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Ayanda Dlodlo

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Ms Ayanda Dlodlo, a South African National, serves as the World Bank Group Executive Director for Angola, Nigeria, South Africa since 01 November 2022. Ms Dlodlo has served as the Alternate Executive Director since 01 April 2022. Prior to this appointment, Ms Dlodlo served in Cabinet of the Republic of South Africa from 01 November 2010 to 31 March 2022 as Deputy Minister of Public Service and Administration, Minister of Communications, Minister of Home Affairs, Minister of State Security and Minister of Public Service and Administration. Dlodlo was also elected as a Member of Parliament (MP) since 2009 until her resignation on the 31 March 2022.

Ms Dlodlo also served as South Africa's National Focal Point for the Africa Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) and was named as the Special Envoy representing South Africa as a founding Member State at the Open Government Partnership (OGP). Ms Dlodlo is a member of the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the ruling party; African National Congress (ANC) in South Africa where she is also the Chairperson of the Legislation and Governance Sub-Committee. She served as the Secretary General of the uMkonto weSizwe Military Veterans Association from 2007 to 2012 and was also the Head of Department (HoD) for Safety and Security in the Gauteng Province of South Africa. In addition, she also headed the Strategic Operations at the Directorate of Special Operations (Scorpions).

Ms Dlodlo also has vast experience in the Private Sector and that of State-owned enterprises including Public-Private-Partnerships; having worked for the Associated British Ports, Transnet (South African Rail and Port Authority), New Jersey Ports Authority, Telkom and Sanlam.

Ms Dlodlo holds a Masters Degree in Business Administration 2020, Postgraduate Diploma in Business Management (2017) and a Higher Certificate in Shipping and Transport Management (1990).



Hana Brixi

Global Director, Gender, World Bank Group

As Global Director for Gender, Hana Brixi leads a global effort to promote gender equality and women's empowerment. She sets the overall direction for the World Bank Group's Gender knowledge agenda, drives Bank-wide efforts for results in closing gender gaps, and fosters partnerships with public and private sector stakeholders toward innovations at scale.

In her career, Ms. Brixi has contributed to advances in human development, public finance, and governance. As Manager of the Human Capital Project, she led a global effort to protect and invest in people with an emphasis on girls and women empowerment. Prior to this, she held managerial and leadership positions in the Social Protection & Jobs and Governance Global Practices and in the Middle East & North Africa, East Asia & Pacific, and Europe & Central Asia regions. Based in China during 2001-10, she also served as World Health Organization's Manager and UNICEF Chief in China.

Ms. Brixi has published articles in professional journals and written several books on economic development, including *Trust, Voice and Incentives* on service delivery and *Government at Risk* on fiscal management.



Elizabeth A. Vazquez

CEO and Co-Founder, WEConnect International

Elizabeth A. Vazquez is the CEO and Co-Founder of WEConnect International, and is a world leader in women's economic empowerment and global supplier diversity and inclusion. She was recognized in 2023 as a Forbes 50 Over 50 Impact Changemaker. WEConnect International identifies, educates, registers, and certifies women's business enterprises that are at least 51% owned, managed, and controlled by one or more women, and then connects them with member buyers. WEConnect International supports and promotes women-owned businesses in 135+ countries, including local support and certification in 60+ countries. The organization also helps to develop the capacity of large buyers with over \$4 trillion in annual purchasing power to source more products and services from women-owned businesses. Ms. Vazquez is the co-author of the book, "Buying for Impact: How to Buy from Women and Change Our World." She was born in Mexico, has a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University.



Leslie Harper

Gender Mainstreaming Coordinator, **IDB**

Leslie Harper has over 20 years of experience as an international development professional working on Latin America and the Caribbean and is an expert in public procurement reform and modernization. She is the Gender and Diversity Focal Point for the Fiscal Management Division where she is responsible for portfolio monitoring and mainstreaming of gender and diversity in fiscal projects. She has supported multiple countries in the Latin America region in the development of women in public procurement programs. She has been the lead on high profile events and knowledge products to promote cutting edge trends in the topic.



