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**Session Type:** Panel Discussions

## Session Title

Launch of the Asian Development Bank-World Trade Organization Trade in Critical Minerals Database

## Session Description

The session will launch the Trade in Critical Minerals Database, a joint initiative by the Asian Development Bank and the World Trade Organization. This database provides a one-stop shop for up-to-date critical minerals trade data and information on related policies. Its purpose is to support the development and transparency of sustainable, inclusive, and resilient critical minerals supply chains for the clean energy transition.

The main topics to be addressed include:

1. The importance of critical minerals for the clean energy transition
2. Challenges in developing transparent and sustainable critical minerals supply chains
3. The role of trade and investment in fostering responsible critical minerals supply chains
4. How the database can inform policy decisions and investment strategies

These topics are directly connected to the Finance, Investment and Trade theme, as the database will be a valuable resource for policymakers, the private sector, NGOs, and academia in making informed decisions on investment strategies, trade policies, and supply chain management for critical minerals.

Expected outcomes are:

1. Increased awareness of the Critical Minerals Database and its applications
2. Enhanced understanding of the role of critical minerals in the clean energy transition
3. Improved knowledge of how trade and investment policies can support sustainable critical minerals supply chains
4. Fostering collaboration between stakeholders to promote transparency and sustainability in the sector

## Proposed Speakers and Moderator

- Bruno Carrasco, Director General, CCSD, Asian Development Bank (Moderator)
- Sajal Mathur, Trade and Environment Division, WTO
- Julian Clarke, CCSD, Asian Development Bank
- Temur Narzikulov, Green Economy Center, Uzbekistan,
- Prof. Rocky Lee, Wolfree Group