



## **Partnerships to promote Inclusive Business Models in Agriculture and Food Systems**

Special Online Event in the context of the UN Food  
Systems Summit

*14h00-15h30 Bangkok time, 15 September 2021*

Organised by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

The session will introduce the potential of inclusive business models as a mean to promote inclusion in agriculture and food systems and explore the type of partnerships that can promote more and stronger inclusive business models in agriculture and food systems.

### **Opening remarks**

- Mr. Kaveh Zahedi, Deputy Executive Secretary, United Nations ESCAP
- Mr. M Hari Menon, Director, India Country Office, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

### **Interactive discussion**

Moderated by Mr. Jonathan Wong, Chief of Technology and Innovation United Nations ESCAP

- H.E. Mr. HENG Sokkung, State Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation, Cambodia
- Dr. Purvi Mehta, Deputy Director, Agricultural Development-Asia, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- Ms. Meetu Kapur, Executive Director, Food and Agriculture Centre of Excellence, Confederation of Indian Industry
- Mr. Christian Jahn, Executive Director, Inclusive Business Action Network

### **Announcement of partnership between Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and United Nations ESCAP on Regional Inclusive Business Models in Agriculture and Food Systems**

- Ms. Marta Pérez Cusó, Economic Affairs Officer, United Nations ESCAP
- Ms. Srivalli Krishnan, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation