**Safe, Nutritious, and Affordable Food for All**”, to echo the inclusive nature of global food security goals, not only in terms of quantity but also in quality. The Forum will discuss transformations, trends, and future direction from food production to consumption:

<b>PARTNERSHIP DIALOGUE</b>	<b>HIGH-LEVEL TECHNOLOGY (HLT) TO END HUNGER</b> Partner organizations will share their vision and strategy, and highlight the features of their innovative technology and products pertinent to food security. The main objective of this dialogue is to identify synergies and areas of cooperation such as knowledge, technology and finance, among the partner organizations in addressing multifaceted problems to end hunger and ensure sustainable food security.
<b>LEADERS’ ROUNDTABLE</b>	<b>THE FUTURE OF FOOD</b> The food security challenges in the Asia and Pacific region are constantly evolving with changes and transformations taking place regionally and globally. The SDGs, climate change, and economic and demographic transformations will have major influence on the future of food in the region. SDG 2 aims to end hunger, ensure access to food by all and meet their nutritional needs by 2030. As a prerequisite of accomplishing these targets, the agricultural productivity and the incomes of small-scale food producers need to be doubled by the same time period. Climate variability and change are likely to have significant effects on food security in the region. The total population of Asia and the Pacific region is likely to increase to 5.2 billion by 2050 requiring more to feed the additional population. Government, private sector, development agencies, civil society and women leaders will discuss how the future of food will be shaped amidst several complex and uncertain global challenges.
<b>SESSION 1</b>	<b>MEETING ASIA’S AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION CHALLENGES</b> This session will discuss different aspects of production and supply of food to end hunger. It will stress on making farming financially viable for all, small and large, farmers notwithstanding the climate and environment related problems, and the changing nature of farming like farm consolidation, feminization of agricultural workforce, and mechanization of agriculture. Discussions will be forward looking to identify what and where to invest to combat the emerging challenges faced by the farming activities.
<b>SESSION 2</b>	<b>VALUE CHAIN FINANCING AND PROMOTION OF AGRIBUSINESS</b> This session will focus on different aspects of value chain and take stock of what is emerging in policy, technology and financing arena of the agriculture sector in order to identify the policy imperatives to promote micro, small, and medium enterprises and partnership with corporate agribusiness. Discussions will center upon the engineering and facilitating workable financing and investment models to support inclusive agribusiness.
<b>FARMERS’ ROUNDTABLE</b>	<b>VOICES FROM THE FIELD</b> The main objective of this roundtable is to listen to the views of the people directly involved in farming, agro-processing and related activities. A select group of farmers and small-scale agro-processors will join in a discussion to share their experiences and outlook on the challenges and opportunities in the agriculture sector.
<b>SESSION 3</b>	<b>SUSTAINABLE FOOD ENTITLEMENT</b> The focus of this session will be on equitable and sustainable entitlement to food with particular emphasis on domestic and international markets, and related governance issues. The session will also discuss the emerging platforms for exchange of food like virtual (online) market, supermarket, and farmer’s market in order to identify the actions required to increase efficiency of supply chain, and promote investment in market infrastructure and logistics.
<b>SESSION 4</b>	<b>SAFE, QUALITY AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD: ARE WE EATING RIGHT?</b> This session will address the growing concerns regarding safety, quality and nutritive value of food with increased use of harmful chemicals and substances during production and processing of food. Reliance of the urban population on quick and processed meal is exposing them more and more to unsafe and low-quality food. Discussions will highlight various facets of food safety to identify the policy actions and potential areas of investment required to promote quality and safe food at affordable prices.

# Forum Schedule

**DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 22 JUNE 2016**

<p><b>14.00–17.30</b> 14.00– 14.05 14.05– 14.15</p>	<p><b>Partnership Dialogue: High-Level Technology to End Hunger</b> <u>Opening Remarks:</u> <b>Stephen P. Groff</b>, Vice-President, Operations 2, ADB <u>Stage-Setting Presentation:</u> <b>Mahfuz Ahmed</b>, Technical Advisor, Rural Development and Food Security, ADB</p>
<p>14.15– 14.55</p>	<p><b>Part A</b> Chair: <b>Stephen P. Groff</b>, ADB</p> <p><b>Cluster 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)</li> <li>• International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)</li> <li>• International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT)</li> <li>• International Potato Center (CIP)</li> <li>• International Rice Research Institute (IRRI)</li> <li>• World Vegetable Center (AVRDC)</li> </ul>
<p>14.55– 15.35</p>	<p><b>Cluster 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asian Farmers' Association (AFA)</li> <li>• Centre for Agriculture and Bioscience International (CABI)</li> <li>• GrainPro, Inc.</li> <li>• Murdoch University</li> <li>• WorldFish Center</li> </ul>
<p>15.35– 15.50</p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>
<p>15.50– 16.30</p>	<p><b>Part B</b> Chair: <b>Bambang Susantono</b>, Vice-President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB</p> <p><b>Cluster 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)</li> <li>• Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP)</li> <li>• International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</li> <li>• Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture</li> <li>• World Food Programme (WFP)</li> </ul>
<p>16.30– 17.10</p>	<p><b>Cluster 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit</i> (GIZ)</li> <li>• Government of Australia</li> <li>• Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)</li> <li>• United States Agency for International Development (USAID)</li> </ul>
<p>17.10– 17.30</p>	<p><b>Closing Remarks:</b> <b>Bambang Susantono</b>, Vice-President, Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB</p>
<p>17.30–19.30</p>	<p><b>Participant Registration</b> <b>Cocktail Reception for Forum Participants</b> ADB Auditorium</p>

