

Launch of AIIB Asian Infrastructure Report 2023: Nature as Infrastructure

Time: Dec. 2, 2023, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. (GMT+4)
Venue: Blue Zone, AIIB Pavilion
Format: In-person

Session Context

Biodiversity is declining at an unprecedented rate in human history, significantly eroding nature's resilience. The preservation of nature and biodiversity is now recognized as crucial to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

There are many opportunities to leverage nature as infrastructure, integrate nature-based solutions into infrastructure development. At the session, we will provide a presentation on "nature as infrastructure" – the key theme of our annual flagship report this year. The report examines how nature affects development, and how development (including in infrastructure) can be done more sustainably to safeguard nature.

The presentation will be followed by an in-depth discussion on the potential of nature, delving into strategies for incorporating valuations of nature and ecosystem capital into investment and development decisions.

Session Objective

- Present the Asian Infrastructure Finance Report 2023, and communicate the report's key messages.
- Delve into the concept of "nature as infrastructure," exploring how this concept can guide the development of resilient infrastructure projects that can address climate change and its impact on nature.

Opening Remarks

Jin Liqun, President, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Speakers

Erik Berglöf, Chief Economist, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Jang Ping Thia, Lead Economist, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Maria Netto Schneider, Executive Director, Institute for Climate and Society

Rebekah Brown, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Senior Vice-President, Monash University

Simon Zadek, Executive Director, NatureFinance

Valerie Hickey, Global Director of Environment, Natural Resources and Blue Economy, World Bank

Moderator

Kate Warren, Executive Vice President and Executive Editor, Devex