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## INTRODUCTION

# SBFN 8<sup>th</sup> Global Meeting

*The Sustainable Banking and Finance Network's (SBFN) 8<sup>th</sup> Global Meeting is a high-level global forum for SBFN members, observers, and partners, including central banks, financial sector regulators, industry associations and networks committed to advancing sustainable finance in emerging markets.*

In this edition, we will reflect on the achievements and insights of SBFN members and partners, while also exploring key themes for future work. Co-hosted by IFC, the **Central Bank of Brazil**, and **FEBRABAN** (the Brazilian Federation of Banks), with support from the IFC's Green Bond Technical Assistance Program (GB-TAP), the event will feature high-level speakers, including IFC senior management, senior officials from central banks, heads of regulatory agencies and industry associations from emerging markets, as well as representatives from leading international networks and standard-setting bodies.

The work of SBFN and its members in advancing sustainable finance nationally, regionally, and

globally has never been more critical. This year, the SBFN Global Meeting will take place on the margins of the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG) meeting, presenting a unique opportunity to bring the voice of Emerging Markets and Developing Economies (EMDEs) into the global dialogue on sustainable finance, and benefitting from high-level speakers from the G20 SFWG.

Since its inception, IFC and SBFN have served as knowledge partners to the G20 SFWG, offering valuable insights through a series of Input Papers that include case studies of member experiences, thereby providing an emerging markets perspective to inform the global agenda.



The first day of the event (September 11<sup>th</sup>) will focus on strategy and member engagement. This is an opportunity for SBFN members to discuss SBFN's strategic priorities and working group deliverables, engage in peer-to-peer learning, hear from global experts, and showcase their progress and initiatives in promoting sustainable finance at national and regional levels. All participants are invited to join these sessions.

The second day of the event (September 12<sup>th</sup>) will focus on high-level dialogue and engagement with global thought-leaders and SBFN members, featuring panel discussions on key trends, opportunities, and challenges in sustainable finance across EMDEs.

*Welcome to the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro!  
We are thrilled to have you join us for an  
inspiring, dynamic, and transformative  
SBFN 8<sup>th</sup> Global Meeting.*





# About the Sustainable Banking and Finance Network

*Established in 2012, the Sustainable Banking and Finance Network (SBFN) is a voluntary community of financial sector regulators, central banks, ministries of finance, ministries of environment, and industry associations from emerging markets committed to advancing sustainable finance.*

Facilitated by IFC as its Secretariat, and supported by the World Bank Group, SBFN helps mobilize information, resources, and practical support for members to design and implement national initiatives that advance sustainable finance at national, regional, and global levels.

**Members are committed to moving their financial sectors towards sustainability, with the twin goals to:**

1. Improve the management of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) risks – including climate risks – across the financial sector.

2. Increase capital flows to activities with positive environmental and social impacts, including climate change mitigation and adaptation.

As of September 2024, SBFN comprises 96 member institutions representing 72 countries and at least US\$68 trillion (92 percent) of the total banking assets in emerging markets.

For more information, visit <https://www.sbfnetwork.org/>



ABOUT THE SUSTAINABLE BANKING AND FINANCE NETWORK

# 2024 Global Progress Brief & Data Portal



The **2024 Global Progress Brief** – released in 16 April 2024 – offers a comprehensive benchmarking of sustainable finance trends and initiatives across 66 member countries. It highlights key achievements, innovations and opportunities across EMDEs, in line with the SBFN Measurement Framework, covering three pillars of sustainable finance: Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) Integration, Climate and Nature-Related Risk Management, and Financing Sustainability.

This new and concise format complements the innovative **SBFN Data Portal**, a dynamic tool to track sustainable finance initiatives among SBFN member countries on a regular basis. Providing detailed insights into SBFN members' actions, this innovative platform enables regular and consistent monitoring of progress, facilitating multidimensional benchmarking across countries, regions, and indicators. The new Data Portal aims to foster peer-to-peer learning, knowledge sharing, and experience exchange among SBFN members and beyond.

# Additional Resources

SBFN Measurement Framework & Methodology



SBFN Toolkit: Developing Sustainable Finance Roadmaps



SBFN Toolkit: Sustainable Finance Taxonomies





## About IFC

*IFC — a member of the World Bank Group — is the largest global development institution focused on the private sector in emerging markets. We work in more than 100 countries, using our capital, expertise, and influence to create markets and opportunities in developing countries. In fiscal year 2024, IFC committed a record \$56 billion to private companies and financial institutions in developing countries, leveraging private sector solutions and mobilizing private capital to create a world free of poverty on a livable planet. For more information, visit [www.ifc.org](http://www.ifc.org).*



# Event Agenda

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*All times are in the local time zone (GMT-3)*



DAY 1 — WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

## *SBFN Strategy, Working Groups and Members Highlights*

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### 8:00 – 9:00 REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

#### 9:00 – 9:10 WELCOME BY THE SBFN SECRETARIAT AND CO-HOSTS

**Justin Pooley**, Manager for E&S Policy and Standards, IFC

**Isabela Ribeiro Damaso Maia**, Head of Department, Sustainability and International Portfolio Investors Relations Unit, Central Bank of Brazil

**Amaury Martins De Oliva**, Director of Sustainability, Brazilian Federation of Banks (FEBRABAN)

#### 9:10 – 9:30 SBFN PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIC OUTLOOK

This session will focus on a discussion with members on SBFN's strategic outlook and priorities, led by the SBFN Secretariat.

**Rong Zhang**, SBFN Global Coordinator

#### 9:30 - 10:15 DATA AND DISCLOSURE WORKING GROUP (DDWG)

This session will be an opportunity for members to hear from the working group's Co-chairs and experts on global trends in sustainability disclosure and will serve as a consultation session on the Draft SBFN Reporting and Disclosure Toolkit.