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DAY 2: THURSDAY, 23

JUNE 2016

08.00– 09.00	<b>Participant Registration</b>
09.00– 09.10	<b>Introduction of the Forum: Mahfuz Ahmed</b> , Technical Advisor, Rural Development and Food Security, ADB
09.10– 10.10	<p><b>Leaders' Roundtable: The Future of Food: Panel 1</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Farhana Haque Rahman, Director, General, Inter Press Service</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> Takehiko Nakao, President, ADB</p> <p>Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan, Federal Minister, National Food Security and Research, Pakistan</p> <p>Musdhalifa Machmud, Deputy Minister, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, Indonesia</p> <p>Kundhavi Kadiresan, ADG and Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific, FAO</p> <p>Phouang Parisak Pravongviengkham, Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Lao PDR</p> <p>Sunny Verghese, CO-Founder and Group CEO, Olam International Ltd., Singapore</p>
10.15– 10.30	<b>Opening of the Techno Show: Takehiko Nakao</b> , President, ADB
10.30– 10.50	<b>Photo Session</b>
10.50– 11.00	<b>Break</b>
11.00– 12.00	<p><b>Leaders' Roundtable: The Future of Food: Panel 2</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Farhana Haque Rahman</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> Uttam Kumar Bhattarai, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Nepal</p> <p>Rob Bertram, Chief Scientist, Bureau for Food Security, USAID</p> <p>Erkinbek Choduev, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Kyrgyzstan</p> <p>Tin Htut, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Myanmar</p> <p>Susumu Ito, Chief Representative, JICA Philippines</p> <p>David Kaatrud, Director, Asia and the Pacific, WFP</p> <p>Hoonae Kim, Director, Asia and the Pacific, IFAD</p> <p>Matthew Morell, Director General, IRRI</p> <p>Ma. Estrella Penunia, Secretary General, AFA</p> <p>Feng Yong, Deputy Director, Foreign Economic Cooperation Center, Ministry of Agriculture, PRC</p>
12.00– 13.00	<b>Lunch</b>
13.10– 15.00	<p><b>Session 1: Meeting Asia's Agricultural Transformation Challenges</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Deborah Stokes, Vice-President, Administration and Corporate Management, ADB</p> <p><b>Key issues:</b> Shrinking agricultural labor and rising wage; mechanization of agriculture and farm consolidation; feminization of agricultural workforce and its implications; climate change and extreme weather conditions; efficient resource management (water, land, forests and coastal areas).</p> <p><b>Keynote speaker:</b> Jikun Huang, Professor, Peking University, PRC</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> Fabrizio Bresciani, Lead Regional Economist, IFAD</p> <p>David Dawe, Senior Economist, Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, FAO</p> <p>Mark W. Rosegrant, Director, IFPRI</p> <p>Mahmoud El Solh, Director General, ICARDA</p> <p>Sonomi Tanaka, Technical Advisor, Gender Equity Thematic Group, ADB</p> <p>Qingfeng Zhang, Director, Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture, ADB</p>
15.00– 15.15	<b>Break</b>
15.15– 17.15	<p><b>Session 2: Value Chain Financing and Promotion of Agribusiness</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Diwakar Gupta, Vice-President, Private Sector and Cofinancing Operations, ADB</p> <p><b>Key issues:</b> Innovative financing instruments; post-harvest loss reduction; de-risking private financing and promoting inclusive business; collaboration between micro, small, and medium agri-enterprises and corporations; value addition and promotion of agro-processing; role of governments.</p> <p><b>Keynote speaker:</b> Sunny Verghese, CO-Founder and Group CEO, Olam International, Ltd., Singapore</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b> Adolfo Brizzi, Director, Policy and Technical Advisory Division, IFAD</p> <p>Bruno Carrasco, Director, Public Management, Financial Sector and Trade, ADB</p>

**Martin Lemoine**, Agribusiness Investment Unit Head, ADB  
**Fiona Lynn**, Director, Agricultural Productivity and Food Security, DFAT, Australia  
**Abdul Awal Mintoo**, Co-Founder, Lal Teer Seed Ltd., Bangladesh  
**Iftikhar Mostafa**, Senior Agriculture Economist, GAFSP/World Bank

