

► Resilient supply chains and equitable growth in a changing world of work: Advancing Decent Work through regional cooperation in Asia and the Pacific (Bangkok, Thailand)

List of speakers

Welcoming remarks

15 September 2025 08.30- 09:30



► Ms. Kaori Nakamura Osaka

Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific

Ms. Nakamura-Osaka was appointed as the ILO's Assistant Director-General and Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific in January 2025. She previously served as Deputy Assistant Minister for International Affairs at Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, and held posts as Vice Governor of Kagoshima Prefecture, Director for International Youth Exchange, and First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan in the United States. Ms Nakamura is a career government official with extensive experience in employment, labour, youth and international policy. She holds an M.A. in Public Administration from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Tokyo.



► Ms. Michaela Friberg-Storey

United Nations Resident Coordinator in Thailand

UN Secretary-General António Guterres appointed Michaela Friberg-Storey of Sweden as the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Thailand on 28 September 2024. Ms. Friberg-Storey brings over 25 years of expertise in international humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding. Prior, she served as the United Nations Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Kazakhstan. Before joining the UN, Ms. Friberg-Storey held senior management positions with the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and served as Senior Advisor at the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She holds a postgraduate degree in Humanitarian Assistance from Uppsala University and a bachelor's in political science from Stockholm University.



► Mr. Khalid Nadvi

Professor of International Development, University of Manchester

Khalid Nadvi is a Political Economist and Professor of International Development at the University of Manchester. His work focuses on trade, industrial development, global value chains, corporate social responsibility, and technological upgrading. He has led major ESRC-funded projects, with research published in leading journals and books. He has also consulted for international organizations including UNIDO, ILO, UNCTAD, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the World Bank.



► Mr. Sarmart Pattamasukhon

Deputy Permanent Secretary, Thailand

Panel 1 - Moderated high-level discussion

15 September 2025 | 09:30-11:00hrs.



► **Ms. Manuela Tomei**

Assistant Director-General for Governance, Rights and Dialogue, ILO

Manuela Tomei has served the ILO in a wide range of roles since 1988, including Associate Expert, Technical Specialist in the Employment Department, and Senior Specialist in the InFocus Programme on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work. Her work has focused on labour protection, conditions of work, emerging work arrangements such as platform work, and gender equality and non-discrimination. She led the adoption of the Domestic Workers Convention, 2011 (No. 189), and the Violence and Harassment Convention, 2019 (No. 190), and was the main architect of the Equal Pay International Coalition (EPIC), linked to SDG target 8.5.



► **Mr. Hideaki Iwasaki**

Director General of Sectors Department 1, Asian Development Bank

Mr. Iwasaki has over 34 years of professional work experience, including more than 22 years in ADB. Prior to his appointment, he served as Deputy Director General for the Pacific Department where he provided guidance and advice to project teams on managing implementation risks and transaction costs and guided the North Pacific team. He was formerly Country Director to Thailand and had senior roles in the Southeast Asia, Central, and West Asia departments. He is a Japanese national and holds a master's degree in civil engineering from Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University, USA, as well as a master's and bachelor's degrees in urban engineering from the University of Tokyo.



► **Mr. Vina Narsey**

President, Fiji Commerce and Employers Federation, Fiji

Vinay Narsey is Managing Director of Narseys Plastics Industries Pte Ltd, one of Fiji's leading packaging manufacturers, and has extensive experience in manufacturing, trade, and business leadership across the Pacific. He serves as President of the Fiji Commerce and Employers Federation (FCEF), chairs the Trade and Standards Advisory Council, and previously led the Fiji New Zealand Business Council (2017-2021). He holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Management and Marketing from Monash University, is an Affiliate of the Australian Institute of Management, and a member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. A strong advocate for sustainable development, he promotes local business empowerment to drive innovation, job creation, and long-term prosperity.



► **Mr. Patuan Samosir**

Senior Director for Human Rights and Labour Standards at the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) Asia-Pacific

Patuan Samosir is Senior Director for Human Rights and Labour Standards at the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC) Asia-Pacific, based in Singapore. A former student activist, he served as Research and Education Director for Indonesia's first independent trade union, SBSI, from 1998 to 2001. He later worked as ASEAN Regional Director for the World Solidarity Movement. Since joining ITUC-Asia Pacific in 2008, he has advanced human and trade union rights and strengthened workers' power across the region. He holds degrees from Padjajaran University and the University of Münster.

