



KEY CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Out of the 51 sessions, key sessions include:

- [Purpose-Driven Business Impact](#)

Essential to have corporate engaged in addressing social challenges; this is a call for more responsible business and purpose-driven strategies.

Key Speakers:

- **Kelvin Wong**, Assistant Managing Director, *Singapore Economic Development Board*
Kelvin oversees EDB's industry clusters including Logistics, Professional Services, International Organization Programme Office, Natural Resources and Contact Singapore; and also initiatives in Human Capital and Resource Development.
 - **Sherman Kwek**, CEO, City Development Limited (TBC)
Prior to being appointed CEO in January this year, Sherman was CDL's deputy CEO. As the former CIO of CDL as well the CEO of CDL China, he helped create a presence for the company in Japan and Australia and drive its move into China, acquiring prime sites in places such as Shanghai, Suzhou and Chongqing.
 - **Richard Ditzio**, President, COO, *Milken Institute*
Richard is responsible for all centers and departments across Milken Institute's global footprint. He joined the Institute after a 25-year career in banking, most recently serving as CEO of Citi Private Bank.
 - **Lauren Moore**, Vice-President, Global Community Impact, *Johnson & Johnson*
Lauren is responsible for driving strategy development and implementation of the J&J's Corporate Citizenship and strategic philanthropy across the globe. Lauren also oversees the J&J Patient Assistance Foundation and the Johnson & Johnson Corporate Citizenship Trust.
- [Accelerating Women's empowerment in Asia](#)
Gender inequality undermines economic growth and human development; this plenary shows how social investors are working together to accelerate women's participation in Asian economies and address some of the biggest hurdles facing women and girls in improving women's empowerment across Asia.

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- **Chamki**, the Sesame Street muppet from India. Opening the Gender plenary will be a Q&A with Chamki, one of Sesame Street's Asian muppets, who is an adventurous and inquisitive schoolgirl, whose love of learning letters and numbers and her pride in wearing a school uniform is changing mind-sets across South Asia and encouraging girl's education.
- **Yamini Atmavilas**, India Lead, Gender Equality, *Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation*
The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is the largest and best known Foundations in the world. Yamini leads the Foundation's new work to implement their Women's Economic Empowerment strategy in India
- **Dr Sarah Pearson**, Chief Innovation Officer, *Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)*
DFAT puts money behind their commitments and has allocated \$55 million to their Gender Equality Fund in 2018 in the region. The Strategy enhances women's voice in decision-making and leadership; promoting women's economic empowerment; and priorities and ends violence against women and girls.
- **Ivic Mueco**, President, Asia-Pacific, *Convergys*
Ivic is based in Manila and is responsible for the management of Convergys' 42 operating sites and over 75,000 employees across four geographies in the Asia-Pacific region: the Philippines, India, Malaysia, and China.
- **Sustainable Finance and Impact Investment**
This session will discuss the latest innovation in the area of sustainable finance including green bonds and climate funds, highlighting new developments like RS Group Asia's Sustainable Finance Initiative

Key Speakers:

- **Vic Malik**, Managing Director, Head of Investment Advisory, Private Banking, ASEAN and South Asia, *Standard Chartered*
Vic manages a team of investment advisors across Singapore and Dubai, responsible for delivering investment solutions and capital markets advice to Private Banking clients
- **Mark Sainsbury**, Trustee, *Ashden Trust*
Ashden Trust is part of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts. Mark is the the co-founder of the multi award-winning Clerkenwell restaurant, Moro and the co-owner of the Zetter Group. He is passionate about running restaurants and hotels with positive sustainability impacts and founded The Sustainable Restaurant Association. Ashden Trust is a leading advocate of climate change philanthropy, responsible and impact investing, divestment from fossil fuels and investing in climate solutions.
- **Annie Chen**, Founder, *RS Group Asia*
Annie is the founder of RS Group, a leading family office in Hong Kong which has been taking spearheading the movement to push mainstream financial institutions and asset managers to offer more sustainable products.

- [Strategic Philanthropy Today – Realising its Potential Along the Continuum of Capital](#)
What does it take for philanthropists to scale their impact and to help meet the \$US 5-7 trillion of annual investment needed to meet the UN's Sustainable Development Goals? How can they collaborate to maximize impact? The session will cover imperatives and opportunities for philanthropists in Asia.