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17.30

**Synthesis of Day 2 Activities and Sessions:**

**Takashi Matsuo**, Director, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, ADB

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DAY 3: FRIDAY,

24 JUNE 2016

08.00–09.45	<p><b>Farmers' Roundtable: Voices from the Field</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Ma. Estrella Penunia</b>, Secretary General, AFA  <b>Panelists:</b> <b>Bon Ian Dela Roca</b>, Sorosoro Ibaba Development Cooperative (group-based production and marketing)  <b>Aynal Haque</b>, Bangladesh (modern seed production)  <b>Lourdes Panopio</b>, JAMLA Corporation, Philippines (small-scale agribusiness)  <b>Reynaldo San Jose</b>, Philippines (climate-smart agriculture)  <b>JonJon Sarmiento</b>, PAKISAMA, Philippines (community resilience building)  <b>Luck Wajanawat</b>, Bank for Agriculture and Cooperatives, Thailand (agri credit)</p>
09.45–10.30	<p><b>Knowledge Product Launch</b>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>Amy Leung</b>, Deputy Director General, East Asia Department, ADB  <b>Book:</b> <i>Improving Logistics for Perishable Agricultural Products in the People's Republic of China</i>  <b>Presentation:</b>  <b>Yun Kang</b>, Operations Researcher, RAND Corp., USA  <b>Wang Wei</b>, Deputy Director General, Development Research Center of the State Council, PRC  Discussant: <b>Qingfeng Zhang</b>, Director, Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture, ADB  <b>Book:</b> <i>Developing and Disseminating Water-Saving Rice Technologies in South Asia</i>  <b>Presentation:</b> <b>Arvind Kumar</b>, Plant Breeder, IRRRI  Discussant: <b>Jiangfeng Zhang</b>, Director, Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture, ADB</p>
10.30–10.45	<b>Break</b>
10.45–12.45	<p><b>Session 3: Sustainable Food Entitlement</b>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>Marlene Ramirez</b>, Secretary General, AsiaDHRRA  <b>Key issues:</b> Price and supply stability; efficient supply chain and logistics for safe food; digital shopping outlets; tariff and non-tariff barriers to agricultural trade; public procurement and inventory management of food; social safety net programs.</p> <p><b>Keynote speaker:</b> <b>Vinod Thomas</b>, Director General, Independent Evaluation, ADB  <b>Panelists:</b> <b>Mark Bell</b>, Director, International Learning Center, University of California-Davis  <b>Gerd Fleischer</b>, Head, Agricultural Innovation and Sustainability Standards Section, GIZ  <b>Jared Greenville</b>, Senior Agricultural Policy Analyst, OECD  <b>Siemon Hollema</b>, Senior Regional Programme and Policy Adviser, WFP  <b>Subhasish Panda</b>, Joint Secretary, Department of Food and Public Distribution, India  <b>Shashi Sareen</b>, Senior Food Safety and Nutrition Officer, Asia and the Pacific, FAO</p>
12.45–13.45	<b>Lunch</b>
13.45–15.45	<p><b>Session 4: Safe, Quality and Nutritious Food: Are We Eating Right?</b>  <b>Chair:</b> <b>Rob Bertram</b>, Chief Scientist, Bureau for Food Security, USAID  <b>Key Issues:</b> Public policy and institutions; responsible private sector; nutritious and health promoting food; integrated supply facility for cost-effective monitoring of safety issues; frontier technology for food safety; role of development partners.</p> <p><b>Keynote speaker:</b> <b>Marco Ferroni</b>, Executive Director, Sygenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture  <b>Panelists:</b> <b>Mubarik Ali</b>, Member, Food Security and Climate Change, Planning Commission, Pakistan  <b>María González Pastor</b>, Consultant, <i>Dirección de Operaciones en el Exterior</i>, MERCASA  <b>Najat Mokhtar</b>, Director, Division of Asia Pacific, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)  <b>Akmal Siddiq</b>, Director, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division, ADB  <b>Paul P.S. Teng</b>, Senior Fellow, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore  <b>Marco Woperies</b>, Director General, AVRDC</p>
15.45–16.00	<b>Break</b>
16.00–17.20	<p><b>Actions and Recommendations</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mahfuz Ahmed</b>, Technical Advisor, Rural Development and Food Security, ADB  <b>Panelists:</b> <b>Nichola Dyer</b>, Program Manager, GAFSP  <b>Hoonae Kim</b>, Director, Asia and the Pacific, IFAD  <b>Takashi Matsuo</b>, Director, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, ADB  <b>Akmal Siddiq</b>, Director, Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, ADB  <b>Jiangfeng Zhang</b>, Director, Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture, ADB  <b>Qingfeng Zhang</b>, Director, Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture, ADB</p>
17.20–17.30	<b>Closing Remarks by Wencai Zhang</b> , Vice-President, Operations 1, ADB