

PROGRAM BOOK



# A DECADE OF INNOVATION

Republic of Korea and World Bank Group  
Partnership for Sustainable Development

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# Welcome Message



**Jason Allford**

**Special Representative, World Bank Group Korea Office**

It is with immense pleasure and gratitude that I welcome you to Seoul for our celebration of “A Decade of Innovation - Republic of Korea and World Bank Group Partnership for Sustainable Development”.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to esteemed senior government officials and our client country counterparts from all over the world, officials from over 50 Korean partner institutions, and all private sector counterparts from Korea and other countries in East Asia.

The support and generosity of the Republic of Korea, through the Ministry of Economy and Finance, has been critical to the success of the World Bank Group Korea Office. It was with Korea’s support that we established the office in 2013, and their continued support has allowed us to expand and deepen our work program over the subsequent decade around a theme of technology and innovation for sustainable development.

The Republic of Korea has become a key development partner for the World Bank Group. It has a strong and respected voice in multilateral institutions and forums, it is a reliable financial partner for low- and middle-income countries, and it has a first-hand knowledge of development that it is willing to share with others.

The Republic of Korea’s contribution to development in East Asia and the Pacific has made a difference in the lives of many people, and it has supported the World Bank Group to make progress in its mission to eliminate poverty and increase shared prosperity.

As we celebrate the milestone of a decade since we opened our office, we reflect on the journey we have taken together and look towards the future with optimism, determination, and purpose. We know that with the continued support of the Republic of Korea, the collaboration of country counterparts and commitment of World Bank Group staff, we can achieve greater things in the years ahead.

Once again, thank you for your dedication, support, and partnership. We are honored to have you as part of our community, and we look forward to celebrating this special occasion with all of you.

Thank you.

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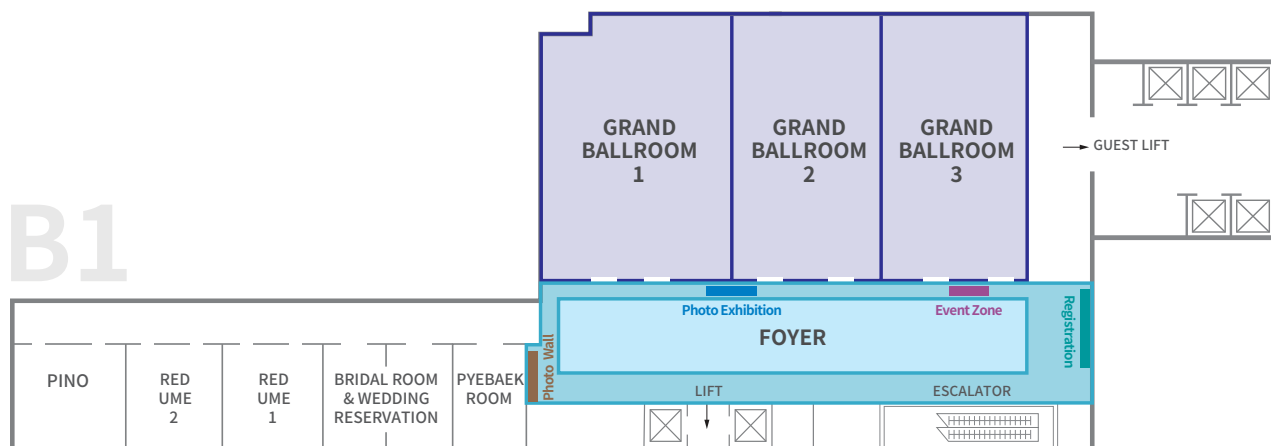


Ministry of Economy  
and Finance

The World Bank Group (WBG) Korea Office was established in 2013 with the Republic of Korea emerging as a key development partner of the WBG through its financial contributions, thought leadership, and the unique development experience of being the first former aid recipient to join the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Development (OECD). Together with the Republic of Korea Ministry of Economy of Finance (MOEF), the WBG will host the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary event on May 24, 2023, to commemorate the milestones and the invaluable contribution of Korea to the development community through WBG programs in the past decade. The event will showcase how the financing and development lessons from Korea impacted WBG client countries.

# VENUE

## Grand Ballroom (B1) Fairmont Ambassador Seoul



# B1

### • Grand Ballroom 1-3

■ Main Event Hall

### • Foyer

■ Registration

■ Event Zone

■ Photo Wall

■ Photo Exhibition



# PROGRAM

## Opening Ceremony

09:00-09:30

**[Video] 10 Years of the World Bank Group Korea Office (WBG)**

### Opening Remarks

— **Anna Bjerde**

Managing Director of Operations, The World Bank

### Congratulatory Remarks

— **Kyungho Choo**

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance (MOEF), Republic of Korea

### Appreciation Ceremony to MOEF from the WBG

### Keynote Speech

— **Ivan John Uy**

Secretary, Department of Information and Communications Technology, Philippines

09:30-09:45

### Group Photo

09:45-10:00

### Cultural Performance

#### The Passage of Time

This contemporary performance will focus on Korea's developmental success since the end of the Korean War and how it is inspiring the world in all sectors.

10:00-10:15

### Coffee Break

## Session 1

### Korea as a Model for Development in WBG Member Countries

10:15-11:35

In celebration of the WBG Korea Office's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this session commemorates the valuable contribution Korea has made to the WBG in terms of both finance and knowledge. The presentation will show the depth of the current partnership and our aspirations for the future. A panel discussion will reflect on Korea's development strengths, and which aspects of Korea's experience offer lessons that we can replicate in other countries.

### Moderator

— **Mara K. Warwick**

Country Director for China and Mongolia and Director for Korea, The World Bank

### Presentation

The WBG Korea Office and Partnerships with Korea

— **Jason Allford**

Special Representative, World Bank Group Korea Office

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**Panel Discussion****— Rachel Anne S. Herrera**

Commissioner, Climate Change Commission, Philippines

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State Minister of Urban Development and Infrastructure, Ethiopia

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Vice Minister for Digital Transformation, Egypt

**— Jong-Sung Hwang**

President, National Information Society Agency (NIA), Republic of Korea

**— Richard Damania**

Chief Economist, Sustainable Development Practice Group, The World Bank

**Session 2****Supporting the Korean Private Sector with Emerging Market Opportunities**

11:35-12:45

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) engage with Korea's private sector to identify and support cross border investment opportunities in developing countries. Successful cases of supporting the Korean private sector with emerging market opportunities will be shared.