► **Lutfey Siddiqi**

Special Envoy on International Affairs to the Chief Adviser, Bangladesh



Mr. Lutfey Siddiqi is Special Envoy of the head of the interim government of Bangladesh, with the rank-equivalent of cabinet minister. He is also a visiting professor-in-practice at the London School of Economics and an adjunct professor at the National University of Singapore. He is a member of the advisory boards of LSE Systemic Risk Centre, LSE IDEAS, LSE Inclusion Initiative and the Centre for Governance and Sustainability (CGS) at NUS business school. He was previously Global Head of Emerging Markets for Foreign Exchange, Rates & Credit at UBS Investment Bank where he was also the founding head of UBS Knowledge Network. Prior to that, he was a Managing Director at Barclays Bank in charge of a business-line across Asia Pacific. He is currently a member of the Global Future Council (GFC) of Innovative Financing for Nature and Climate (2025-2026), and was previously a member of the GFC on the Future of Philanthropy for Climate and Nature (2023-2024).

Panel 2 - Fixing the Foundations: Strengthening Labour Institutions for Decent Work in Supply Chains

15 September 2025 | 11:30-01:00 hrs.



► **Mr. Colin Fenwick**

Senior Specialist, Labour Administration and Social Dialogue, ILO

Colin Fenwick is a Senior Specialist on Labour Governance with the ILO in Bangkok. During nearly 17 years with the Office, he has also served as Head of Better Work in Asia; a labour law specialist in the Pacific; and Head of the Labour Law and Reform Unit in ILO Headquarters. Before joining the ILO Colin was an Associate Professor at Melbourne Law School. There he served as Director of the Centre for Employment and Labour Law, and as an editor of the Australian Journal of Labour Law. He has published widely on Australian, comparative and international labour law issues.



► **Ms. Anastacia Howe**

Sustainability Specialist for Labour Rights at H&M Group

Anastacia Howe is the Sustainability Specialist for Labour Rights at H&M Group, responsible for advancing labour rights across the company's global production markets. She works to strengthen labour institutions and promote decent working conditions through freedom of association, collective bargaining, grievance mechanisms, and gender-based violence and harassment (GBVH) initiatives. With extensive experience in Southeast Asia, she focuses on bridging global frameworks with local realities to ensure compliance, worker voice, and inclusive access to remedy across supply chains.



► **Mr. Anthony Fogarty**

Executive Director of Policy, Fair Work Ombudsman, Australia

Anthony Fogarty is the Executive Director of Policy, at the Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO). Over the past 15 years, Anthony has worked across Departments and several statutory agencies within the Attorney-Generals, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolios. In his current role, Anthony is responsible for providing strategic advice on the risks, opportunities and direction of the Fair Work Ombudsman and agency-wide policy development and implementation



► **Mr. Jerome T. Yanson**

Technical Service Director, National Wages and Productivity Commission, Department of Labor and Employment, Philippines

Mr. Yanson is Technical Service Director at the National Wages and Productivity Commission (NWPC), an attached agency of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE). He has served as Philippine negotiator on labor for the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) and as a speaker/resource person for the Asian Productivity Organization. Previously, he headed the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board Secretariat in Central Luzon, leading wage policy formulation and productivity programs. Before that, he was Chief Labor and Employment Officer at the DOLE Bureau of Labor Relations, supervising policy development, labor education, and program management. He began his government career as research assistant/information officer at the DOLE Institute for Labor Studies. With 20 years of government service, he holds a Master of Industrial Relations from the University of the Philippines School of Labor and Industrial Relations.



► **Ms. Yashoravi Maheshika Bakmiwewa**

Senior Assistant Director General / Head of Training, Employers' Federation of Ceylon, Sri Lanka

Yashoravi has been with the EFC since 2010 and is involved in providing legal advice to member organisations on Labour/Employment Law, Industrial Relations and Human Resource Management and conducting training on the said areas in addition to Heading the training unit. She is also engaged in representing member organisations in employment related litigation before Labour Tribunals, Arbitrations/Industrial Court and the Labour Department in addition to representing the interests of employers at tripartite fora such as the Wages Boards and Steering Committees on the eradication of Child Labour. Yashoravi has received training on Industrial Relations and Human Resources Management both nationally and internationally. She was admitted as an Attorney-at-Law by the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka in 2007 and commenced her professional career at the Attorney General's Department.