**Moderator:**

**Jana Mudronova**, Coordinator of DDWG, SBFN Secretariat

**Speakers:**

**Nomindari Enkhtur**, CEO, Mongolia Sustainable Finance Association, SBFN Advisor

**Liu Rong**, Advisor, Policy Research Bureau, National Financial Regulatory Administration (NFRA) of China; Co-Chair of SBFN DDWG (video message)

**Elizabeth Seeger**, Board Member, International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)

**David Utiashvili**, Head of Financial Stability Department, National Bank of Georgia; Co-Chair of SBFN DDWG

### 10:15 - 10:45 COFFEE BREAK

#### 10:45 – 11:30 INCLUSIVE SUSTAINABLE FINANCE TASK FORCE (ISF TF)

The Co-chairs of the ISF Task Force will share their reflection on activities to date and their vision for future engagement. The session will be an important milestone to receive feedback from members and experts on the Draft White Paper on Inclusive Sustainable Finance.

**Moderator:**

**Nuru Mugambi**, Coordinator of ISF TF, SBFN Secretariat

**Speakers:**

**Amaury Martins De Oliva**, Director of Sustainability, Brazilian Federation of Banks (FEBRABAN); Co-Chair of SBFN ISF TF

**Ellen Joyce Suficiencia**, Director, Sustainability Office, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP); Co-Chair of SBFN ISF TF

**Samuel Tiriongo**, Director of Research and Policy, Kenya Bankers Association; Co-Chair of SBFN ISF TF

#### 11:30 – 12:00 GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES – DIALOGUE WITH G20 SFWG CO-CHAIR AND REPRESENTATIVE OF COP29 PRESIDENCY

This session will be an opportunity to share global trends and initiatives on sustainable finance by the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group (SFWG), and Cop29.

**Moderator:**

**Rong Zhang**, SBFN Global Coordinator

**Speakers:**

**Shahin Mahmudzada**, Executive Director of the Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan (Representing COP29 Presidency)

**Wang Xin**, Director General of Research Bureau, People's Bank of China; Co-Chair of the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group

#### 12:00 – 12:45 MEASUREMENT WORKING GROUP (MWG): ENHANCING POLICY IMPACT MEASUREMENT

The Co-chairs of the working group will share their reflections on the recent update of the SBFN Measurement Framework and the launch of the new SBFN Data Portal and 2024 Global Progress Brief, engaging members to discuss their vision for the future SBFN's progress measurement work leveraging the Data Portal. The SBFN Secretariat will share upcoming plans for the Measurement Working Group, and introduce the member section of the SBFN Data Portal, enabling regular and easy updates by members to reflect country progress in a timely manner.

**Moderator:**

**Vincent Darcy**, Research and Working Groups Coordinator, SBFN Secretariat

**Speakers:**

**Vanessa Estefanía García Rocha**, Head of the Sustainable Finance Group, Financial Superintendence of Colombia (SFC); Co-Chair of SBFN MWG

**Yasser Mounisif**, Head of Corporate Finance and Disclosure Department, Moroccan Capital Market Authority (AMMC); Co-Chair of SBFN MWG



**12:45 – 14:00 LUNCH****14:00 – 14:45 SUSTAINABLE FINANCE INSTRUMENTS WORKING GROUP (SFIWG)**

This session will feature reflections on global trends and priorities for SBFN members by the working group's Co-chairs, including ideas for future work for the working group, as well as a discussion on the SBFN Taxonomy Toolkit implementation to inform the global efforts on Taxonomy Harmonization.

**Moderator:**

**Louise Gardiner**, Climate Finance Practice Lead, IFC; SBFN Advisor

**Speakers:**

**Vukile Davidson**, Chief-Director of Financial Market and Stability, South African Treasury; Co-Chair of SBFN SFIWG

**14:45 – 16:15 EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THEMATIC AND SUSTAINABLE FINANCE BUT TOO SHY TO ASK!**

This dynamic and interactive session focuses on connecting dots and making sense of every aspect of the global sustainable finance market. Join IFC's Green Bond Technical Assistance Program (GB-TAP) on a journey of learning about the evolution of the sustainable bond market, the backstory behind each label, the interconnection of various market players, and the most invested types of green and social projects that are bringing life-changing impact to everyday people around the world. Share your thoughts, raise your questions, and voice your biggest challenges. GB-TAP experts will answer each and every question of yours. This session aims to empower practitioners with both the knowledge and inspiration to change culture, guide investment behavior, and shift the world to a greener and more sustainable future.

**Speakers:**

**Francisco Avendano**, Senior Operations Officer, Climate Business, IFC

**Helena Dill**, Sustainable and Climate Finance Specialist, IFC

**Irina Likhachova**, Global Lead for Biodiversity Finance, IFC

**Yang Li**, Sustainable Finance Market Specialist

**16:15 – 16:45 COFFEE BREAK****16:45 – 17:45 SBFN MEMBERS' REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

This session will feature short presentations of successful initiatives, achievements, and case studies by SBFN members from various regions across EMDEs.

**17:45 – 18:00 CLOSING REMARKS****18:30 – 21:00 WELCOME DINNER****DAY 2 – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12***High-Level Event*

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**8:00 – 8:30 REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST****8:30 – 9:30 FIRESIDE CHAT: TRENDS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMDES TO LEAD A JUST TRANSITION THROUGH SUSTAINABLE FINANCE**

This high-level conversation will set the stage for this SBFN 8<sup>th</sup> Global Meeting by exploring how EMDEs can play an active role in the global dialogue toward a just transition through sustainable finance. The session will highlight key global trends, as well as the unique opportunities and challenges faced by EMDEs in mobilizing finance to support a shift towards resilient, low-carbon economies. Speakers will discuss priorities for leveraging sustainable finance to address social and economic inequalities, fostering inclusive growth, and promoting environmental stewardship.

**Speakers:**

**Alfonso Garcia Mora**, SBFN Chair and Vice President for Latin America & Caribbean and Europe, IFC

**Rachel Kyte**, Professor of Practice in Climate Policy, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford; Dean Emerita of The Fletcher School, Tufts University; co-chair of the Voluntary Carbon Markets Initiative; Director, The Private Infrastructure Development Group

**Adam Wang-Levine**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Climate, Environment, and Infrastructure, United States Department of the Treasury; Co-Chair of the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group

**9:30 – 10:30 PANEL 1: THE FINANCIAL SECTOR'S ROLE IN DEFINING, PLANNING, GOVERNING, AND IMPLEMENTING A RESILIENT AND LOW-CARBON TRANSITION**

This panel discussion will delve into the pivotal role that the financial sector plays in guiding and supporting the transition. Discussions will focus on the responsibilities of financial sector regulators in setting and governing sustainability goals, as well as the importance of strategic planning and implementation through partnership between public and private sectors. Panelists, including senior representatives from international organizations, policymakers, and private sector, will share insights on the importance and challenges of transition planning. The session aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the financial sector's role in leading the transition.



