

## **About the Speakers**



**Dr. Neeraj Gupta**, the Technical Director for Carbon Management at Battelle, provides technical and program development leadership for Battelle's Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage (CCUS) work. He has over 27 years of domestic and international experience in carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) storage, CO<sub>2</sub> enhanced oil recovery (EOR), and other subsurface projects. His domestic project leadership includes the Co-Principal Investigator for the *Midwest Regional Carbon Initiative*, working to evaluate CCUS across 20 states in midwestern and mid-Atlantic regions, while his international project leadership includes CO<sub>2</sub> storage assessments in the PRC, Mexico, Japan, Germany, Indonesia, and South Africa for the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and private clients. Dr. Gupta has been the Team Leader of the consultant team of ADB's [TA9745](#) on CCUS feasibility study in PRC since 2020.



**Mr. Atsumasa Sakai**, Senior Energy Specialist, joined ADB in 2016 and has worked on energy sector operation in the East, Central, and West Asia since then. He led the processing of the Mongolia's First-Utility Scale Battery Storage Project (L3874/G0696) with support from High-Level Technology Fund in 2020 and is implementing complicated multi-sector projects in the People's Republic of China (PRC) and Mongolia, including the KSTA on low-carbon rural development model in PRC and the KSTA on smart grid in Mongolia. He has earned the master's degree of policy program from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mr. Sakai has been the Project Officer of TA9745 on CCUS pilot plant feasibility study in PRC since 2020.