Nathalie Akon Gabala

Director of Gender and Economic Inclusion, **IFC**

Nathalie Akon Gabala joined IFC as Director of Gender & Economic Inclusion Department in September 2023. Nathalie, an American and Ivorian national, was earlier the Executive Director at Mastercard Foundation. She was responsible for the Pan-Africa platform, leading enterprise-wide the four programmatic thematic areas of Gender, Entrepreneurship Development, Digital Economy and Agrifood Systems and Climate.

She previously held the role of the Regional Director, overseeing the Foundation's expansion into West, Central and Northern Africa, leading a large team across the region, and setting the overall strategic direction and framing for programming in line with the Foundation's values and priorities.

Prior to joining the Mastercard Foundation, Nathalie was a Partner & Managing Director Africa of Equator Capital Partners, an impact investment fund manager, where she supervised the Africa investment team throughout the investment process including origination, structuring and negotiation, investment committee proposals and board representation.

Nathalie served as an independent director on leading African banks, and as Chair of the investment committee of the private sector facility of the African Development Bank Group. She was also listed in the 100 most influential women in the 2022 publication by Advance Media.

Nathalie holds a Master of Management in Strategy and a Minor in Finance from Ecole Supérieure de Commerce de Paris, France.



Monica Oldham

Manager, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, **World Bank Group**

Monica is Manager of the World Bank Group's Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI). Within the DEI Office, she leads the preparation and implementation of DEI programs, including learning and outreach, in order to promote the Bank Group's DEI agenda; works closely with Bank Group management and Human Resources colleagues to ensure that DEI agendas are successfully implemented and are in line with business objectives; and provides leadership, guidance and support to the DEI team on approaches and initiatives that help drive impact.

Before joining the World Bank Group in 2010, Monica was a Director with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) in Washington, DC, where she led a practice responsible for delivering DEI strategy and talent management services to global clients and served on the National Team for PwC's Office of Diversity. Prior to this work, she led the human capital practice for PwC's public sector advisory services.

Prior to PwC, Monica held key positions with other professional services firms and a global information technology firm, and as an officer in the U.S. Air Force. She holds a PhD in Holistic Nutrition from Clayton College of Natural Health, an MS in International Relations from Troy University, and a BS in Math and Philosophy from the University of Pittsburgh.



Kenny Cheung

Chief of Corporate Procurement, **The World Bank**

Kenny heads the World Bank Group's procurement and vendor management effort globally across 140+ locations and has successfully modernized the function to improve its efficiency, governance, value generation and sustainability of its ~34,000 vendor base. His current focus is to broaden procurement's value contribution in World Bank Group's strategic priorities, including Fragility, Conflict and Violence; Country Services; Disruptive Technologies; Gender and Minority inclusion. Before joining the Group, Kenny was the Executive Director and Global co-Chief Procurement Officer at Goldman Sachs, responsible for the delivery industry leading commercial, vendor risk management, and sustainable supply chain initiatives across 97 cities and 35 countries. Kenny also had a long career with the National Australia Bank Group and ExxonMobil Corporation where he spent much of his time in procurement transformational roles. Kenny has an Executive MBA from the Australian School of Management and Honors in Engineering from the University of Melbourne.

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Adam Rubinfeld

Head of Environmental and Social Governance,
Corporate Procurement, **The World Bank**

Adam, LEED AP, is the Sustainability and Supplier Diversity Program Lead for Corporate Procurement at the World Bank Group. In this role he mainstreams sustainability considerations into about \$1.7 billion of annual purchases for the World Bank Group's global offices. Prior to his current role, he oversaw the World Bank's Corporate Responsibility Program, working with internal stakeholders to reduce the Bank's environmental and social impacts by focusing on energy efficiency, waste reduction, and staff behavior changes. Adam holds a BA in Anthropology from Washington University in St. Louis, and an MSc in Biological Conservation from Oxford Brookes University in the UK.



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