**Moderator:**

**Veronica Nyhan-Jones**, Global Head of Climate Capacity and Inclusion Accelerator, IFC

**Speakers:**

**Rami Aboul Naga**, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Egypt

**Gabriela Bertol**, Senior Head Strategic Execution Sustainability & Net Zero, Santander Brazil

**Jamie Fergusson**, Global Director of Climate Business, IFC

**Isabela Ribeiro Damaso Maia**, Head of Department, Sustainability and International Portfolio Investors Relations Unit, Central Bank of Brazil

**Alex Michie**, Managing Director, The Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ)

**10:30 - 11:15 COFFEE BREAK****11:15 - 12:15 PANEL 2: ADVANCING HARMONIZATION OF SUSTAINABLE FINANCE TAXONOMIES**

Collective actions and partnerships are needed to build a harmonized international approach for sustainable finance taxonomies. This panel will discuss how to increase alignment and interoperability of taxonomies to achieve both global goals and national priorities and will highlight the needs of EMDEs. The panel will explore topics such as emerging best practices in taxonomy transparency and disclosure, enabling cross-border capital flows towards sustainable projects, and ensuring consistency in sustainable investment practices.

**Moderator:**

**Louise Gardiner**, Climate Finance Practice Lead, IFC; SBFN Advisor

**Speakers:**

**Lucia Marin**, Deputy Head of Unit, European Commission DG Financial Stability, Financial Services, and Capital Markets Union (Representing the International Platform on Sustainable Finance - IPSF)

**Rustam Tahirov**, Director of the Financial Sector Sustainable Development Department, Central Bank of Azerbaijan (Representing COP29 Presidency)

**Karina Velásquez**, Executive Secretary, Central American Council of Superintendents of Banks, Insurance and Other Financial Institutions (CCSBSO)

**Dilrukshini WA**, Assistant Governor, Central Bank of Sri Lanka

**Zofia Wetmańska**, Taxonomy Manager, Climate Bond Initiative

**12:15 - 14:00 LUNCH****14:00 - 15:00 PANEL 3: ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES OF SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING STANDARDS IN EMDEs**

Experts will examine the hurdles and opportunities associated with adopting and implementing sustainability reporting standards in EMDEs. The discussion will cover the various frame-

**14:00 - 15:00** works and guidelines currently available, in particular the emergence of global standards such as the IFRS S1 and S2, the specific challenges EMDEs face in aligning with global standards, and the benefits of enhanced transparency and accountability to drive the transformation toward sustainability. Panelists will include representatives from regulators, standard-setting bodies, and international organizations who will share their experiences and strategies, highlight successful case studies, and provide practical advice for EMDEs striving to adopt and implement sustainability reporting and disclosure practices.

**Moderator:**

**Svetlana Klimenko**, Lead Climate Finance Specialist, World Bank

**Speakers:**

**Vania Borgerth**, Deputy Head of International Relations at the Brazilian Committee for Sustainability Pronouncements (CBPS)

**Joseph Akwasi Kuma**, Head, Project Management Office, Bank of Ghana

**Elizabeth Seeger**, Board Member, International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB)

**David Utiashvili**, Head of Financial Stability Department, National Bank of Georgia; Co-chair of the SBFN Data and Disclosure Working Group

**15:00 - 15:30 COFFEE BREAK****15:30 - 16:30 PANEL 4: DEMOCRATIZING SUSTAINABILITY: MSMEs AND SUPPLY CHAIN FINANCE**

This panel discussion will address the critical role of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and supply chain finance to achieve sustainability goals. Panelists will explore how democratizing access to sustainable finance can empower MSMEs to support environmental and social objectives. The session will highlight the challenges MSMEs face in accessing finance and the innovative solutions being developed to overcome these barriers. Experts will share their experiences and discuss strategies to enhance the inclusivity and effectiveness of sustainable finance initiatives.

**Moderator:**

**Marcela Ponce**, Sustainable Finance Advisory Services Lead, IFC; SBFN Coordinator for Latin America & the Caribbean

**Speakers:**

**Alexandra Mendoza de Castro**, CEO-Founder, Liquitech

**Ellen Joyce Suficiencia**, Director, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP); Co-Chair of SBFN Inclusive Sustainable Finance Task Force

**Qamar Saleem**, Global Head SME Finance Forum

**16:30 - 16:45 REFLECTIONS AND CLOSING REMARKS****18:30 - 21:00 COCKTAIL RECEPTION**







## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



### *Alfonso Garcia Mora*

**REGIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, EUROPE, LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN; SBFN CHAIR**

Alfonso García Mora is IFC's Vice President for Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Chair of the Sustainable Banking and Finance Network (SBFN). He spearheads IFC's engagements in the two regions, including operationalizing IFC's response to the Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the post COVID-19 recovery, building a strong pipeline for private sector investments rooted in country strategies, and fostering more collaboration opportunities with key stakeholders to maximize impact. Mr. García Mora, a Spanish national, brings more than twenty years of experience in financial and private sector development, with twelve years in the private sector and nine years in different positions at the World Bank Group. Most recently, Mr. García Mora was IFC's Regional Vice President for Asia and the Pacific. He has a PhD in Financial Economics from Universidad Autonoma de Madrid, Spain, and has also lectured and published extensively on banking and financial-sector issues.