**Moderator****— Kim-See Lim**

Regional Director, East Asia and the Pacific, International Finance Corporation

**Presentation****— Jiyeon (Janice) Ryu**

Resident Representative, International Finance Corporation

**— Jaeyoung Jin**

Head of North Asia (China, Mongolia and Korea), Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency

**Panel Discussion****— Randall Riopelle**

Country Manager for China, Korea, and Mongolia, International Finance Corporation

**— Jae Hyung Kwon**

Head of South Asia, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency

**— Sangjin Ju**

Director General, Infrastructure Finance Department, Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM)

**— Heeyoon Lee**

Senior Director &amp; Head of Infrastructure Finance Department, Korea Trade Insurance Corporation (K-SURE)

**— Jihyung Kim**

General Manager of Global Business, Shinhan Financial Group

12:45-14:15

**Lunch**

## Session 3

### Making a Difference - Seoul Center for Finance and Innovation & Korea Program for Operational Knowledge

14:15-15:45 The two programs that started with the WBG Korea Office are the Seoul Center for Finance and Innovation (Seoul Center) and the Korea Program for Operational Knowledge (KPOK), both hitting the ten-year milestone. This session will illustrate the evolution of the two programs, showcase successful partnerships in Korea and share results on the ground.

#### Moderator

##### — Sameer Goyal

Senior Financial Sector Specialist, Finance, Competitiveness & Innovation Africa East, The World Bank

#### Seoul Center Presentation

Voices from the Field - Assessing the Impact of Korea Trust Fund & Lessons Learned

##### — Zafer Mustafaoglu

Practice Manager, Finance, Competitiveness & Innovation East Asia and Pacific, The World Bank

#### Seoul Center Client Testimonial: Beneficiaries of Seoul Center Grants

##### — Batbaatar Batjargal

Head, Financial Information Unit, Bank of Mongolia

##### — Kelvin Lester Lee

Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission, Philippines

##### — H.E. Say Sam-Ath

Head, Cambodia Financial Intelligence Unit, Cambodia

##### — Maliny Xavanna

Deputy Director General, International Cooperation Department, Bank of the Lao PDR

#### [Video] KPOK Client Testimonials

#### KPOK Presentation

Celebrating 10 Years of Knowledge and Learning for Development Effectiveness

##### — Jisun Kim

Senior Program Coordinator, Open Learning Campus, The World Bank

15:45-16:00

#### Coffee Break

## Session 4

### WBG Korea Office as a Global Center for Innovation and Technology for Sustainable Development

16:00-17:15 In the last 10 years, the WBG Korea office has transformed into a Global Center for Innovation and Technology for Sustainable Development. This session will invite client country representatives to present on tangible impacts on their partnership with the teams mapped to the Korea office and share their experience and reflect on next steps. A panel discussion will take a deeper dive on how these programs can leverage Korea's experience furthermore to WBG's lending and technical assistance.

16:00-17:15

**Moderator****— Francis Ghesquiere**

Practice Manager, Urban, Disaster Risk, Resilience &amp; Land Global Practice, The World Bank

**Country Presentation / Panel Discussion****Can Tho Vietnam Spatial Planning Platform****— Ngô Quốc Thái**

Advisor, Can Tho City People's Committee, Vietnam

**Digital Mass Valuation Pilot for Land Registration in Indonesia****— Himawan Arief Sugoto**

Secretary General of Ministry Agrarian and Spatial Planning, National Land Agency, Indonesia

**Deploying E-Mobility and Battery Storage in the Pacific Islands****— Frank Kyota**

CEO, Palau Public Utilities Corporation (PPUC)

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CEO, Palau Public Utilities Corporation (PPUC)

**— Seong-ik Oh**

Director General, Cadastral Resurvey Planning Office, Ministry of Land Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT), Republic of Korea

**— Jinhee Park**

IT Officer, Technology &amp; Innovation Lab, The World Bank

**— Stamatias Kotouzas**

Senior Land Administration Specialist, Urban, Disaster Risk, Resilience &amp; Land Global Practice, The World Bank

**— Inchul Hwang**

Senior Energy Specialist, Energy &amp; Extractives Global Practice, The World Bank