► **Mr. Josua Mata**

Secretary General, SENTRO, Philippines

Josua Mata has been a trade unionist for more than 35 years now. He is currently serving as the Secretary-General of the 80,000-strong Sentro ng mga Nagkakaisa at Progresibong Mangagawa (SENTRO). Mr. Mata concurrently sits in the Board of Trustees of the Labor Education and Research Network (LEARN), a workers' education association established by the trade unions. Before being elected as Secretary-General of SENTRO, Mr. Mata was the Secretary General of the Alliance of Progressive Labor (APL) for 10 years. Before this, he was Deputy Secretary General of the National Union of Workers in Hotel, Restaurant and Allied Industries (NUWHRAIN) from 1999 to 2004. Before this position, he was an organizer-educator for the national union since 1989. He has been invited as resource person and trainer on neo-liberal globalization, anti-WTO campaigns, social movement unionism, and comprehensive trade union issues in at least 20 countries. Josua took up BS Architecture at the University of the Philippines, and subsequently BA Geography at the same university.

Panel 3 - In focus: Impact of responsible investing/finance

15 September 2025 | 14:00-15:00 hrs.



► Mr. Dan Rees

Director, AP/Supply Chains, International Labour Organization

Dan Rees was appointed the Director of the International Labour Organisation's Priority Action Programme on Supply Chains in March 2023. In this role he coordinates the implementation of ILO's strategy on decent work in supply chains including initiatives to ensure policy coherence and stronger partnerships with other organisations. Mr Rees was the Director of Better Work, a flagship programme of the ILO jointly managed together with the International Finance Corporation from 2010-23. Prior to joining ILO in 2010, Dan was the first Director of the UK-based Ethical Trading Initiative, spearheading its growth from start-up to a field leader in business and human rights. He has advised numerous governments, international organizations and leading companies on best practice in improving access to labour rights in supply chains.



► Mr. Bruce Dunn

Director for Policy and Technical Services in the Office of Safeguards, Asian Development Bank

Bruce Dunn is the Director for Policy and Technical Services in ADB's Office of Safeguards. In this role, he leads a team focused on policy, knowledge and capacity support for ADB's environmental and social standards. He previously served as ADB's Chief of Environment, developing a range of programs focused on biodiversity conservation, ocean health, circular economy and air quality management. He has more than 25 years of experience working across Asia and the Pacific in areas covering environmental and social impact assessment, biodiversity and natural resource management.



► Mr. Tatsuro Yuzawa

Head of PRI Japan

Tatsuro Yuzawa is Head of Japan, RI Ecosystems, at Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI), which he joined in June 2022. Prior to that, he was consistently involved in the asset management business, including serving as a chief investment officer at an asset management company. Mr Yuzawa managed domestic and global fixed incomes at Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan, and Japanese equities at asset management companies in the US, UBS Trust & Banking, and Credit Suisse Trust & Banking in Japan. At Tokio Marine Asset Management, he was involved in engagement-focused investment and drafting stewardship statements, serving as Managing Executive Officer and Head of the Asset Management Division. Mr Yuzawa earned a Bachelor of Law degree from Tohoku University, and an MBA from the University of Chicago. He holds CFA, CMA and CIIA qualifications.



► Ms. Katie Fowler

Director of Responsible Business at Thomson Reuters Foundation

Katie is the Director of Responsible Business at Thomson Reuters Foundation. Prior to joining Thomson Reuters Foundation, Katie was Chief Executive of The Social Innovation Partnership, a social enterprise that supports local government, philanthropists and companies to deepen their social impact through participatory research, user-led design and systems innovation. Katie previously spent a decade in the child rights INGO sector and has also managed extensive portfolios of public health consultancy for the UN, World Health Organisation and numerous global foundations across the global south. Katie is passionate about unlocking data and insights that will drive a rights-based approach to economic development. Katie holds a Professional Certificate in Executive Coaching from Henley Business School, an MSc in Poverty Reduction and Development Management from Birmingham University and a BA in Economics, Politics and International Studies from Warwick University.



► **Dr. Muhammad Yousaf Sarwar**

Director, Employers Federation of Pakistan

Dr. Muhammad Yousaf Sarwar serves as Employer Representative from Pakistan. He is a central board member and current Chairman of the Employers' Federation of Pakistan, KP Chapter. For over a decade, he has engaged with tripartite organizations representing both workers and employers. He sits on the Boards of the Employees Old Age Benefit Institute and the Workers' Welfare Fund of Pakistan. He represented Pakistan at the 111th ILC in Geneva and has participated in numerous ILO engagements, strengthening his commitment to aligning Pakistan's labor policies with international standards. Dr. Sarwar is Director of Aries Pharmaceuticals (Pvt.) Ltd., has served on various government boards, and is a former President of the Sarhad Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



► **Mr. Ismail Bin Ali**

Vice President, Malaysian Trades Union Congress

Ismail Ali has over three decades of experience with Pos Malaysia Berhad, where he began his career in 1993. He has been actively engaged in trade union leadership since 2002, first serving as Secretary of the Wilayah Persekutuan, Kuala Lumpur Branch of the Union of Pos Malaysia Berhad Uniform Staff. He later became Secretary General and Branch Chairman in 2009 and has held the position of President since 2018. Beyond his union leadership, he also serves as Vice President of the Malaysian Trades Union Congress (MTUC), where he contributes to advancing workers' rights and strengthening the labour movement nationally.