### *Rachel Kyte*

**PROFESSOR OF PRACTICE IN CLIMATE POLICY, BLAVATNIK SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD; DEAN EMERITA OF THE FLETCHER SCHOOL, TUFTS UNIVERSITY; CO-CHAIR OF THE VOLUNTARY CARBON MARKETS INITIATIVE; DIRECTOR, THE PRIVATE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

Rachel served as special representative of the UN secretary-general and chief executive officer of Sustainable Development for All (SEforALL). She previously was the World Bank Group vice president and special envoy for climate change, leading action on climate finance in the run-up to the Paris Agreement. Rachel served as an advisor to the UN secretary-general on climate action and the crisis response to the invasion of Ukraine, chaired the Rwandan Green Fund (FONERWA) and advised the UK government on COP26. She is currently co-chair of the Voluntary Carbon Markets Integrity Initiative (VCMI) working to build high integrity voluntary carbon markets, member of the board Private Infrastructure Development Group with responsibility for ESG, and a member of the G20 Expert Group on MDB reform, appointed by the Government of India. Rachel is an advisor to General Atlantic's Beyond Net Zero fund and a member of the board of the Carbon Policy Initiative. She is an advisor to Mahindra University's Center for Sustainable Development and plays a leadership role at the World Economic Forum on trade, climate, energy and minerals. She has been recognised for her leadership on both sides of the Atlantic and was made a Companion of St Michael and St George (CMG) in the 2020 New Year's Honours.

## SPEAKERS



### *Rami Aboul Naga*

**DEPUTY GOVERNOR, CENTRAL BANK OF EGYPT**

Mr. Rami Aboul Naga holds the position of Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Egypt (CBE), since November of 2019. He oversees the Markets, Monetary Policy, Foreign Relations, Economic Research, Information Technology, and Banking Operations & Payment Systems Sectors. Since joining CBE, Mr. Aboul Naga oversaw the prudent management of the CBE's foreign reserves, ensuring compliance with the stringent investment guidelines. He also spearheaded negotiations with financial institutions and other central banks, to attract foreign investments into the Egyptian market and led the discussions with credit rating agencies in their quest to determine Egypt's credit profile. As Sub-Governor of the Markets Sector, he headed the Reserves Management, Treasury, and the Monetary Policy Implementation divisions, as well as Quantitative Modelling and Risk Analytics division. Prior to his time at the CBE, he worked in the Treasury department of the Commercial International Bank. He is a graduate of the American University in Cairo, with a Bachelor's degree in business administration and a minor in Economics, and holds a Master's of Science degree in Finance from City University, UK. He participated in numerous training courses, seminars and conferences in various international institutions, such as the World Bank, the Federal Reserve Bank, and the German Bundesbank, among others.



### *Joseph Akwasi Kuma*

**DIRECTOR, BANK OF GHANA**

Joseph is currently the Director of the Project Management Office at the Bank of Ghana. He is currently responsible for the central bank's internal sustainability strategy. He worked with the IFC for 14 years rising to the position of the Senior Country Officer for the Ghana Sub-region Office. Before that, he was a Bank Examiner at the Bank of Ghana for 10 years. He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) and a Master's in International Business Analysis.



### *Watudura Anuradha Dilrukshini*

**ASSISTANT GOVERNOR, CENTRAL BANK OF SRI LANKA**

Mrs. W. A. Dilrukshini is an Assistant Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka with over 24 years of experience in Central Banking. As an Assistant Governor, Mrs. Dilrukshini oversees the macroprudential surveillance, financial consumer relations and market conduct, financial literacy & inclusion, and the organization's talent development functions. Before serving as an Assistant Governor, she served as the

Director of the Macroprudential Surveillance Department. Also, she worked in the departments of Economic Research, Statistics, and the Center for Banking Studies in different capacities. Mrs. Dilrukshini has expertise in policymaking related to price and economic stability and financial system stability. Further, she spearheaded the sustainable finance initiatives of the CBSL. She is currently leading the implementation of the Sustainable Finance Roadmap. Mrs. Dilrukshini holds a Master of International & Development Economics Degree from the Australian National University, Australia, a Master of Business Administration from the Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM) of the University of Sri Jayawardenepura, and a Bachelor of Arts Special Degree in Economics from the University of Colombo.



### *Francisco Avendano*

#### **SENIOR OPERATIONS OFFICER, IFC**

Francisco is IFC's focal point for climate assessment of investments across investment products across regions and industries. Before joining IFC, he worked for over 18 years on innovative climate business origination and investment mobilization private for Infrastructure, Power, Manufacturing, Agribusiness and Financial Intermediaries in China, SE Asia, Middle East, Brazil, Peru and Mexico. He has PhD studies in the Department of Physics and MSc degree from the Chemical Engineering Department of the University of Rochester NY.



### *Gabriela Bertol*

#### **SENIOR HEAD STRATEGIC EXECUTION SUSTAINABILITY & NET ZERO, SANTANDER BRAZIL**

Gabriela Bertol is Sr. Head of Sustainability at Banco Santander Brasil and a Board Member of the Brazil Network of the UN Global Compact. At Santander, she is responsible for defining the bank's Sustainability and Responsible Banking strategy and coordinating its execution across the organization, working closely with the business, risk and other areas. Gabriela is responsible within Santander Brasil for the Group's Net Zero and Social Impact commitments. Gabriela has extensive experience in financial services and strategy. Prior to joining Santander in February 2023, Gabriela was Director of Financial Services at strategy consultancy Oliver Wyman, where she spent 10 years working with financial institutions in Brazil and Europe. At Oliver Wyman, Gabriela also held the position of Co-Head of Climate and Sustainability Brazil between 2020 and 2023, as well as being a member of the Inclusion and Diversity Council of the MarshMcLennan group. Gabriela holds a PhD in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a Master degree in Economics from PUC-Rio.



