



## Digital Services Trade: **Opportunities and Risks for Developing Asia**

**ADB–ADBI Virtual Conference  
30 June–2 July 2021**

30 June: 2:00–4:50 p.m. | 1 July: 8:00–10:40PM | 2 July: 2:00–5:30PM  
(Philippine Standard Time)

## AGENDA

### Day 1 Wednesday, 30 June 2021

*Moderator: Jong Woo Kang, Principal Economist, Regional Cooperation and Integration Division (ERCI), ADB*

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Meeting Connection Opens for Testing (Presenters/Discussants)**

#### Opening Session

2:00 – 2:05 p.m. **Opening Remarks**  
Tetsushi Sonobe, Dean and CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI)

2:05 – 2:10 p.m. **Welcome Remarks**  
Yasuyuki Sawada, Chief Economist and Director General, Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department, ADB

#### Paper 1: Trends on Digital Services Trade

2:10 – 2:35 p.m. **Presenter:** Antonella Liberatore, Statistician, OECD

2:35 – 2:45 p.m. **Discussant:** Joseph Mariasingham, Senior Statistician, Statistics and Data Innovation Unit, ADB

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. **Q&A**

#### Paper 2: Trade in Digital Services in Developing Asia

3:00 – 3:25 p.m. **Presenter:** Rupa Chanda, Professor, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore

3:25 – 3:35 p.m. **Discussant:** Jane Drake-Brockman, Professor, University of Adelaide

3:35 – 3:50 p.m. **Q&A**  
**Group photo**

3:50 – 4:00 p.m. **BREAK** (10 minutes)

### Paper 3: Measuring Trade Restrictiveness

4:00 – 4:25 p.m. **Presenter:** Erik van der Marel, Senior Economist, European Centre for International Political Economy

4:25 – 4:35 p.m. **Discussant:** Peter Morgan, Vice Chair for Research, ADBI

4:35 – 4:50 p.m. **Q&A**

## Day 2 Thursday, 1 July 2021

*Moderator: Rolando Avendano, Economist, ERCI, ADB*

7:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Meeting Connection Opens for Testing (Presenters/Discussants)**

### Paper 4: Services, Digital Trade, and Global Value Chains in Asia

8:00 – 8:25 p.m. **Presenter:** Ben Shepherd, Principal, Developing Trade Consultants

8:25 – 8:35 p.m. **Discussant:** Jahm Mae Guinto, Consultant, ADB

8:35 – 8:50 p.m. **Q&A**

### Paper 5: Digital Services Trade and Social Inclusion

8:50 – 9:15 p.m. **Presenter:** Guido Porto, Professor, Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina

9:15 – 9:25 p.m. **Discussant:** Rogelio Mercado Jr, Economist, ERCI, ADB

9:25 – 9:40 p.m. **Q&A**  
**Group photo**

9:40 – 9:50 p.m. **BREAK** (10 minutes)

### Paper 6: Digital Services Trade and Competitiveness

9:50 – 10:15 p.m. **Presenter:** Won Hee Cho, Consultant, ADB

10:15 – 10:25 p.m. **Discussant:** Kijin Kim, Economist, ERCI, ADB

10:25 – 10:40 p.m. **Q&A**

## Day 3 Friday, 2 July 2021

*Moderator: Pramila Crivelli, Economist, ERCI, ADB*

1:30 – 2:00 p.m. **Meeting Connection Opens for Testing (Presenters/Discussants)**

### Paper 7: Digital Services Trade and Trade Agreements

2:00 – 2:20 p.m. **Presenter:** Henry Gao, Professor, Singapore Management University

2:20 – 2:30 p.m. **Discussant:** Minjung Kim, Researcher Fellow, Seoul National University

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. **Q&A**

### Paper 8: Taxation and Digital Services Trade

2:45 – 3:05 p.m. **Presenter:** Bruno Da Silva, Professor, University of Amsterdam  
Rolando Avendano, Economist, ERCI, ADB

3:05 – 3:15 p.m. **Discussant:** Pitchaya Sirivunnabood, Capacity Building and Training  
Economist, ADBI

3:15 – 3:30 p.m. **Q&A**  
**Group photo**

3:30 – 3:40 p.m. **BREAK** (10 minutes)

### Paper 9: Ensuring Cybersecurity

3:40 – 4:00 p.m. **Presenters:**  
Lennon Yao-Chung Chang, Senior Lecturer, Monash University  
Han-Wei Liu, Lecturer, Monash University

4:00 – 4:10 p.m. **Discussant:** John Beirne, Research Fellow, ADBI

4:10 – 4:25 p.m. **Q&A**

### Paper 10: Digital Services Agreement

4:25 – 4:45 p.m. **Presenter:** Minjung Kim, Researcher Fellow, Seoul National University

4:45 – 4:55 p.m. **Discussant:** Sanchita Basu Das, Economist, ERCI, ADB

4:55 – 5:10 p.m. **Q&A**

5:10 – 5:25 p.m. **Wrap-up**  
Jong Woo Kang, Principal Economist, ERCI, ADB and  
Jane Drake-Brockman, Professor, University of Adelaide

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**End of Conference**