**Wrap-up****Recognition Ceremony and Closing**

17:15-17:45

**Recognition Ceremony: WBG Korea Office Appreciation Awards****Closing Remarks****— Riccardo Puliti**

Vice President, Asia and the Pacific, International Finance Corporation

17:45-18:30

**Cocktail Reception**



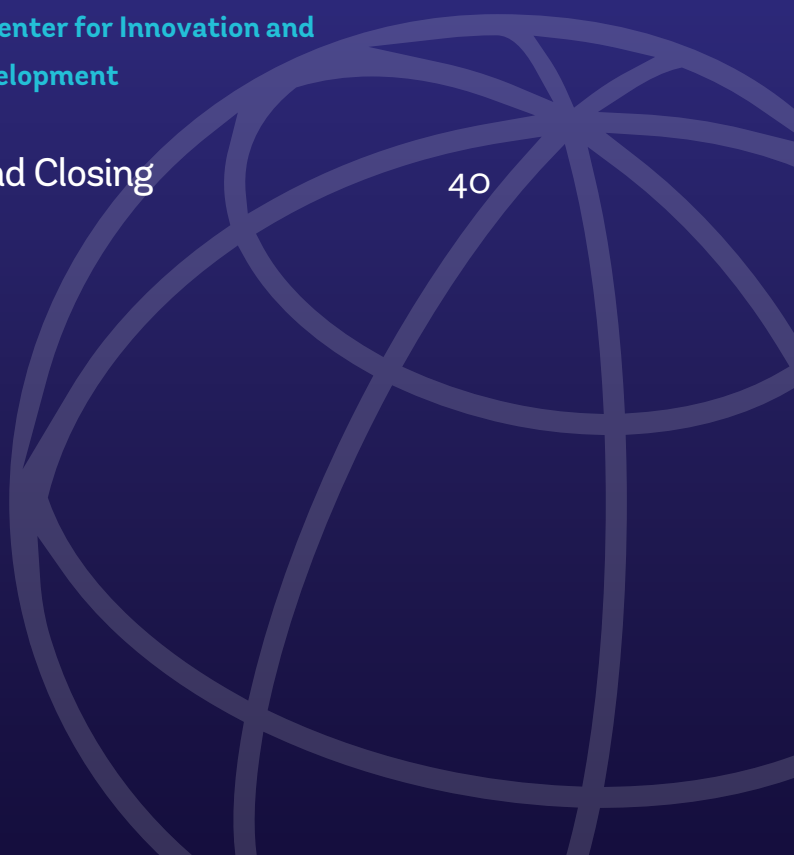


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# Opening Ceremony

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# Opening Remarks



**Anna Bjerde**

**Managing Director of Operations, The World Bank**

Anna Bjerde has been the World Bank's Managing Director for Operations since April 3, 2023.

The Office of the Managing Director brings together the operations units of the World Bank, which includes the Regional Vice Presidencies and Operations Policy and Country Services. The World Bank's Fragility, Conflict and Violence Department also reports to the Managing Director. World Bank operations comprise an active portfolio of 1,813 projects with a value of \$300 billion. Annual lending has averaged around \$65 billion over the past three years. The operational complex of the World Bank also produces groundbreaking analytical work informing policy reforms, priority investments, technical assistance, and targeted poverty reduction. World Bank operations are grounded in a country-based model and focus on responding to the crises of recent years and medium-term development priorities including addressing challenges like poverty reduction, equitable growth, and climate change.

Prior to assuming the role of Managing Director, Ms. Bjerde served as Vice President for Europe and Central Asia, where she led the World Bank's efforts to steer the region through a series of overlapping global shocks—the COVID-19 pandemic, a cost-of-living crisis, natural disasters, and the World Bank's large-scale response to Ukraine.

She previously worked as Director of Strategy and Operations for the Middle East and North Africa region. Between 2015-2018, she oversaw the World Bank's strategies, lending, and analytical work for Sustainable Development, covering all the World Bank's regions. She was also the Director of Strategy and Operations in the Europe and Central Asia region in 2014-15. Ms. Bjerde held a leadership role overseeing the World Bank's operations in Sustainable Development and Infrastructure in the Africa region between 2011-2013.

Ms. Bjerde has over 30 years of experience working in development across sectors and regions, with a specific interest in inclusive growth and sustainable infrastructure development. She is a recognized and experienced leader with a strong track record of delivering large client programs, mobilizing resources, managing, and motivating extensive and decentralized workforces and forging strong bilateral and multilateral partnerships.

Ms. Bjerde holds a Master's in Business and Economics from the University of Stockholm.

# Congratulatory Remarks



**Kyungho Choo**

**Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance, Republic of Korea**

Kyungho Choo took office as Korea's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance in May 2022.

During his over 33 years in the government, Mr. Choo held various positions, especially in the fields of economic and financial policies. He was elected as a member of the 20<sup>th</sup> National Assembly of Korea in 2016 and was serving his second term before assuming the role as Deputy Prime Minister.

He is a recognized and experience leader, having served in many key positions in the government including as Minister of Office for Government Policy Coordination, Vice Minister of Economy and Finance, and Vice Chairperson to the Financial Services Commission. In addition to being a domestic policy expert, Mr. Choo also has many years of experience outside the country. He was Minister Counselor at the Permanent Delegation of Korea to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) from 2006 to 2009, and a Senior Economist at the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) from 1999 to 2002.

Mr. Choo holds a Master's in Economics from University of Oregon and Bachelor's in Business Administration from Korea University.

# Keynote Speech



**Ivan John Uy**

Secretary, Department of Information and Communications Technology, Philippines

Secretary Ivan John E. Uy has an extensive career in the ICT industry and in public service. He specializes in information technology and its impact on law, justice, and governmental institutions.

He was a Hubert Humphrey Fellow under the Fulbright Program at the University of Minnesota and a graduate of the College of Law, University of the Philippines. As a public servant, Secretary Uy served as Chairman of the Commission on Information and Communications Technology, the predecessor of the Department of Information and Communications Technology. From 2011 to 2016, he led the formulation of the Philippine Digital Strategy. He also served as Chief Information/Technology Officer of the Judicial Branch, responsible for the overall technology strategy and implementation of the courts.



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# SESSION 1

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## SESSION 1. Korea as a Model for Development in WBG Member Countries

# Moderator



**Mara K. Warwick**

**Country Director for China and Mongolia and Director for Korea, The World Bank**

Mara Warwick, an Australian national, is the World Bank Country Director for China and Mongolia and Director for Korea since August 2022. Ms. Warwick is leading a team that is managing an evolving partnership with China, a growing program of support to Mongolia, and a deepening knowledge partnership with Korea focused on innovation and technology.

Prior to this position, Ms. Warwick was the World Bank Country Director for Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe, overseeing a portfolio of IDA credits and grants of more than USD 11.2 billion complemented by a strong analytical engagement in key development areas. The portfolio has a strong focus on sound fiscal and debt management, institutional development and capacity building, human capital development, job creation for inclusive growth, poverty alleviation, climate change adaptation and COVID-19 response.

Previously, Ms. Warwick was the World Bank Country Director for Brunei, Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand in the East Asia and Pacific Region. In this position, Ms. Warwick managed a growing portfolio of IBRD loans, grants and trust funds in the Philippines including a large program of activities in the conflict-affected region of Mindanao. Ms. Warwick also oversaw the World Bank Group Global Knowledge and Research Hub in Malaysia and the WBG's knowledge-sharing engagement in Thailand.