Panel 4 - In focus: Labour dimension of Human Rights due diligence/RBC

15 September 2025 | 15:00-16:00 hrs.



► Dr. Pichamon Yeophantong

Chair, UN Working Group on Business & Human Rights

Dr Pichamon Yeophantong is the Chairperson of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights. She is also Head of Research and Associate Professor at the Centre for Future Defence and National Security, Deakin University. Pichamon currently leads the Responsible Business Lab and the Environmental Justice and Human Rights Project, which are funded by an Australian Research Council Fellowship.



► Ms. Masayo Ogawa

Deputy Director for the Business and Human Rights Policy Office Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan

Ms. Ogawa is Deputy Director of the Business and Human Rights Policy Office at Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI). She has contributed to shaping and implementing Japan's policies on business and human rights, drawing on her experience at both METI and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to her government service, she worked with the United Nations, focusing on human rights issues in Africa and Asia. Ms. Ogawa holds a Master of Studies in International Human Rights Law from the University of Oxford and a Master of Science in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.



► Ms. Emiko Nagasawa

Senior Advisor, Labor Legislation Bureau, Keidanren (Japan Business Federation)

Senior Advisor at the Labor Legislation Bureau of Keidanren (Japan Business Federation). In her previous role, she led the revision of the Charter of Corporate Behavior and its Implementation Guidance to promote responsible business conduct among Keidanren member companies. She also oversaw the publication of Keidanren's Handbook on Management that Respects Human Rights. Since July 2023, she has served as an Employer Member of the ILO Governing Body and is currently Vice-Chair of the Policy Working Group on Human Rights and Responsible Business Conduct at the International Organisation of Employers (IOE).



► Ms. Nitnida Phongsavath

Ministry of Industry & Commerce, Lao PDR

Nitnida Phongsavath is Deputy Director of the NIU Division in the Permanent Secretary Office at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Lao PDR. The NIU Division coordinates trade-related development assistance and oversees donor-funded technical assistance projects supporting trade and industry priorities. Since joining the Ministry in 2013, she has led key Trade Related Technical Assistance (TRTA) initiatives to improve the business environment, trade facilitation, and SME competitiveness. She previously served as National Finance Officer for a multi-donor trust fund supporting trade and private sector development in Laos.



► **Mr. Frederick Ho**

Deputy Director, Singapore National Trades Union Congress (NTUC)

Frederick Ho is the Deputy Director of the International and Strategic Partnerships Department of the Singapore National Trades Union Congress (NTUC). The department is responsible for managing the international relations and strategic partnerships for the NTUC. In his current capacity, he is representing NTUC as the Singapore Worker's Representative in Indo-Pacific Economic Framework (IPEC) Labour Rights Advisory Board (LRAB) and the European Union-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (EUSFTA) Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) Public Stakeholders' Forum. Having joined the NTUC since April 1997, he has previously held various portfolios including youth and sports, industrial relations, workers' training and corporate social responsibility.



► **Ms. Josée Laporte**

RBC Specialist and Focal Point for Africa and Asia, Multinational Enterprises and Responsible Business Conduct Unit (MULTI/RBC), ILO

Ms. Josée Laporte has been a Responsible Business Conduct Specialist with the ILO since 2014, promoting the ILO MNE Declaration, providing technical assistance to governments, employers, workers, and businesses, and collaborating with international organizations to advance decent work and policy coherence on sustainable trade and investment. She has over 20 years of experience with the ILO, including managing the SHARE Programme on HIV/AIDS and the world of work across 24 countries. She holds degrees in law (LL.B., Université de Montréal), public relations (Université Laval), international relations (M.A., Université Libre de Bruxelles), and environmental governance (Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies).

Panel 5 - From Challenge to Opportunity: Supply Chains in a Just Transition

15 September 2025 | 16:30-17:30 hrs.



► **Mr. Fredy Guayacan**

Senior Specialist on Environment and Decent Work, ILO

Fredy Guayacan is Senior Specialist on Environment and Decent Work at the ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team for East and South-East Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok. An economist, he has extensive experience in sustainable enterprise development, responsible business conduct, and local economic development, working with governments, employers, workers, and academia across the Asia-Pacific. He has also served with the UN and the Government of Colombia. He holds advanced degrees in economics and development studies and a BA in political economy.