### *Vania Borgerth*

#### **DEPUTY HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, BRAZILIAN COMMITTEE FOR SUSTAINABILITY PRONOUNCEMENTS (CBPS)**

Vania Borgerth is a prominent expert in sustainability, ethics, and corporate governance, currently serving as Deputy Head of International Relations at the Brazilian Committee for Sustainability Pronouncements (CBPS) and representing CBPS at the Sustainability Standards Advisory Forum (SSAF). She holds key roles in international organizations, including the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), the Integrated Reporting and Connectivity Council (IRCC) of the IFRS Foundation, and is a Board Member at International Foundation for Valuing Impact (IFVI), and SHIFT Project, and is a Member of The Consultative Group of UNCTAD's International Standards for Accounting and Reporting (ISAR). In Brazil, Vania is the Head of the Brazilian Network for Integrated Reporting (CBARI), and a member of the Expert Panel of Accounting for Sustainability (A4S). Previously, Vania worked as Head Accountant at Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES), was a member of the Audit Committee of Banco Santander Brasil, and represented Brazil at the Advisory Council of the IFRS, the Consultative and Advisory Groups of the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB), and International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA). Currently, Vania is pursuing a PhD at FUCAPE Business School, where she was also a lecturer.



### *Vincent Darcy*

#### **SBN RESEARCH AND WORKING GROUPS COORDINATOR**

Vincent is the Research and Working Groups Coordinator for the IFC-facilitated Sustainable Banking and Finance Network (SBN), a global platform convening financial sector regulators and industry associations from over 70 emerging markets. In his role, Vincent leads the development of thought leadership and knowledge products in collaboration with SBN member institutions, including SBN's Measurement Framework, which serves as the basis for SBN's flagship benchmarking of national progress on sustainable finance in emerging markets. A sustainable finance and ESG policy, standards, and risk management expert, Vincent has over a decade of experience working with financial institutions, regulators, and companies on sustainability and climate-related strategies, ranging from high-level policy advice to on-the-ground implementation of climate and ESG policies and standards. At IFC and in his previous role as a sustainable finance consultant, Vincent has worked on multiple projects involving complex ESG issues, and has supported key sustainable finance initiatives globally. Vincent holds a Bachelor's degree in Social Sciences and a Master's degree in Finance from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po).





## *Vukile Davidson*

**CHIEF-DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL SECTOR POLICY, SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL TREASURY**

Vukile Davidson is the Chief Director responsible for Financial Markets and Stability at the National Treasury of South Africa. Having begun his career in financial markets within Standard Bank's investment banking division, Vukile subsequently moved to the National Treasury. While at National Treasury Vukile has worked on key various financial sector legislative reforms including South Africa's resolution framework as well as working on policy issues as diverse as climate change and financial innovation. Vukile has also worked at the Financial Stability Board in Basel, Switzerland, on topics which include challenges facing SMEs and work to address the decline in correspondent banking services with a specific focus on the Americas, Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and Asia. Vukile has an M.Sc in Development Economics and Finance from the University of London (SOAS).



## *Helena Dill*

**SUSTAINABLE AND CLIMATE FINANCE SPECIALIST, IFC**

Helena is a sustainable finance specialist with near 15 years of experience working globally on finance, capital markets, investment projects, and public policy. Prior to joining IFC, Helena worked for the World Bank's Treasury advising countries on sustainable finance instruments and solutions to manage financial, disaster, and commodity risks. Before that, she served as an advisor at Brazil's Presidency of the Republic and the Ministry of Finance, structuring public-private partnerships and infrastructure projects and advising on regulatory reforms of financial markets and other industries. She was also a Manager at the Brazilian National Treasury, negotiating and approving investment loans. Helena has a Master's in Public Policy from Georgetown University and a Master's in Development Economics from Brazil.



## *Nomindari Enkhtur*

**CEO, MONGOLIA SUSTAINABLE FINANCE ASSOCIATION, SBFN ADVISOR**

Nomindari currently serves as CEO of the Mongolian Sustainable Finance Association, as well as Portfolio Management Consultant of the UN Joint SDG Fund. Nomindari also has a key role in designing and developing the Mongolia Green Finance Corporation, a unique public-private partnership institution with a special mandate to promote green finance. Since 2013, she has closely worked with policy makers and international partners to help banks in Mongolia and Cambodia integrate sustainability considerations into their lending decisions and product design. Besides,

she worked as a consultant with IFC, UNEP, UNICEF, GIZ and Partners Group on a number of projects related to portfolio emissions calculation, green taxonomy development, green finance mobilization, ESG integration, and capacity building. For her contribution in sustainable development, she was recognized by the European Commission as one of the Global Young Leaders for Development of 2017. In 2018, she was also selected as one of the five young sustainable business innovators by the Business for Peace Foundation. Nomindari holds a master's degree in Sustainability Management from Columbia University in New York and is a Fulbright Awardee.



## *Jamie Fergusson*

**GLOBAL DIRECTOR, CLIMATE BUSINESS, IFC**

Jamie oversees IFC's climate strategy, ensuring investments are Paris Aligned and 40% climate positive. In FY23, IFC committed \$14.4bn to climate finance, 46% of its long-term investments. Jamie joined IFC in 2005, significantly growing renewable energy commitments and leading initiatives like Scaling Solar, which has delivered competitive solar tariffs in emerging markets. Jamie has held various leadership roles at IFC, including Chief Investment Officer for Renewable Energy, Global Manager for Sustainability Leadership, and Director of Environmental and Social Policy and Risk. Jamie also spearheaded a \$34bn investment pipeline as Global Director for Strategic Market and Business Development. Before IFC, Jamie co-founded Credo, a boutique strategic consultancy in London, UK which is now in its 20th year of operation. Jamie began his career producing wildlife documentaries for the likes of BBC, Discovery and National Geographic, filming throughout Sub-Saharan Africa. He holds a BA and MA in Zoology from Cambridge University, and a Master's in Environmental Economics & Policy and an MBA from Yale University.



## *Vanessa Estefanía García Rocha*

**HEAD OF THE SUSTAINABLE FINANCE GROUP, FINANCIAL SUPERINTENDENCE OF COLOMBIA (SFC); CO-CHAIR OF SBFN MWG**

Economist with a focus on International Finance and a master's candidate in Sustainable Development and Environmental Management. Currently, Vanessa is the Coordinator of the Sustainable Finance Group at the Superintendency of Finance of Colombia, where she leads processes related to the promotion of green finance and the management of environmental and climate risk. She has 8 years of experience in the financial sector and 3 years in environmental consulting, working primarily on projects that address risks and corporate strategies for the transition to carbon neutrality.