Key Speakers:

- **Shuichi Ohno**, President, *Sasakawa Peace Foundation*
Ohno san has led various initiatives including social impact investment, corporate engagement, and international cooperation as the Executive Director in charge of the Social Innovation. He was also the Japan's sector representative of Social Impact Investment Taskforce established by the G8 and a member of Japan National Advisory Board of the taskforce.
- **Vichien Phongsathorn**, Chairman, *Khon Thai Foundation*
Khun Vichien is the chairman of the Premier Group of Companies in Thailand. He is a socially active corporate leader and the Chairman of Khon Thai Foundation, and has nurtured numerous initiatives that seek to engage citizen participation in solving public issues. He also founded three foundations to tackle inequality and to create change in Thai Society, focusing on the future of education, active citizenship and environmental protection.

Mercedes Lopez Vargas, President and Executive Director, *Lopez Group Foundation*

LGF coordinates, facilitates, and communicates the corporate social responsibility initiatives of all the major companies and foundations of the Lopez Group. Founded upon the pillars of public service, it is a reflection of the commitment made by present generation Lopezes to continue a legacy of philanthropy and social responsibility for the Filipino people.

- [Building the Education Ecosystem](#)
Education can be a powerful catalyst for societal change and is critical for every dimension of development from early childhood to primary and secondary education and especially vocational training which leads to livelihood development. Over the last decades, Asian countries have made significant progress in expanding access to education but much work stills needs to be done and funding from philanthropists and social investors play an important role in addressing these areas.

Key Speakers:

- **Sandeep Aneja**, Managing Partner, *Kaizen Private Equity*
Sandeep invests in innovative companies, particularly those with cutting-edge models, and has been credited with numerous successful transactions in the US and Asia.
- **Clive Lee**, CEO, *Yidan Prize Foundation*
The Yidan Prize Foundation has a mission to create a better world through education and each year awards 2 Yidan Prize Laureates \$US 4 million to support their projects. As CEO, Clive is an advocate for change through education and has

traveled over 50 countries in 6 continents to empower over ten thousands youth to become social changers and social entrepreneurs.

- **What's Next in Asian Social Investment**

How will the Asian social investment ecosystem, deploying a full range of capital from grants to debt and equity meet the challenges of the next decade . This session will further explore this concept by engaging key funders in Asia to share their view of social investing trends in Asia.

Key Speaker:

- **Roopa Kudva**, Partner & Managing Director, *Omidyar Network*
Roopa leads overall investment strategy, operations and portfolio development for the Omidyar Network in India.

- **Other Speakers**

- **Andrew Buay**, Vice President, Group Sustainability, *Singtel*
Andrew is also a Talent Coach to over 100 Optus Future and Emerging Leaders, and a mentor to non-profit and social impact start-ups. Singtel runs a regional social innovation programme, APAC Future Makers, which in 2017 provided grants of over \$600,000 and capacity building programmes to social impact start-ups and non-profit organizations leveraging technology and innovation into solving for social issues. Andrew also founded and ran SingTel Ventures from 1997 - 2000, a S\$150m corporate technology investment fund.
- **Amit Banati**, President, Asia-Pacific, *Kellogg's*
Amit Banati has been President, Asia Pacific, Kellogg Company, since March 2012. He is a member of the company's Global Leadership Team.

- **Deal Share Live**

A unique pitching session for select social enterprises and NGO's supported by AVPN Members. Media will get a chance to hear about Singapore-based and regional high-impact social enterprises/NGOs working on the ground that need follow-on support to scale

- **Dignity Kitchen** – Singapore-based social enterprise that provides culinary training for disabled and disadvantaged.
- **Khushi Baby** – India-based non-profit organisation that uses an inexpensive wearable digital necklace with cloud computing tracking technology for maternal and child health at the last mile in India.
- **Keynote addresses** from: **Grace Fu**, Minister for Culture, Community and Youth, **Dr. Ma Wei Hua**, Chairman of *China Global Philanthropy Institute*, and **Mr Xu Yong Guang**, Chairman of the *Narada Foundation*,