► **Mr. Nitipat Nantavaropas (Nat)**

Department Manager, Social Collaborations, Global Partnership for Sustainability and Communications, Charoen Pokphand Group

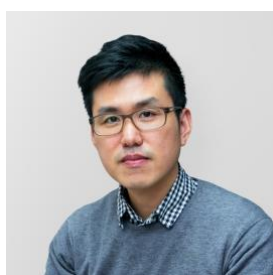
Nitipat Nantavaropas is Department Manager at Charoen Pokphand (C.P.) Group's Global Partnership Office for Sustainability and Communications. He leads work on advancing environmental, social and governance (ESG) priorities across the Group, with a particular focus on the "social" dimension. He specializes in human rights and labour practices and coordinates the Group's Ethical Recruitment Program, aimed at promoting fair and responsible recruitment across operations. C.P. Group is one of Asia's largest conglomerates, operating in over 20 countries with more than 450,000 employees across agri-food, retail, telecommunications, and other industries.



► **Mr. Badal Khan**

Chair, National Coordination Committee for Workers' Education (NCCWE), Bangladesh

Badal Khan has dedicated his life to the labour movement in Bangladesh. He first became active during the student movement in 1969 and later participated in the country's Liberation War of 1971. After completing his studies in 1979, he joined the banking sector and became actively involved in trade union work. Since 1991, he has served as General Secretary of the National Trade Union Centre, and he is currently Chairman of the National Coordination Committee for Workers' Education (NCCWE). With over four decades of experience, he continues to work for the happiness and emancipation of the working class.



► **Mr. Walter Lin**

Managing Director for Asia, SEDEX

Walter has over 20 years of experience in supply chain management and international trade in international and local companies/institutions. He is currently responsible for the strategic development and overall operations of Sedex in Asia, working with multi-stakeholders from upstream and downstream companies in the supply chain, industry associations, governments and UN agencies to raise awareness, capacity and performance of companies in the supply chain dimension. He serves as a guest lecturer on supply chain sustainability and ESG in relevant universities and academic institutions to promote education and dissemination of responsible business and also serves concurrently as a judge for supply chain awards in relevant ESG fields.



► **Mr. Muliufi Nickel**

Member, Samoa Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Samoa

Muliufi Nickel is a public policy and development professional with nearly 15 years of experience in commerce, industry, labour, and private sector development. He spent eight years in senior leadership at the Samoa Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour, culminating as Assistant CEO for Policy, Planning and Project Management, where he oversaw national strategies and US\$4 million Enhanced Integrated Framework projects. He spearheaded the Samoa National Employment Policy and the MSME Development Strategy and Policy, and served as lead drafter to a Cabinet Subcommittee on labour mobility. He has represented Samoa in international trade forums, including the WTO and PACER Plus. He now works as Senior Consultant (Trade & Climate Resilience) with KVA Consult Ltd.



► **Ms. HUANG Kun**

Director, Chinese Academy of Labour and Social Security, Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security of China, China

Professor Huang Kun, Ph.D. in Economic Law, is Director of the Research Office of Labour Disputes at the Chinese Academy of Labor and Social Security and a member of the Expert Committee of the National Tripartite Conference on Coordination of Labor Relations of China. She has nearly 30 years of experience in labour relations and labour law. Professor Huang has led more than 40 policy research programmes on issues including platform workers, atypical employment, flexible working hours, basic labour standards legislation, collective negotiation practices, and responsible labour practices in global supply chains. Her research has significantly contributed to the drafting and implementation of national labour policies.

High-level tripartite closing remarks

15 September | 17:30-18:00



► Mr Edwin Yeap Khoo Soon

Vice President, Malaysian Employers Federation (MEF)

Mr. Edwin Yeap Khoo Soon is a firm believer in transformational leadership and in advocating diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace. As Vice President of the MEF, he is committed to nation building through the championing of equitable labour rights, shaping the future of work by leveraging digital transformation, and promoting a global perspective in the development of people policies.



► Dr. Rudy Salahuddin

Deputy Minister for Industry, Manpower, and Tourism Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, Indonesia

Mohammad Rudy Salahuddin holds a BSc in Civil Engineering from the University of Indonesia (1993) and an MEM (1995) and DSc (2002) from The George Washington University. His career spans senior roles at the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, the Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM), and Bappenas, as well as commissioner positions in several state-owned and private enterprises. He has participated in leadership programs at institutions such as the London School of Economics, ADB Institute, and Korea Agency for Digital Opportunity. He also serves on the National Wage Council, the National Tripartite Cooperation Institution, and chairs the Pre-employment Card Program Implementation Team. His service has been recognized with the Satyalancana Karya Satya X (2007) and XX (2016) awards.



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Panel 6 - Supply Chains as Drivers of Formalization: Transitioning enterprises and workers from informality to formality

16 September 2025 | 10:00-11:00 hrs.



► **Ms. Bharti Birla**

Enterprise Development Specialist, ILO Decent Work Team for South Asia

Ms Bharti Birla is the Enterprise Development Specialist with the ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team for South Asia, based in New Delhi, advising Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka on Sustainable Enterprises, Productivity and Just Transition, covering MNEs and responsible business conduct, MSMEs, transition to formality, social finance, and the social and solidarity economy. An Indian national with 30+ years across corporate, legal and development sectors, she has served the ILO since 2009, previously as Chief Technical Advisor leading South Asia projects on global supply chains and on safety and health. A former Lawyer and Patent Agent, she holds an LL.M (Labour and Employment Law, Osgoode Hall, York University), an LL.B and B.Pharm (Delhi University), and an MBA (Marketing/International Marketing).



► **Professor (Dr.) Dev Nathan**

Visiting Professor, Institute for Human Development, India

Dev Nathan is with the Institute for Human Development, India; The New School for Social Research, New York; and the Southern Centre for Inequality Studies, Johannesburg. He co-edits the Cambridge University Press series on Global Value Chains and has authored or co-edited key works including *Labour in Global Value Chains in Asia* (2016), *Upgrading and Innovation in Asia* (2018), *Reverse Subsidies in Global Monopsony Capital* (2022), and *Knowledge and Global Inequality Since 1800* (2024). His research also addresses gender, including *Witch Hunts: Culture, Patriarchy and Structural Transformation* (2020).



► **Mr. Farooq Ahmed**

Secretary General & CEO, Bangladesh Employers' Federation, Bangladesh



► **Mr. Salman Ghani**

Joint Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development, Pakistan

Panel 7 - In focus: Impact of Economic Frameworks, LDC Graduation, GSP+ renewal

16 September 2025 | 11:00-12:00 hrs.



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► **Ms. Abigael Ogada-Osir**

PSM Director, IPEF Trade Negotiations and Supply Chain Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Abby is Chair of the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity (IPEF) Facility Specific Mechanism Working Group and Director of the supply chain resilience team at Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. She has led cross-portfolio policy projects in both government and consulting, including at McKinsey & Co., the Commonwealth Treasury, and the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, where she directed national reform projects and supported Australia's COVID-19 response. A lawyer by training, she has held legal and policy roles in NGOs and DFAT, including a diplomatic posting in Brasilia. In 2024, Abby received a Public Service Medal.



► **Lutfey Siddiqi**

Special Envoy on International Affairs to the Chief Adviser, Chief Adviser's Office, Bangladesh

Mr. Lutfey Siddiqi is Special Envoy of the head of the interim government of Bangladesh, with rank-equivalent of cabinet minister. He is Visiting Professor-in-Practice at the London School of Economics and Adjunct Professor at the National University of Singapore. He serves on advisory boards of LSE Systemic Risk Centre, LSE IDEAS, LSE Inclusion Initiative, and NUS Centre for Governance and Sustainability. Previously Global Head of Emerging Markets at UBS and Managing Director at Barclays, he also sits on the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Innovative Financing for Nature and Climate (2025-26).



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► **Mr. Jagdish Raj Shrimali**

Senior Secretary, INTUC, India

Mr. Jagdish Raj Shrimali is a senior labour leader with the Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC), where he serves as National Senior Secretary and State President of the Rajasthan Branch. Starting as a worker at Udaipur Cement Works, he rose from grassroots organizer to national leadership, advocating for labour rights for over four decades. He previously served as Vice-Chairman of the Rajasthan Labour Welfare Advisory Board and, in 2022, was conferred Minister of State status by the Rajasthan government. He has represented INTUC at international forums, including the ILO Conference in Geneva and JILAF programmes in Tokyo.

Panel 8 - In Focus: Supply Chains for Energy Transitions

16 September 2025 | 12:00-13:00 hrs.



► **Ms. Annika Seiler**

Principal Energy Specialist, Asian Development Bank

Annika Seiler is a Principal Energy Specialist in the Energy Transition team of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). She is co-leading ADB's Critical Minerals to Manufacturing Value Chains for Powering Progress in Asia and the Pacific. Annika has more than 25 years of work experience, of which more than 10 years at ADB in different roles.