## *Louise Gardiner*

### **SENIOR OPERATIONS OFFICER, IFC, AND SBFN AFRICA COORDINATOR**

Ms. Louise Gardiner is a Senior Operations Officer and Sustainable Finance expert with IFC, the private sector arm of the World Bank. She has over 22 years of international experience promoting environmental, social, and governance standards for the private sector. In her previous roles, Louise served as the Africa Coordinator and Working Groups Coordinator for the Sustainable Banking and Finance Network (SBFN). During her tenure at SBFN, she led the development of the SBFN Toolkit on Sustainable Finance Taxonomies and guidelines for creating Green Bond Markets. Her collaborative efforts with SBFN members have significantly advanced national sustainable finance initiatives, particularly in South Africa and other regions.



## *Svetlana Klimenko*

### **GLOBAL LEAD FOR SUSTAINABLE FINANCE AND LEAD CLIMATE FINANCE SPECIALIST FOR LAC, WORLD BANK**

Svetlana Klimenko is a Global Lead for Sustainable Finance and Lead Climate Finance Specialist for Latin America and the Caribbean Region, World Bank. Svetlana has more than 20 years of professional experience working on international development and sustainable finance. She has provided significant contributions to the global climate, nature, sustainable finance and private capital mobilization agendas, including through the engagement with the G20 Sustainable Finance Working Group, COP teams, global standard-setters, investors, United Nations, OECD and other international organizations. Among other things she coordinates the WB dialogue with the UN Global Investors for Sustainable Development Alliance, and is working on the innovative sustainable finance solutions at the global, regional and country level.



## *Yang Li*

### **SUSTAINABLE FINANCE MARKET SPECIALIST, IFC**

Yang specializes in global/EM capital markets, sustainable debt, and global ESG credit. She has authored several market research papers for Amundi EGO, HSBC REGIO and IFC climate business department. Prior to IFC, she was a market analyst at IMF focusing on global financial stability, and a fixed income/equity analyst in asset management for European and North American institutional investors. She holds a MSc in Foreign Service from Georgetown University.



## *Irina Likhachova*

### **GLOBAL LEAD FOR BIODIVERSITY FINANCE, IFC**

Irina Likhachova is the global lead for Biodiversity Finance at IFC. She is leading market research and development of biodiversity finance businesses and products to incentivize private sector investment in nature-based solutions and projects with biodiversity co-benefits across emerging markets. Ms. Likhachova led the development of IFC's Biodiversity Finance Reference Guide the world's first and only guidance that identifies investment activities that help address key drivers of biodiversity loss and help protect, maintain or enhance biodiversity and ecosystem services and achieve the targets of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework. She represents IFC in key global market-shaping initiatives, such as the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD), UN Convention on Biological Diversity Advisory Committee on Resource Mobilization, NGFS working group on nature-risks, and World Economic Forum working group on biodiversity credit market.



## *Shahin Mahmudzade*

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CENTRAL BANK OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN**

Shahin Mahmudzade is the Executive Director of the Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan, a role he has held since January 2024. Prior to this, he served as Counselor to the Governor of the Central Bank from July 2023 to January 2024. Shahin led the Risk Management Department at the Central Bank from 2021 to 2023, and previously headed the Credit Market and Liquidity Risks Management Division from 2020 to 2021. Before joining the Central Bank, Shahin worked as a Senior Specialist in the Risk Management Department of Pasha Life Insurance OJSC. Academically, Shahin holds a CFA certification obtained in 2021, a Master's degree in Finance from Sabanci University (2016), and a Bachelor's degree in Finance from Ankara University (2015). He also participated in the Erasmus Program at KU Leuven University, specializing in Economics and Management in 2013.



## *Lucia Marin*

### **SECRETARIAT REPRESENTATIVE, INTERNATIONAL PLATFORM ON SUSTAINABLE FINANCE (IPSF)**

Lucia started her professional career as a competition lawyer before integrating the European Commission in 2011 where she worked on various EU financial services files. In 2015, Lucia joined the European Securities Markets Authority (ESMA) for two years. Back in the Commission, she joined DG FISMA's International affairs unit, holding different roles (team leader on international sustainable finance and



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## *Amaury Martins de Oliva*

### **DIRECTOR OF SUSTAINABILITY, BRAZILIAN FEDERATION OF BANKS (FEBRABAN)**

Amaury is a specialist in consumer rights, and currently is executive director of Sustainability, Financial Citizenship, Consumer Relations and Self-Regulation at the Brazilian Federation of Banks – FEBRABAN. He has previously served as Director of the Department of Consumer Protection (DPDC) of the National Secretariat for Consumer of the Ministry of Justice of Brazil (2013-2015), and as General-Coordinator of Legal Affairs of the Department of Consumer Protection (2008-2012). In addition to having participated in the creation of Senacon, the Consumidor.gov.br conflict resolution platform and the Consumer Safety and Health Network of the Americas, he promoted and coordinated public policies aimed at the right to information, quality, product safety, customer service and privacy. Amaury was Executive Secretary of the Permanent Consumer Accident Study Group (Gepac), a member of the National Council for Private Insurance, and represented the Secretariat and the National Consumer Protection System in Mercosur, at the Organization of American States (OAS), in OECD and the United Nations. LL.B., University of São Paulo Law School, Post-Graduate in Management of Market Surveillance and Regulatory Activities in Product Safety Systems, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Amaury Oliva is a member of the Brazilian Bar Association.



## *Alexandra Mendoza de Castro*

### **CEO-FOUNDER, LIQUITECH**

Business manager with an MBA from the Universidad del Norte, Barranquilla, with specialized studies in Fintech at Harvard University and in International Women's Leadership at HCN World. With 20 years of experience in the factoring and non-banking financial services industry, her passion for innovation led her to found Liquitech, a fintech that integrates factoring operations into a technology core for all its stakeholders, and build complementary social impact projects through the Young Woman Challenge program of which she is founder. She is the president of the Board of Directors of Colombia Fintech and founder of the Women community at Fintech. Winner of several awards by entities such as MasterCard - Usaid, ASCOLFA (Association of Business Administration Faculties in Colombia) and AMBA (Association of MBAs), United Kingdom.



