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*Panel 3.3: Entrepreneurship in Asia*

**Workplace Safety for the Gig Economy in Asia-Pacific**

The gig economy has been greatly contributing to the economy of the Asia-Pacific region through job creation and growth in consumerism in the last few years. However, the current gig economy model presents a number of risks for gig workers including workplace health and safety issues, uneven or reduced earnings, job loss, and eventual poverty. This presentation will particularly discuss the relationship between the gig economy and the fulfillment of health and safety requirements with relevant examples. Potential measures to reduce the existing risks for gig workers, such as lack of social protection and inadequate workplace health and safety protection will be highlighted. The presentation will further underline the importance of creating a more sustainable model for the gig economy, the inclusion of control measures such as the implementation of legislative requirements on worker's compensation and the inception of health and safety models for gig workers.