► **Ms. Valkyrie Hanson**

Regional Coordinator for Decent Work in Supply Chains, ILO

Valkyrie Hanson is the Regional Coordinator for Decent Work in Supply Chains at the International Labour Organization (ILO), based in Bangkok. She previously worked with the ILO's Governance Department, where she designed the ILO Approach to Strategic Compliance Planning (SCP) and led the Transformative Technology for Decent Work (TT4DW) initiative. Earlier, she served in Colombia as Chief Technical Advisor for a project on the nexus between trade and labour. Before joining the ILO, Valkyrie worked with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of International Labor Affairs (ILAB), the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), and was both a Fulbright Scholar in Guatemala and a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer in Nicaragua. She is an attorney with a Juris Doctor from the Washington College of Law at American University and holds a BA in International Economics from the George Washington University.



► **Mr. Judy Winaro**

Vice President, KSPI, Indonesia

Judy Winarno is a seasoned trade union leader with extensive experience in advancing workers' rights in Indonesia's electronics and manufacturing sectors. He currently serves as Vice President of the Central Executive Board of the Federation of Indonesian Metal Workers' Union (FSPMI) and is a member of the National Council of the Confederation of Indonesian Trade Unions (KSPI). He also heads the Workers Union at PT Sony Electronics Indonesia, where he has championed fair labour practices and worker representation. Judy holds degrees in Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering from ITS Surabaya and in Engineering from Jakarta College of Technology.



► **Mr. Tselmuun Tsogt-Ochir**

International Relations Officer, Ministry of Energy, Mongolia

TSELMUUN Tsogt-Ochir graduated from University of the Humanities, Mongolia with a degree in International Relations. He is currently pursuing a Master's program in Public Administration at the Academy of Governance, Mongolia. He began his career as a Business Development Manager at Nomads Group. He then served as a Researcher at the Diplomatic Academy under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, followed by positions as an Officer at the ASEM Preparation Office and Attaché at the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since 2022, he has been working as Specialist at the Foreign Cooperation Division, Policy and Planning Department, Ministry of Energy, Mongolia.



► **Mr. Shang Xiaoming**

Deputy Secretary-General, China Enterprise Confederation (CEC)

Panel 9 - In focus: Supply chains for food security

16 September 2025 | 14:30-16:00 hrs.



► Ms. Bharti Birla

Enterprise Development Specialist, ILO Decent Work Team for South Asia

Bharti Birla is the Enterprise Development Specialist with the ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team for South Asia, based in New Delhi. She advises seven countries on sustainable enterprises, productivity, just transition, responsible business conduct, MSMEs, social finance, and the social and solidarity economy. With over 30 years of experience across corporate, legal, and development sectors, she has served the ILO since 2009, previously as Chief Technical Advisor on global supply chains and occupational safety and health. She holds degrees in law, pharmacy, and business, including an LLM from York University.



► Mr. Tomoya Obokata

UN Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery

Tomoya Obokata was appointed as the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences in March 2020. He is a Japanese scholar of international law and human rights, specialising in transnational organised crime, human trafficking and modern slavery. Mr. Obokata currently serves as Professor of International Human Rights Law at York Law School. He has extensive experience of working on the issues of transnational crime, human trafficking and modern slavery with relevant stakeholders, including the UK Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime, and the International Organisation for Migration.



► Mr. Dwi Sukma Saputra

Member, Wage System and Employment Committee, Indonesian Employers Association (APINDO)

Dwi Sukma Saputra is an active member of the Indonesian Employers Association (APINDO), where he contributes to the Wage System and Employment Committee, the Taskforce on new employment regulations, and the National Committee for Social Dialogue between employer organizations and trade union confederations. He also brings extensive private sector experience with Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indonesia, where he has worked on supply chain employment dispute mediation, structural reform communications, labour law compliance, and vocational programme development. He holds certifications in Industrial Relations (2018) and as a Certified Public Accountant (2004).



► Mr. Vadivel Suresh

President, National Trade Union Federation (NTUF), Sri Lanka

Vadivel Suresh is the State Minister of Plantation Industries and Member of Parliament for Badulla District, Sri Lanka. He also serves as General Secretary of the Lanka Jathika Estate Workers Union (LJEWU). A long-standing advocate for plantation workers, he has held leadership roles in parliament and government, including Deputy Minister of Health Care and Nutrition and Minister of Uva Provincial Council. He is actively engaged in international parliamentary friendship associations and has been recognized for his contributions to social service, receiving the Doctor Trade Award to Social Service in 2009.