## *Alex Michie*

### **MANAGING DIRECTOR, THE GLASGOW FINANCIAL ALLIANCE FOR NET ZERO**

Alex Michie is the Managing Director of the GFANZ Secretariat and Chair of the GFANZ Steering Committee. At GFANZ, he is responsible for global strategy and networks. He is also the CEO of the Global Capacity Building Coalition, launched at COP28 to bring together the world's leading sustainable finance organizations to enhance the quality and quantity of training resources and programmes for sustainable finance. Previously, as Head of GFANZ in the COP26 Private Finance Hub within HMT, he was responsible for designing, launching, and building GFANZ. He joined the Bank of England in 2011, working in various roles including ending Too Big to Fail, International Policy and Strategy, and the Deputy Governor's private secretary. He also worked as a macroeconomic advisor in the Ministry of Finance in South Sudan, and as a consultant at the World Bank and Oxford University. He has a Master's in Public Policy and a BSc in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, both from Oxford.



## *Yasser Mounsif*

### **HEAD OF CORPORATE FINANCE AND DISCLOSURE DEPARTMENT, MOROCCAN CAPITAL MARKET AUTHORITY (AMMC)**

Yasser Mounsif is Head of Corporate Finance and Financial Disclosure at the AMMC (Moroccan Capital Market Authority). Yasser supervises the approval of issuer prospectuses as well as their compliance with ongoing information obligations. He is also actively involved in many regulatory projects and working groups aimed at market development, such as sustainable finance, where he had a significant contribution in drafting the Moroccan guidelines for Green, Social and Sustainability Bonds. Yasser joined the AMMC in 2008 where he held several positions before being appointed as Head of Corporate Finance and Financial Disclosure. Prior to joining the AMMC, he was responsible for internal auditing at a multinational company. Yasser holds a master's degree in corporate finance from Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane (Morocco).



## *Jana Mudronova*

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## *Nuru Mugambi*

### **SBFN ADVISOR**

Nuru is an expert in Sustainable Finance and Responsible Investment in Africa. She has led initiatives to strengthen the financial sector's role in sustainable economic development, influencing policy in countries like Ghana, Kenya, and Tanzania. Her capacity-building efforts have been modeled by Mongolia and Sri Lanka. While serving as director at Kenya Bankers Association, she designed and convened the Kenya Green Bond Program; the multi-stakeholder program resulted in pipeline research and the development of a green bond framework and a tax incentive, which supported the first green bond in East and Central Africa that was issued by Acorn Holdings. She also developed KBA's Digital Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities roadmap. Nuru is the youngest female Fellow of the Kenya Institute of Bankers (FKIB) and has been recognized as an emerging African leader by the Eisenhower Fellowships program and former U.S. President Barack Obama. She is pursuing graduate studies in Sustainable Finance at the Andrew Young School of Public Policy and holds an executive master's degree from Georgia State University and a business administration degree from Kennesaw State University.



## *Veronica Nyhan-Jones*

### **GLOBAL HEAD OF CLIMATE CAPACITY AND INCLUSION ACCELERATOR, IFC**

Veronica is the Global Head of IFC's Climate Capacity & Inclusion Accelerator, supporting pioneering investments in sustainable finance, biodiversity, circular economy, and inclusion. She is part of IFC's Climate Business management team, working to increase sustainable finance, influence global standards, and enhance climate leadership. Her team developed the Biodiversity Finance Reference Guide, enabling the first biodiversity bond in FY24, and supports the Plastics Circularity Investment Tracker. They are also piloting credible Transition Finance investments in emerging markets. The Accelerator houses the Green Bonds Technical Assistance Program, which has trained

2,000 professionals from 360 financial institutions across 80+ countries, leading to over USD 15 billion in green, social, and sustainability bonds. Veronica's team also curates IFC's internal Climate Leadership Training. Previously, Veronica managed IFC's Global Sustainable Infrastructure Advisory group, developing services in Climate Smart Mining, Benefit Sharing in renewable energy, and Gender leadership in Infrastructure. She founded IFC's Sustainability Exchanges & Roundtables and Commdev.org. Veronica has also worked at the World Bank, the White House, and the International Youth Foundation, and holds a Master's from Harvard's Kennedy School.



## *Marcela Ponce*

### **SUSTAINABLE FINANCE ADVISORY SERVICES LEAD, IFC; SBFN COORDINATOR FOR LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN**

Marcela leads the Sustainable Finance Advisory Services in IFC's Financial Institutions Group for Latin America and the Caribbean and coordinates the Sustainable Banking and Finance Network in the region. With extensive experience at IFC and a background in Latin America and Europe, she has led the Climate Finance program, focusing on supporting financial institutions, collaborating with governments on sustainable regulatory frameworks, planning Zero Carbon real estate developments, and facilitating public-private dialogue to strengthen knowledge in sustainable development. Marcela holds an MBA, a Master's degree in Sustainability Leadership from the University of Cambridge, a Diploma in Climate Change: Economics and Governance from LSE, and a GARP certification in Sustainability and Climate Risk.



## *Justin Pooley*

### **ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL (E&S) POLICY AND STANDARDS MANAGER, IFC**

Justin is the recently assigned Environmental & Social (E&S) Policy and Standards Manager at the International Finance Corporation (IFC), based in Washington DC. In this role, he is primarily responsible for IFC's engagement with key stakeholders on E&S policy matters, leading the review and update of IFC's E&S Sustainability Framework (Sustainability Policy, Performance Standards and Access to Information Policy), delivering updated World Bank Group Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) Guidelines, and overseeing IFC's engagement with global E&S-related networks, such as SBFN and Equator Principles Financial Institutions. Justin has worked on private sector E&S impact assessment and management for 25+ years, living and working in multiple regions in the process. His most recent role involved managing IFC's operational E&S teams in the South Asia and East Asia Pacific regions, based in Thailand. A South African national, Justin joined IFC in 2004 from the E&S impact