Previously, Ms. Warwick has also served as the Portfolio and Operations Manager for China, Mongolia and Korea, as Sector Coordinator for Sustainable Development in Turkey, and as a Senior Urban Environment Specialist in East Asia and the Pacific region.

Trained as an environmental engineer, Ms. Warwick has expertise in flood management, urban environmental services, and disaster risk management. Before joining the World Bank in 2003, she worked as an engineer in the private sector. Ms. Warwick received her B.E. in Civil Engineering from the University of Adelaide, Australia and her M.S. and Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from Stanford University in the US. In her free time, Ms. Warwick pursues her passion for textile arts, especially those unique to the countries in which she lives and works.

## SESSION 1. Korea as a Model for Development in WBG Member Countries

# Presentation



**Jason Allford**

**Special Representative, World Bank Group Korea Office**

Jason Allford is the World Bank Group's Special Representative to Korea, a role he commenced in August 2021. Mr. Allford manages the World Bank's Korea Office, a global hub on innovation and technology for sustainable development. The office has a team of more than 30 staff and consultants from diverse backgrounds focused on bringing lessons from Korea's development experience - particularly in relation to innovation, technology, and green growth - and applying them to the World Bank's operational work in other World Bank member countries. It links Korean public and private sector partners with other parts of the World Bank Group and with counterparts in other countries. The office was established in Songdo, Korea in 2013. The Korean Government and the World Bank Group renewed their support for the office and its role in the World Bank's work program for the third time in July 2021.

Mr. Allford was educated in economics at the University of Tasmania and the London School of Economics and Political Science. He joined the Australian Government in 1994, starting a career focusing on macroeconomic analysis, forecasting and fiscal policy. He has also worked for governments in Papua New Guinea and Indonesia. He previously worked at the World Bank Group from 2014 to 2018, representing fifteen countries from Asia and the Pacific on the Bank's Board of Directors. He has also worked as an adviser on fiscal policy to governments in Africa, Eastern Europe and the Middle East.



## SESSION 1. Korea as a Model for Development in WBG Member Countries

# Panel Discussion



**Rachel Anne S. Herrera**

**Commissioner, Climate Change Commission, Philippines**

Rachel Anne Herrera serves as a commissioner in the Climate Change Commission where she spearheads the agency's work programs on gender, climate finance, and single-use plastics. She is a Member of the 8th Asia Pacific Adaptation Network (APAN) Forum Ad-hoc Advisory Committee and a former Alternate Board Member of the Green Climate Fund. She has also represented the country in climate negotiations and conferences, notably, during the 27th and 23rd Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Previously, she advised the Senate of the Philippines committees on climate change, finance, foreign affairs, and environment and served as court attorney in the Supreme Court. She obtained her degree in law from the University of the Philippines and in environmental science from Ateneo de Manila University.



**H.E. Wondimu Seta**

**State Minister of Urban Development and Infrastructure, Ethiopia**

Wondimu Seta is a State Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, Ministry of Urban and Infrastructure. Mr. Wondimu worked for the Ministry as Director General of the Land and Property Registration Agency before he was appointed as a State Minister in May 2022. Mr. Wondimu has more than a decade of working experience in the construction industry at Federal and Regional government assignments in Ethiopia, where he was Deputy Chief Executive Officer at one of Ethiopia's biggest public construction enterprises. While working in the SNNPRS Regional Government, Mr. Wondimu served as General Manager of Housing Enterprise. Mr. Wondimu holds a BS in Civil Engineering and an MBA in Project Management.

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**H.E. Khaled El Attar**

**Vice Minister for Digital Transformation, Egypt**

Khaled El Attar is leading Egypt's Digital Transformation as the Vice Minister for Digital Transformation, Automation and Administrative Development at the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) since June 2018. He is also holding the position of the Head of IT Infrastructure Sector at MCIT since 2015. El Attar has more than 35 years of experience in the field of Informatics, supervising more than 150 projects in this field in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Germany and USA. He has held multiple managerial positions at IBM for 28 years, as well as Raya, and worked as a lecturer at Cairo University. El Attar supervises the implementation of development and modernization initiatives and projects using IT to improve the level of automated services provided to citizens in partnership with the Country's various agencies and institutions.

El Attar has a Bachelor's degree in Engineering with honors, and a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Arab Academy for Science, Technology and Maritime Transport (AASTMT), in addition to a Master's degree in Research at the University of Liverpool. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Change Management at Liverpool University.



**Jong-Sung Hwang**

**President, National Information Society Agency (NIA), Republic of Korea**

Jong-Sung Hwang is the president of the National Information Society Agency, which was established in 1987 by the Korean government to support the development of policies related to the intelligent information society. He joined the NIA in 1995 and became the president in 2022. In the meantime, he served as a Master Planner of Busan EDC National Pilot Smart City from 2018 to July 2021. He was a member of the Gov3.0 Committee of the Korean government from 2014 to 2017, which designed and implemented data-driven government innovation. He was a Chief Information Officer of the Seoul Metropolitan Government from 2011 to 2013. He was awarded the Order of Civil Merit, and Camellia Medal by the Korean government in 2016. Dr. Hwang holds a Doctoral degree in Political Science from Yonsei University in Korea.

## SESSION 1. Korea as a Model for Development in WBG Member Countries

# Panel Discussion



### Richard Damania

Chief Economist, Sustainable Development Practice Group, The World Bank

Richard Damania is the Chief Economist of the Sustainable Development Practice Group. He has held several positions in the World Bank including as Senior Economic Advisor in the Water Practice, Lead Economist in the Africa Region's Sustainable Development Department, in the South Asia and Latin America, and Caribbean Regions of the World Bank. His work has spanned across multiple sectors and has helped the World Bank become an acknowledged thought-leader on matters relating to the environment, water and the economy. Prior to joining the World Bank he held positions in academia and has published extensively with over 100 papers in scientific journals.



