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Speaker Bios



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Philippe Ambrosi is a Sr. Environmental Economist, based in Pretoria, South Africa, where he works across biodiversity, blue economy, and climate change. He leads analytical and operational programs that integrate climate finance into development planning and supports countries in designing carbon pricing and emissions reduction strategies. His work bridges economic analysis with practical solutions to advance low-carbon, resilient growth worldwide.



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Dr. Sunbaek Bang is Director of the Cooperation Business Team at KOMIR. With a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology, he has over 20 years of experience in government, academia, and ODA. He has led international projects in sustainable mining and mine rehabilitation across Asia, Africa, and Latin America, working with UNOPS, the World Bank, KOICA, and others.



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Min Ji Sohn is an Environmental Specialist at the **World Bank**, where she works on projects advancing sustainable land use, biodiversity conservation, and climate resilience. Her portfolio spans environmental policy, mine rehabilitation, and carbon finance across Africa and East Asia. She has led technical assistance and partnerships promoting nature-based solutions and just transition pathways in collaboration with governments and global institutions.

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