► Ms. Taimalietane Matatumua

Assistant Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Samoa

Panel 10 - In focus: Supply chains for labour intensive manufacturing

16 September 2025 | 16:30-18:00 hrs.



► David Williams

Project Manager, Resilient, Inclusive and Sustainable Supply Chains (RISSC), ILO

David Williams manages the ILO's RISSC project, promoting labour standards and responsible business conduct in key export sectors across Asia. An economist with over 15 years of experience, he has worked extensively on global supply chains in apparel, automotives, electronics, and seafood. He previously served as Deputy Programme Manager for Better Work Vietnam, supporting more than 500 factories, and later led a regional ILO programme on labour outcomes in apparel supply chains. He holds degrees from the University of Leeds and University of Birmingham.



► Ms. Krittika (Tai) Wutthipat-arree

Former Head of ESG, Compliance, Sustainability & Business Intelligence, Li & Fung

Krittika W (Tai) is an expert in supply chain sustainability, labor rights, and equitable economic development with over two decades of experience primarily in the private sector. She has deep exposure to global manufacturing supply chains, leading policy innovation and implementing Environment, Social, and Governance (ESG) initiatives across Asia-Pacific. Her work bridges trade, investment, and decent work by promoting fair labor practices and sustainability in labor-intensive manufacturing.



► Mr. Kim Seok

Policy Director, Korean Confederation of Trade Unions (KCTU)

Mr. KIM Seok is Policy Director of the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions (KCTU), overseeing climate crisis response and industrial policy since 2021. He joined KCTU in 2015, serving as Secretary of Planning and Strategic Organising Officer. With over 20 years in the labour movement, he has also worked with the Policy & Information Center for International Solidarity (PICIS), the Korean Government Employees' Union (KGEU), and the Korean Public Service and Transport Workers' Union (KPTU).



► Mr. Supriya Ranjan Datta

Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India

Supriya Ranjan Datta is Deputy Secretary at the Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India, with 28 years of service across multiple ministries. He previously worked in the Education Department, where 75 new schools were established under his tenure, and in the Ministry of Shipping, where he contributed to 20 new port projects. He currently focuses on labour reforms, including the consolidation of 29 labour laws into four labour codes, and policies for gig, platform, and construction workers.



► Ms. Siriwan Romchatthong

Secretary General, Employers' Confederation of Thailand

Ms. Siriwan Romchatthong is the Secretary-General of the Employers' Confederation of Thailand (ECOT) and an elected Employer Representative on Thailand's Social Security Board – the first under the new election system. She also serves as the ASEAN Confederation of Employers (ACE) Focal Point on Labour Migration, shaping regional dialogue on skills mobility, responsible business conduct, and fair migration. With over two decades of leadership in employer organizations nationally and regionally, she has been recognized for advancing labour protection, social security reform, and resilient supply chains. She is widely regarded as a trusted voice for employers in Thailand and ASEAN.

Tripartite closing remarks

16 September | 17:30-18:00



► Mr. Tuomo Poutiainen

Deputy Regional Director, Asia and the Pacific, ILO

Mr. Tuomo Poutiainen has worked with the International Labour Organization (ILO) for over 25 years in various countries, including Switzerland in Global role, the Philippines, Cambodia, Thailand, and Bangladesh. He has focused on community development, child labour, indigenous issues, livelihoods promotion, and peace and development initiatives. Recently, he has specialized in improving working conditions, labour rights, and managing industry processes in global supply chains. Before becoming Deputy Regional Director for the ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific on 1 June 2025, he was the Country Director for Bangladesh from 2018 to 2025. A Finnish national, Mr. Poutiainen holds a master's degree from Aix-Marseille I University in France and a Lic.Phil Degree in General History and Social Policy from Finland. Mr Poutiainen is married and has three children.



► Mr. Anthony Fogarty

Executive Director of Policy, Fair Work Ombudsman, Australia

Anthony Fogarty is the Executive Director of Policy, at the Fair Work Ombudsman (FWO). Over the past 15 years, Anthony has worked across Departments and several statutory agencies within the Attorney-Generals, Employment and Workplace Relations portfolios. In his current role, Anthony is responsible for providing strategic advice on the risks, opportunities and direction of the Fair Work Ombudsman and agency-wide policy development and implementation



► Mr Farooq Ahmed

Secretary General & CEO, Bangladesh Employers' Federation



► Ms. Tsevel Otgontungalag

General Secretary, Confederation of Mongolian Trade Union (CMTU), Mongolia