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# SESSION 2

## Supporting the Korean Private Sector with Emerging Market Opportunities

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**Kim-See Lim**, Regional Director, East Asia and the Pacific, International Finance Corporation

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## SESSION 2. Supporting the Korean Private Sector with Emerging Market Opportunities

# Moderator



### Kim-See Lim

Regional Director, East Asia and the Pacific, International Finance Corporation

Kim-See Lim is the Regional Director for East Asia and the Pacific. Ms. Lim oversees the implementation of the region's strategy, investment, and advisory business. IFC, the private sector investment arm of the World Bank, has a US\$10 billion portfolio in region.

Ms. Lim, a global investment professional with 27 years of experience in emerging markets, has worked across Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America. She managed portfolios and led teams in the execution and management of debt and equity investments across the consumer services, infrastructure, and financial sectors. Ms. Lim has served on the boards and advisory committees of private companies.

Her global career in development finance has taken her to more than 30 countries including frontier markets such as Belarus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Kenya, Mozambique, Myanmar, Rwanda, and many others.

Ms. Lim is passionate about climate change, inclusive growth, and innovation. She is based in Hong Kong and is fluent in English, Cantonese, and Bahasa. Ms. Lim enjoys hiking and discovering new cuisines and travel destinations.

## SESSION 2. Supporting the Korean Private Sector with Emerging Market Opportunities

# Presentation



**Jiyeon (Janice) Ryu**

**Resident Representative, International Finance Corporation**

Jiyeon (Janice) Ryu is the Head of IFC Korea based in Seoul/ Songdo, Korea. She leads the IFC Korea team in developing cross-border investments out of Korea to emerging markets around the world. IFC's investments cover various sectors such as infrastructure, financial markets, manufacturing and agribusiness, health and education, etc. in developing countries and frontier markets.

Ms. Ryu joined the World Bank Group (WBG) in 2007 and has worked for various departments at IFC both in Washington, DC and Nairobi, covering Infrastructure Advisory, SME Solutions Program, and Water Global Practice of the World Bank. Most recently, she was Senior Operations Officer of the Fragile and Conflict-affected Situations (FCS) in Africa program in the Middle East and Africa Region where she has led a knowledge, portfolio, and conflict sensitivity program for almost five years. Before joining the WBG, she had worked for several years in multinational companies in Asia. Ms. Ryu holds an MA degree in Public Administration from Columbia University, New York, the USA, and a BA in Political Science and Diplomacy at Dongguk University in Seoul, Korea.

IFC, a member of the WBG, is the largest global development institution focused exclusively on the private sector. It helps developing countries achieve sustainable growth by financing investment, mobilizing capital in international financial markets, and providing advisory services to businesses and governments. IFC works with more than 2,000 businesses worldwide, using its capital, expertise, and influence to create markets and opportunities in the toughest areas of the world.

## SESSION 2. Supporting the Korean Private Sector with Emerging Market Opportunities

# Presentation



### Jaeyoung Jin

**Head of North Asia (China, Mongolia and Korea),  
Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency**

Jaeyoung Jin is Head of North Asia (China, Mongolia and Korea), at the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), the political risk insurance and credit enhancement arm of the World Bank Group. He is responsible for MIGA's guarantees business in China, Mongolia and Korea in line with MIGA's strategic priorities.

Mr. Jin joined the World Bank Group in 2013 working as an underwriter in the Energy and Extractive Industries at MIGA based in Washington D.C., USA. Prior to his current appointment, Mr. Jin was Senior Energy Specialist at the World Bank, based in Washington DC, leading financing recovery in the energy sector in Africa. Previously, Mr. Jin had worked in various financial institutions including Export-Import Bank of Korea, Macquarie and Standard Chartered Bank.

Mr. Jin holds a Master of Public Administration in International Development (MPA/ID) from Harvard Kennedy School and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Seoul National University.

## SESSION 2. Supporting the Korean Private Sector with Emerging Market Opportunities

# Panel Discussion



### Randall Riopelle

Country Manager for China, Korea, and Mongolia, International Finance Corporation

Randall Riopelle, is currently IFC Country Manager for China, Korea, and Mongolia. Randy joined IFC in 1995, in what was then the Telecommunications Division of IFC's Infrastructure Department, where he focused primarily on the Latin America and Caribbean, and Sub-Saharan Africa regions. In July 2002, he was appointed Special Assistant to the Vice President Operations. In August 2004, Randy moved to the Global Manufacturing and Services Department, where he was responsible for new business development in China and Mongolia, stationed in IFC's Beijing office. In November 2006, Randy was appointed Manager and responsible for leading the new business development, processing and portfolio supervision activities for GMS (and later MAS) in the East Asia and Pacific region. In August 2009, he returned to Washington DC to work in the Corporate Portfolio Management Department, as Senior Manager of the Debt Portfolio Unit. Randy has an undergraduate degree in finance from the University of Pennsylvania (Wharton), and a JD/MBA from Georgetown University.



### Jae Hyung Kwon

Head of South Asia, Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency

Jae Hyung Kwon is the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)'s Head of South Asia, based in New Delhi, India. In this role, Jae Hyung is responsible for developing MIGA's political risk insurance and credit enhancement business in India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, etc. Prior to this role, Jae was based in Seoul as the Head of MIGA's Korea Office and led business origination efforts in North Asia. Jae Hyung also worked as a sector underwriter in the Infrastructure Team based in Washington D.C., focusing on the water and transportation sectors. Prior to joining MIGA, Jae Hyung was based in Singapore and Korea, working in the field of project and export finance at Standard Chartered Bank, providing financing solutions for infrastructure projects throughout Asia. Jae Hyung holds an MBA from INSEAD in France and a BA from Yonsei University in Korea.



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### Sangjin Ju

**Director General, Infrastructure Finance Department,  
Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM)**

Sangjin Ju joined the Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM) in 1994 and he is currently head of Infrastructure Finance Department. His department is working on project finance transactions in desalination, water treatment and transportation including roads, metros, harbors, and airports. For most of his 28 years at the bank, Mr. JU has held a key role in long-term financing deals in Shipping Finance Dept, Natural Resources Finance Dept and Project Finance Dept. Mr. JU received an MBA from KDI (Korea Development Institution) School in 2011 and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Yonsei University, Korea in 1995.



