



## ADB-CIKD Webinar Series on COVID-19 Experiences and Lessons from the PRC

### Biography



**Dr. Sen Gong** is Executive Vice-President (Director-General) of the Center for International Knowledge on Development (CIKD), Secretary-General of Sustainable Development Forum (SDF), and Senior Research Fellow of the Development Research Center of the State Council (DRC).

Over the past three years, he has led the operation of the newly-established CIKD, building a broad network with multilateral and bilateral agencies (such as the World Bank, UNDESA, UNESCO, UNIDO, UNICEF, IDB, ADB, EBRD, OECD, DFID, etc), internationally-renowned think tanks (IDS, DIE, Oxford University etc.) and key Chinese ministries (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce etc.), conducting researches such as China's poverty reduction, and China's progress reports on implementing the SDGs, and hosting the Sustainable Development Forum as a global platform to exchange sustainable development theories and practices.

Before joining CIKD in 2017, Dr. Gong has worked in DRC since 2002 as Director-General of the Research Institute of Public Administration and Human Resources and Deputy Director-General of the Research Department of Social Development. Prior to these, Dr. GONG worked at the Ministry of Civil Affairs and at the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security.

Dr. Gong was appointed by UN Secretary General Mr. Antonio Guterres in 2018 as one of the 24 members of the UNDESA Committee of Development Policy, the only representative from China. He also serves at both the Expert Advisory Board of the Ministry of Human and Social Security and the Expert Advisory Board of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of China.

Dr. Gong's research interests include social security, health care, employment, social governance, public administration as well as development studies and sustainable development. Dr. Gong has written intensively on policy issues and co-authored 5 books.

Dr. Gong got his bachelor's degree in geography at Beijing Normal University in China. He obtained his master's degree in social research from the University of Bath and PhD degree in Social Policy from the University of Sheffield in UK.



**Dr. Rongmeng Jiang**, MD is Chief Physician, Beijing Ditan Hospital (Beijing Special Hospital for Infectious Diseases, affiliated to Capital Medical University); Member of the National Advisory Committee on Infectious Diseases, National Health Commission (Former Ministry of Health); Member of National Expert Group of Covid-19, National Health Commission (Former Ministry of Health)



After graduation from the Health Science Center of Peking University (Former Beijing Medical University) in 1995, Dr. Jiang has been engaged in the clinical diagnosis and treatment, teaching, training and research of infectious diseases.

As a clinical expert, Dr. Jiang has provided on-site guidance on medical treatment of major and sudden infectious diseases such as new coronavirus pneumonia, avian influenza, pneumonic plague, Ebola and SARS in China, Sierra Leone, Madagascar and many other places. Dr. Jiang has participated in the development of National Diagnostic Standards and Prevention Programs of the National Health Commission, such as Covid-19, Plague, Influenza, Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), and Ebola virus disease (Ebola), etc.

As a member of the national expert group, he went to Wuhan city on the early stage to guide and participate in the clinical treatment of COVID-19 for over 3 months. He was assigned to visit different hospitals in Wuhan city to carry out investigations of fever clinics, assist in the diagnosis and treatment of the cases including the severe patients, and guide the reconstruction of the isolation wards. He took part in the establishment and implementation of Antibody Testing Programs in Wuhan city, and carried out investigation and management for the asymptomatic infections, "Return to positive" and "Long-term positive" cases. He also trained hundreds of medical professionals from Wuhan and other provinces all over China.



**Xiheng Jiang** is an associate fellow of Development Research Center of the State Council (DRC) and Vice President of China Center for International Knowledge on Development (CIKD). She joined the Department of International Cooperation of DRC in 2000. From March 2008 to April 2015, she worked as the Director of Research and Programs Division of the Department. From April 2015 till April 2017, she served as the Deputy Director General of the Department. Since April 2017, she has been working as Vice President of CIKD.

Ms. Jiang obtained her bachelor and master's degrees in English from School of Foreign Languages and Literatures, Lanzhou University. She also received a MPA from Graduate School, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. In addition, she has participated in many training programs of the Central Government and international organizations, such as the management training program of UNDP, and the country strategies program of World Bank.

Her research focuses on international development and the Belt and Road Initiative. She has been in charge of a number of key research projects, such as "China's Policy Coherence in International Development Cooperation", "Research on the Belt and Road Initiative", "Issues of China-OECD Cooperation in a new era", "Research on China's Emergency Industry", "Research on China's Emergency Management System", etc. Several of her reports and policy briefs have been read and adopted by the State Council, such as "Policy Advice on Strengthening China-OECD Cooperation", "Lessons and Implications from Socialization of Emergency Management in Developed Countries".



**Song Liu** is the Vice President of Alibaba Group who is mainly in charge of tasks such as strategic planning, public policy, ecological construction of cooperation among industry, universities and research institutions, and technology talents cultivation plan in the technology sector of Alibaba Group. In the past two decades, Mr. Liu has been active in China's fields of science, technology, industry and think tank, and has deeply observed the trends of internet and information industries. Therefore, he has leading, profound and compound practical experiences in digital transformation of government and enterprises, industrial internet and intelligent manufacturing, innovation and entrepreneurship. Mr. Liu also takes up other social positions such as Vice President of Artificial Intelligence Industry Alliance (ALIA) and Vice President of Alliance of Industrial Internet (All).



**Dr. Zunyou Wu** is now the Chief Epidemiologist of Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention (China CDC). He has been involved in HIV/AIDS research and public health programs for over 30 years. He is now a member of The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) Scientific Expert Panel, and UNAIDS Evaluation Expert Advisory Committee. Dr. Wu has worked on SARS in 2003 and was an expert in China's delegation attending 56th World Health Assembly leading by Vice Premier Wu Yi. Dr. Wu joined efforts in controlling COVID-19 since January 2020. He is a member of WHO-China joint mission in February 16-24, 2020.



**Dr. Yang Yao** is a professor at the China Center for Economic Research (CCER) and the National School of Development (NSD), Peking University. He currently serves as the director of CCER and the dean of NSD.

He is a member of the China Finance 40 Forum. His research interests include economic transition and development in China. He has published more than hundred research papers in international and domestic journals as well as several books on institutional economics and economic development in China. He is also a prolific writer for magazines and newspapers, including the Financial Times and the Project Syndicate.

Dr. Yao was awarded the 2008 and 2014 Sun Yefang Award in Economic Science, the 2008 and 2010 Pu Shan Award in International Economics and the 2008 Zhang Peigang Award in Development Economics, and was named the Best Teacher by the Peking University Student Union in 2006.

Dr. Yao obtained a BS in geography in 1986 and an MS in economics in 1989, both from Peking University, and his PhD in development economics from the department of agricultural and applied economics at the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 1996.