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Day 1. Plenary Session

Session 7: AI and Emerging Technologies Driving Green Growth

Speaker Bios



Christine Zhenwei Qiang, Global Director, DTFDR, World Bank Group

Christine is the Global Director of Digital Foundations at the World Bank's Digital Transformation Vice Presidency. She leads efforts to build the foundations for digital transformation in developing countries; expanding broadband, strengthening digital safeguards, promoting AI and emerging technologies, and advancing environmental sustainability and digital inclusion.

Since joining the World Bank in 1998, Christine has held leadership roles across digital development, investment climate, and competitiveness. She previously directed the Digital Development Global Practice and also managed regional and global teams in the Prosperity Vertical.

Christine has overseen flagship publications including the Global Information and Communications Reports (2006, 2009), Global Investment Competitiveness Reports (2017/18, 2019/20), and Digital Trends and Policies Reports (2023, 2025). Her work spans AI, cybersecurity, broadband, private sector development, trade, investment, competition policies and business regulation, with numerous contributions to journals, books, and blogs. She holds a Ph.D. in Economics and a Master's in Computer Science and Engineering from Johns Hopkins University.



Yeon Hak Kim, Science and ICT Attachee, Embassy of the Republic of Korea

Yeon Hak Kim, Ph.D., is the Science and ICT Attache at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea (ROK) in the USA. He has been working in the ROK government since 2010 in the Ministries related to Science, Technology and ICT. His professional experience includes works in Space technology, Biotechnology, R&D evaluation, Budget planning, Policy coordination and so forth. He Holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy from Georgia Institute of Technology, and bachelor's degree in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and Economics both from Seoul National University.

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Seth Ayers, Senior Digital Specialist, Digital Transformation GD, World Bank Group



Michael John Webster, Program Manager, Water Resources Group, World Bank Group

Michael “Mike” Webster is the Program Manager of the 2030 Water Resources Group (WRG). Mike leads WRG's mission to help governments, companies, and civil society address water risks impacting food, cities, and ecosystems. His role supports the World Bank’s growing emphasis on partnering with the private sector to advance water security, sanitation, and the achievement of water-related SDGs.

Under Mike’s leadership, WRG is building on its decade of success in public-private collaboration to further scale its impact globally. These efforts are geared towards developing a pipeline of innovative water security projects that can be scaled and replicated through World Bank financing and other funding mechanisms, unlocking substantial resources for sustainable, long-term impact in water security.

Before joining WRG, Mike served as the Executive Director of the Water and Sanitation Directorate for the City of Cape Town, South Africa, where he led the City’s response to the 2015-17 drought by implementing a comprehensive water security strategy. Under Mike’s leadership, the Directorate became the first utility in Africa to join the Leading Utilities of the World.

Prior to his role in Cape Town, Mike worked for the World Bank for 16 years as a water and sanitation specialist, based in Washington, DC, New Delhi, and Harare. He holds a degree in civil engineering from the University of Cape Town, an MSc in engineering from Loughborough University, and a master’s in public policy from Princeton University.



Hyejeong Lim, Director, National Information Society Agency (NIA)

Ms. Hyejeong Lim currently serves as the Director of the Global Center at the National Information Society Agency (NIA) of the Republic of Korea.

In this capacity, she leads international AI Data transformation initiatives and projects in partner countries.

Previously, Ms. Lim served as Director of the Open Data Center at NIA, where she played a leading role in formulating the National Open Data Master Plan and managing the pan-government open data evaluation framework. Ms. Lim holds a bachelor’s degree in international business from the University of Missouri–Columbia, United States.

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Byung-Hun Son, General Manager, New Energy Business Department, Korea Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO)



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Ms. Cho Hyun Ah is a Senior Manager at Korea Railroad Corporation (KORAIL). She was a member of the original team behind IRaTCA, KORAIL's international railway training initiative promoting global railway capacity building. She holds a master's in Public Administration from Rutgers University and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Development Cooperation at the KDI School. Her work focuses on sustainable railway development and global partnerships.