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## *Manuel Reyes Retana*

### **REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR SOUTH AMERICA, IFC**

Manuel Reyes Retana is IFC's Regional Director for South America, covering Brazil, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, and the Southern Cone. He leads the implementation of IFC's strategy in the region, including our investment and advisory operations. Manuel brings his experience in financial markets, having dedicated the last 18 years to supporting development in emerging markets in different positions at IFC. Before joining the Latin America and the Caribbean team in 2022, he was IFC's Director for the Financial Institutions Group (FIG) in Africa for three years. Prior to that, from 2015 to 2019, Manuel led IFC's FIG business in Europe, Central Asia, North Africa and the Middle East. From 2011 to 2015, as Portfolio Manager based in Moscow, he managed IFC's investment portfolio in the financial sector in Central and Eastern Europe. Prior to joining IFC, Manuel worked for Banamex-Citibank based in Mexico City, in various areas such as Trade Finance, Corporate Banking, Structured Finance, and Strategic Planning for the cross-border business between Mexico and the United States. Manuel is an Industrial Engineer from Universidad Panamericana, in Mexico City, and holds a Master of Science degree in Industrial Administration from the Carnegie Mellon University, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



## *Isabela Ribeiro Damaso Maia*

### **HEAD OF SUSTAINABILITY AND INTERNATIONAL PORTFOLIO INVESTORS UNIT, BANCO CENTRAL DO BRASIL (BCB)**

Responsible for the transversal sustainability intelligence at the Central Bank of Brazil (BCB) and for the organization of the G20 TechSprint 2024 with the BIS. Co-chair of the ESG Assets' Tokenization Working Group (part of the Real Digital/Drex Project - Brazilian CBDC), leads the BCB's participation in the development of the Brazilian Sustainable Taxonomy, the Bank's relationship with international portfolio investors and with rating agencies on Brazil's sovereign ratings assessment. With more than 25 years of experience in strategic asset allocation (SAA) and risk management (RM), advising the BCB Board on the investment of international reserves, was responsible for the development and implementation of an Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) model at the BCB. The Bank's compliance and business continuity functions were implemented under her leadership. Technical articles on SAA and RM have been published in books and journals over time. Isabela holds a BA in Statistics and MBA in Finance.



## *Qamar Saleem*

### **GLOBAL HEAD, SME FINANCE FORUM**

Qamar Saleem leads the world's most prominent SME Finance center for knowledge exchange, solution building, innovation, best practice transfer and public-private dialogue. Prior to this role, Qamar was heading Financial Institutions Group Advisory Services for Asia and Pacific driving a large team across Asia and Pacific aimed at providing integrated investment/advisory client solutions across mainly MSME, Gender, Climate, Digital, Housing, Trade, and Supply Chain Finance. Qamar has been with IFC since 2012 and served in his previous roles as global technical lead for SME and Supply Chain Finance as well as regional SME Banking lead for EMENA. Qamar has 30+ years of global financial services experience having worked across 80+ countries, advised more than 300 financial institutions internationally in scaling SME Finance. Qamar holds a Master's degree in Business Administration and carries several certifications in the areas of Strategy, Climate Finance, Digital Banking, Business Transformation, Social Impact, MSME Banking, Team Leadership, Supply Chain Finance, Credit, Risk, Trade, Sales Effectiveness, Transaction Banking and Project Implementation.



## *Elizabeth Seeger*

### **BOARD MEMBER, INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS BOARD (ISSB)**

Elizabeth Seeger was appointed as a full-time member of the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) in July 2022, effective November 2022. Ms Seeger has over 20 years of experience in standard-setting, investment and working on sustainability topics. She joined the ISSB from global investment firm KKR, where she served as Managing Director, Sustainable Investing, responsible for helping oversee the firm's consideration of sustainability matters throughout KKR's investment process and part of KKR's Global Impact team. She also oversaw KKR's public sustainability reporting efforts, including the development of SASB and TCFD-aligned reporting. Before joining KKR in 2009, she served as a project manager in the corporate partnerships programme (now known as EDF+Business) of Environmental Defence Fund and a consultant with the Corporate Executive Board (CEB, now known as Gartner), where she advised companies from a broad range of industries in Europe and the United States. She is a 2013 Aspen Institute First Movers Fellow and earned a BA in Environmental Studies with honours from the University of Chicago and an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.



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### *Samuel Tiriongo*

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Dr. Tiriongo is the Director of Research and Policy at the Kenya Bankers Association, responsible for designing and executing the research agenda, and overseeing the Sustainable Finance Initiative (SFI) programme for the banking industry. He is an economist by profession, with over 17 years of experience, 13 of which as an economist at the Central Bank of Kenya. Dr. Tiriongo is the secretary of the Credit subcommittee of KBA. He holds a PhD in Economics and is a practicing researcher, with proven record in conducting research on financial markets and macro-economic policy. He has published widely in peer-reviewed research outlets on financial market microstructure, economic responses to crises, monetary policy, and credit market analyses, among other areas.



### *David Utiashvili*

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### *Karina Velasquez*

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNCIL OF  
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Karina Velásquez has been the Executive Secretary of the Central American Council of Superintendents of Banks, Insurance, and Other Financial Institutions (CCSBSO) since January 2022. In this role, she has coordinated technical assistance in supervision and regulation for member institutions, working with various international organizations. She has led regional-level strategic initiatives, including the convergence to international standards (IFRS and Basel) and the development of the Regional Green Taxonomy. A Cum Laude graduate from Universidad Centroamericana José Simeón Cañas, Karina holds a Master's in Finance and a Bachelor's degree qualifying her as a CPA. She has also pursued advanced studies in economics at the same institution. With over ten years of experience, she has specialized in supervising financial conglomerates and assessing financial and AML/CFT risks within the banking, insurance, and pension sectors.



### *Zofia Wetmańska*

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Zofia is Taxonomy Manager with the Taxonomy Team, and she is directly engaged in the development of national/regional taxonomies (e.g. EU, Singapore, Australia, Peru) as well as frameworks and approaches for transition. Besides supporting international taxonomy development processes, she is involved in the delivery of advisory and capacity building activities focused on global mainstreaming and uptake of taxonomies.





## *Wang Xin*

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## *Rong Zhang*

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