### Heeyoon Lee

**Senior Director & Head of Infrastructure Finance Department,  
Korea Trade Insurance Corporation (K-SURE)**

Heeyoon Lee has 25 years' experience in K-sure and more than 10 years of experience in the project financing department. His experience spans across a broad spectrum from energy to infrastructure and over a large geographical coverage. He started out in 1997 as Daegu Representative Branch of K-sure, and had various work experience in Strategic Planning, Human Resources, Capital Resources & Budget, and Social Value Management so far. He graduated from Hankuk University of Foreign Studies with a Bachelor of Trade. He also graduated from Korea University business school with a Master of Business Administration.

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**Jihyung Kim**

**General Manager of Global Business, Shinhan Financial Group**

Jihyung Kim is currently the General Manager of the Global Business Planning Office at Shinhan Bank, Shinhan Card, Shinhan Investment Corp., and Shinhan Life. He has been in this position since 2017 and is responsible for overseas strategic investments, including mergers and acquisitions and equity investments. Prior to his current role, Mr. Kim served as the Deputy General Manager in the Global Business Department of Shinhan Bank in 2013. In 2012, he worked as an in-house counselor in the Overseas Legal Team of Samsung Life Insurance. Mr. Kim graduated from Yonsei University in 1989 with a major in International Economy. He also attended the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School.



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### Sameer Goyal

**Senior Financial Sector Specialist,  
Finance, Competitiveness & Innovation Africa East, The World Bank**

Sameer Goyal is a Senior Financial Sector Specialist in the Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation (FCI) Global Practice and currently located World Bank office in Nairobi, Kenya. He is currently leading financial and private sector engagements in Kenya and Somalia for FCI East Africa team. Prior to moving to Nairobi in October 2021, Sameer was stationed in South Korea for 6 years and served as the Program Manager for the Seoul Center partnership, which supported FCI country programs and operations in East Asia by leveraging Korean trust funding, partner expertise and experience. Before joining the World Bank, Sameer was involved with research projects at McGill University (Canada) (1996-97), Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (1992-95) and as a Consultant on an ILO-ARTEP project (1986). Sameer holds BA Honors degree in Economics from the University of Delhi, MA and M. Phil degrees in Economics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, and an MBA in Finance and International Business from McGill University, Canada.

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### Zafer Mustafaoglu

**Practice Manager, Finance, Competitiveness & Innovation East Asia and Pacific, The World Bank**

Zafer Mustafaoglu is the Practice Manager for Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation in the East Asia and Pacific Region, covering China, Mongolia, Korea, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, and Vietnam. Mr. Mustafaoglu, a Turkish National, joined the World Bank in 2005. His last two positions were Practice Manager for Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation Global Practice in the Latin America and the Caribbean Region and Lead Economist and Program Leader for Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay. Zafer worked on various operations and research projects at the World Bank, spanning both macro and micro policy. Zafer received his Ph.D. in International Economics from the Middle East Technical University, Türkiye, and completed Master's degree and research studies in Economics at the University of Essex and Cambridge University, England. Prior to joining the Bank, Zafer worked twelve years for the Turkish Government and he held the Head of Modeling and Economic Analysis Department position at the Prime Ministry State Planning Organization of Türkiye.

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### Batbaatar Batjargal

Head Financial Information Unit, Bank of Mongolia

Batbaatar Batjargal is currently the Head of the Financial Information Unit, Bank of Mongolia. Between 2009 and 2019, he held various positions in the Bank of Mongolia, namely, Senior Supervisor in the Supervision Department from 2009-2015 and from 2018-2019. From 2015-2017, he was the Director of the Market Division and the Director of the Reserve Management Division.

Since he received his role as the Head of the Financial Information Unit in 2020, he put enormous efforts to get Mongolia removed from the Financial Action Task Force (FATF)'s list of jurisdictions under increased monitoring, well known as the 'Grey list'. Thanks to Mr. Batbaatar's good management and efforts, Mongolia was able to get off the 'Grey list' in less than a year. Mr. Batbaatar also played a significant role in getting Mongolia eliminated from the European Union's list of high-risk third countries. He graduated with a Bachelor of Banking Finance from the University of Finance and Economics of Mongolia in 2009. He received a Master of Economics from the National University of Mongolia and a Master of Economic Policy from Columbia University.



### Kelvin Lester Lee

Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission, Philippines

Kelvin Lester Lee is a Commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission of the Philippines, a Manila Times Business Columnist, a Law Professor on Corporate Governance, and a Corporate Law Lecturer for various Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) programs. He currently serves as a Board Member of the ASEAN Taxonomy Board, Co-chair of the Sustainable Finance Working Group of the ASEAN Capital Market Forum (ACMF), and Co-Chair of the ASEAN Working Committee on Capital Market Development (WC-CMD) in which capacities he oversees the drafting of the ASEAN Taxonomy and the different ASEAN green, transition and sustainable finance frameworks and initiatives. He also leads the Financial Sector Forum Inter-Agency Working Group developing the Philippine green and sustainable finance taxonomy.

In 2022, he was selected as a Lee Kuan Yew Senior Fellow in Public Service of the National University of Singapore and recognized as a Blockchain Champion by the Blockchain Council of the Philippines. In 2023, he was awarded as the Outstanding Fintech Innovation Leader in the Philippines during the Asian Digital Finance Forum and Awards. He also recently won a Gold Stevie Award for Thought Leader of the Year from the Asia-Pacific Stevie Awards for his work in Fintech Policy and Sustainable Finance.

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**H.E. Say Sam-Ath**

**Head, Cambodia Financial Intelligence Unit, Cambodia**

H.E. Say Sam-Ath, Head of Cambodia Financial Intelligence Unit (CAFIU), has been working in the AML/CFT/CPF role for over 10 years. In addition to her role in steering a well-functioning of CAFIU's daily operation, H.E. Say Sam-Ath has devoted and contributed a lot to the improvement of the AML/CFT/CPF regime in Cambodia. She also took a significant part in the achievement of the enactment of the law on AML/CFT and CPF and other subsequent regulations. Likewise, she plays an important role in the process of delisting Cambodia from FATF's grey list ranging from leading in addressing several FATF's action plan items, coordination among domestic authorities and international partner as well as the successful of hosting the FATF's On-Site Visit to Cambodia. Currently, she is also leading in conducting the 2nd Cambodia National Risk Assessment on Money Laundering and Terrorism Financing. To fight against ML/TF/PF, H.E. Say Sam Ath always pays attention to the updating of the international standard and best practices, which serves as a fundamental to further strengthen the AML/CFT/CPF regime in Cambodia and safeguard the integrity of Cambodia financial system.



**Maliny Xavanna**

**Deputy Director General, International Cooperation Department, Bank of the Lao PDR**

Maliny Xavanna has been nominated as the Deputy Director General of International Cooperation Department, Bank of the Lao PDR since May 2022. Prior to this position she served as Director of International Financial Institution Cooperation Division from 2017-2022, she also worked as Deputy Director of Regional Cooperation Division from 2012-2017. She has successfully coordinated capacity development programs addressing reform priorities and training needs in the banking sector. She has also applied her analytical skills in working with the IMF team under Article IV Consultation Mission for Lao PDR. Ms. Xavanna studied International Trade at Wuhan University, China and holds MA in Development Economics from Williams College, USA.

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**Jisun Kim**

**Senior Program Coordinator, Open Learning Campus, The World Bank**

Jisun Kim is Senior Program Coordinator with the Open Learning Campus (OLC) Team, based in the WBG Korea Office. She is Program Manager for the Korea Program for Operational Knowledge (KPOK) which focuses on tackling the most difficult development challenges through sharing operational knowledge, lessons learned, best practices, and capacity building. In this role, she leads the partnership with diverse organizations in Korea and facilitates business development by coordinating various demands and resources for integrated knowledge and learning offerings to benefit the World Bank operational teams and their country clients.





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### Francis Ghesquiere

Practice Manager, Urban, Disaster Risk, Resilience & Land Global Practice, The World Bank

Francis Ghesquiere is a Practice Manager at the World Bank East Asia and Pacific Region, where he is in charge of a \$4.5 billion portfolio focused on urban development, risk and resilience, and land management. He is also coordinating the World Bank Climate Change Support team in that region. Ghesquiere was also the Head of the Global Facility for Disaster Risk Management (GFDRR) from 2012-18. He is known for his leadership on several flagship initiatives, including the establishment of Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF), the Central America Probabilistic Risk Modeling Initiative, and the Understanding Risk Forum (UR). He was also key in the design of new policy instruments to help accelerate World Bank response to disasters, including the policy on emergency operations and innovative contingent financing instruments such as the CAT-DDO and Contingent Emergency Response Components. He holds degrees from the Harvard School of Government and the University of Louvain.

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**Ngô Quốc Thái**

Advisor, Can Tho City People's Committee, Vietnam

Thai is a senior government transformation expert and has vast experience leading various digital transformation projects. With over 25 years of experience in the ICT industry, Thai has worked as a government and private sector management consultant, providing unique experiences and an overall view of sustainable ICT and digital transformation development. This includes overseeing IT strategic planning, policy development, business process analysis and redesign, and creating enterprise and system architecture for clients such as ministries, local governments, and international organizations.

While working for the government of Vietnam, Thai was heavily involved in developing ICT policies, such as the IT law, the Cybersecurity master plan of Vietnam, and the degree for IT application in the government sector of Vietnam. Thai has also participated in various international digital transformation and IT application projects, including the Fiji Digital Government Transformation project, the Digital Transformation of Sabah State Government in Malaysia, the Passport and Border Control project in Vietnam, and several other digital transformation projects in Singapore, the Philippines, and Brunei.

As the World Bank digital transformation consultant, Thai is supporting multiple World Bank projects in Vietnam at both the National and sub-national levels, from IT system design and implementation to policy and regulation development, such as the Implementation of the core banking and reporting system for the State Bank of Vietnam, Development of data administration policy for Ho Chi Minh City or currently Thai is advising to Can Tho PPC to design and implement the Spatial Planning Platform of the City. Thai is a graduate of Hanoi National University.

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### Himawan Arief Sugoto

**Senior Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Agrarian Affairs and Spatial Planning/  
National Land Agency, Indonesia**

Himawan Arief Sugoto, currently, serves as Principal Advisor to the Minister of Agrarian Affairs and Spatial Planning/Head of National Land Agency. Prior to this, from 2018 to April 2023, Himawan Arief Sugoto served as Secretary General of the Ministry of Agrarian Affairs and Spatial Planning/National Land Agency (ATR/BPN). During he was as Secretary General, he has implemented a Merit System in Human Resource Management, developed innovations in the Digital Transformation Program through Electronic Land Services such as Mortgage Service, Land Information Service include Land Value Information. He was also governing the Program of Electronic Land Certificate. He worked as a Ministerial Experts of Ministry of Agrarian Affairs and Spatial Planning/National Land Agency (November 2016 - May 2018) and served as the ad interim of Director General of Land Acquisition and Land Development (June 2020 - August 2021) and as the Secretary Committee of Land Bank (December 2021 - Now).

He has extensive experience in Project Management & Strategic Planning since the 1990s. In addition, he also has experience in Public Housing & Urban Development, Property & Land Banking and Marketing & Business Development. The bachelor's degree in civil engineering was obtained from the Institute of Technology Bandung in 1990 and the Master's in Project Management was obtained from the University of Indonesia in 2001.

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**Frank Kyota**

**CEO, Palau Public Utilities Corporation (PPUC)**

Frank Kyota joined Team PPUC as the Chief Executive Officer of the Palau Public Utilities Corporation on September 7, 2021. He brings to the Corporation over 25 years of private sector experience, and also served four-year terms as a Congressman and as a Senator in the 9th and 10th OEK (Palau National Congress), respectively, from 2013 to 2020.

Frank holds a BS degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Guam School of Business and Administration. He was instrumental in the success of Belau Petroleum Products, Inc. (BBPI) a forerunner of Shell Co. (Pacific Islands) Ltd. Until its transition to IP&E Palau, Inc., logging a total of 29 years in the petroleum industry in various management capacities and leadership roles.

As a result of his background in both private and public sectors, Frank brings to the Corporation a wealth of knowledge and experience in Industry Best Practice including service to its valued customers, the security of assets, and the protection of the environment, our only Nest of Life.

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### Seong-ik Oh

**Director General, Cadastral Resurvey Planning Office,  
Ministry of Land Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT), Republic of Korea**

Seong-ik Oh works as Director General for Cadastral Resurvey Planning at Korea's Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport. His recent works include managing pilot projects of digital twins, utilization of satellite imagery and management of human capital in geospatial industry. He received bachelor's degree from Seoul National University and master's degrees from Harvard Kennedy School and Tufts University, respectively. Also, he earned a Ph.D. from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University. He has worked as a civil servant at the Ministry of Ocean and Fisheries (MOF), the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport (MOLIT), and Presidential Committee for Regional Development. He is also an adjunct professor at Graduate School of Public Administration, Yonsei University. He authored *Overseas Energy Investment of Korea and Japan* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2023, English) and co-authored *Big Picture 2017: 4th Industrial Revolution and Irony of Isolationism* (Thinking Garden, 2017, Korean).



### Jinhee Park

**IT Officer, Technology & Innovation Lab, The World Bank**

Jinhee Park is the IT Officer at the Technology & Innovation Lab at the World Bank Group (WBG), where she is responsible for leveraging the potential of emerging technologies in advancing the development agenda and promoting innovation. Her role involves analyzing potential future scenarios and technology trends, while providing advisory services on operationalizing and scaling tech-enabled development projects to foster social and economic progress. Jinhee specializes in aligning human-centric design and foresight approaches with technology convergence to create innovative solutions for the betterment of communities around the world. Prior to joining the WBG, she worked on financial innovation within private sector companies in New York and Seoul. Jinhee holds a bachelor's degree in Economics from Emory University and a master's degree in data science and business analytics from Columbia University.

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### Stamatis Kotouzas

**Senior Land Administration Specialist,  
Urban, Disaster Risk, Resilience & Land Global Practice, The World Bank**

Stamatis Kotouzas is the incoming Senior Land Administration and Geospatial Specialist. He comes from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), where he was Policy Advisor for Responsible Business Conduct. Between 2012 and 2019 he was based at the World Bank's headquarters in Washington D.C. and worked on a range of land tenure strengthening investment operations and ASA across several developing regions. Stamatis received his undergraduate degree in Political Science and Russian from University College London (UCL) and graduate degree in International Development and International Economics from Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced Studies (SAIS). In his free time, Stamatis enjoys watching cinema, reading, swimming, and traveling.



### Inchul Hwang

**Senior Energy Specialist, Energy & Extractives Global Practice, The World Bank**

Inchul Hwang is the Senior Energy Specialist based in Songdo, World Bank Korea office. He is working various energy efficiency (EE) and renewable energy (RE) projects in Mongolia, the Philippines, Pacific Island Countries (PICs) and Vietnam. He led and is leading Korea Green Growth Trust Fund (KGGTF) grants on e-mobility and battery storage in Pacific Island Countries (PICs) and Mongolia. He serves as an institutional knowledge facilitator of Korean good practices related to EE, RE, and energy transition for WBG and clients. Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Hwang held several roles in operating energy efficiency and renewable energy policies at a national agency (Korea Energy Agency). He holds a master in Energy and Earth Resources from University of Texas at Austin and a bachelor's in business administration from Korea University.



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Control and Prevention Agency



Korea Energy Agency



Korea Institute  
for Advancement of Technology



Korea Internet and Security Agency



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Management Corporation



Korea Power Exchange



Korea Research Institute for  
Human Settlements



Korea Water Resources Corporation



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Ministry of Science and ICT

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National Information Society  
Agency



NAVER Corporation



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Administration

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Seoul National University  
Graduate School of Public Health



Sudokwon Landfill Site  
Management Corporation



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Korea Electric Power Corporation



Korea Environmental  
Industry and Technology Institute



Korea Institute of Energy  
Technology Evaluation and Planning



Korea Land and Housing  
Corporation



Korea Maritime Institute



Korea Real Estate Board



Korea Transport Institute



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and Fisheries

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National Health Insurance Service



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Agency



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### Riccardo Puliti

Vice President, Asia and the Pacific, International Finance Corporation

Riccardo Puliti, an Italian national, is IFC's Regional Vice President for Asia and the Pacific and oversees all investment and advisory operations across the region. Mr. Puliti is focused on leveraging the World Bank Group to scale sustainable private sector led growth by supporting innovative products and transformative technologies. His key priorities for the region include enhancing financial and digital inclusion for underserved communities, closing the gender divide, increasing climate financing, helping countries transition to cleaner sources of energy, and bridging infrastructure gaps.

Previously, Mr. Puliti was the Vice President for Infrastructure at the World Bank. In this role, he led the Bank's global efforts to build effective infrastructure in emerging markets and supported the World Bank Group's strategic business priorities such as the climate change action plan and the development of the Private Capital Enabling ("PCE") indicator. Mr. Puliti also served as the World Bank's Regional Director, Infrastructure for Africa, where he provided oversight and strategic direction, while working with IFC and MIGA to develop the conditions for mobilizing private capital. Riccardo joined the World Bank Group as Senior Director of the Energy and Extractives Global Practice in November 2016 and led a team of 500 professionals, developing policies and financing in the global energy and extractive industries.

Prior to joining the World Bank Group, Mr. Puliti was the Managing Director in charge of Energy and Extractive Industries at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. He began his career at Istituto Mobiliare Italiano and later worked at Banque Indosuez and NM Rothschild and Sons in M&A and equity capital markets.

Mr. Puliti holds an MBA from Instituto Superior de Estudios de la Empresa (IESE) and postgraduate studies at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and Imperial College.

