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Day 2. Breakout Session

Session 2-1 Financing/Partnership opportunity with Korean institution

Speaker Bios



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Hyoung Gun Wang is the Program Manager of the Korea Green Growth Trust Fund (KGGTF) within the Planet Vice Presidency Chief Economist Unit at the World Bank, based in Washington, D.C. He began this role in September 2020. Prior to this, he served as the Task Team Leader for several urban lending projects in Afghanistan and for the Global Smart City Partnership Program, also leading various analytical and advisory initiatives.

Since joining the World Bank in 2007, his work has spanned over 30 countries across six regions, covering areas such as smart green cities, urbanization, urban and regional development, e-government, housing, GIS and spatial analysis, and the economic impacts of infrastructure investment. Earlier in his career, he was an economist at the Bank of Korea. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Brown University.



Jinny Lee, Director, Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM)

Jinny Lee has nearly two decades of experience in development finance at the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF), Korea's bilateral ODA lending arm under the Export-Import Bank of Korea. Since joining in 2004, she has managed strategic partnerships, co-financing, and trust funds with major multilateral development banks, including the World Bank, African Development Bank, and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank.

Her work covers infrastructure projects in transport, water, and energy sectors across Asia, and during her secondment to the Inter-American Development Bank, she focused on strengthening partnerships between Korean institutions and the Latin America and Caribbean region.

She holds a Master's degree in International Public Policy from Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of British Columbia.

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HoKyung Bang, Director, Division of Development Research, Center for International Development (CID), Korea Development Institute (KDI)

Dr. HoKyung Bang is the Director of the Division of Development Research at the Center for International Development (CID), Korea Development Institute (KDI). He has participated in various research projects on international development cooperation and has served as a Project Manager for the Knowledge Sharing Program (KSP) at KDI CID. Before joining KDI, he worked at the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP) and participated as a researcher in a trilateral study on “Long-term Economic Vision and Medium-term Policy Direction among China, Japan and Korea” from 2003 to 2012. In 2012, he was invited to the East-West Center at the University of Hawaii as a visiting scholar. His major peer-reviewed journal articles include “The Impact of Tariffs and Non-Tariff Measures on Trade in Decarbonization Technology Products,” “Analysis of the Trade Creation and Trade Diversion Effects of the Central American Common Market (CACM),” “Estimation of the Potential Impacts of COVID-19 on Poverty in ASEAN Countries,” “GVC and its Impact on the Linkage between Exchange Rate and Export: Cases of China, Japan and Korea,” “Enhancing Development Cooperation between Korea and Developing Countries through GVCs,” and “Effects of Bilateral Regulatory and IT Usage Divides on Services Trade,” etc.



Ji-hee Son, Director, National Climate Technology Cooperation Center, National Institute of Green Technology (NIGT)

Dr. Ji-Hee Son is the Director of the National Climate Technology Cooperation Center at the National Institute of Green Technology in the Republic of Korea. She also serves as a member of the expert committee of the 2050 Carbon Neutrality and Green Growth Commission. Dr. Son has over fifteen years of experience in developing strategies and policies for climate technology development and transfer, as well as in addressing environmental issues related to human activities, including newly emerging energy technologies. She previously developed a real-time groundwater monitoring system to detect potential contamination from shale gas production. This system was based on a surrogate technique and an event detection model that incorporated statistical and mathematical algorithms, pattern recognition, and advanced data mining methods. Dr. Son holds a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from Colorado State University, USA.

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Semin Kim is an Assistant Director within the Seoul Metropolitan Government's (SMG) International Development Cooperation (IDC) Division. He has nearly 10 years of experience in implementing Official Development Assistance (ODA) programs, having worked with both SMG in Korea and Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)'s overseas offices in developing countries.

He is the key official responsible for the planning, coordination, and execution of the Seoul ODA Challenge Program. His areas of expertise include Urban Policy Transfer through actionable development projects and effective ODA Program Management. He holds a Master's Degree in international relations from the Graduate Institute of Peace studies (GIP) and Bachelor's Degrees in Business Administration and Journalism from Kyung Hee University.



Kihwan Kim, General Manager, KEITI Colombia Office Korea Environment Industry and Technology (KEITI)

Kihwan Kim serves as the General Manager of KEITI's Colombia Office, a public institute under Korea's Ministry of Environment. He is responsible for liaison with public and private sectors in environmental field between Korea and Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) for policy sharing and project development. Before he started to work in Bogota, Colombia in January 2022, he had experienced in various areas in the KEITI; worked as an auditor of the Korean Eco-label (ISO 14024 Type I), managed an environmental technology transfer program to developing countries, and participated in planning on integrated water and waste management plan for countries in Southeast Asia (Cambodia), Central Asia (Uzbekistan), and Latin America (Chile). As a project manager and researcher, he has expertise on international development and environmental policy analysis for more than 19 years in the KEITI.

He graduated from the University of Idaho, USA, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science and a Master of Science degree in the same university. He also holds a Master of Development Policy degree from KDI School of Public Policy in Seoul, Korea in 2018.

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Dr. Chang-Goo Jung is the Managing Director at the International Contractors Association of Korea (ICAK). He has over 30 years of experience in international finance and overseas construction policy, spanning both the private and public sectors. Prior to joining ICAK in 2009, he worked at the Korea Exchange Bank for more than 17 years, specializing in international finance, investment banking, and foreign exchange. At ICAK, he has led the Policy Research Division, Finance Advisory Division, and the Korea Research Center for Overseas Construction, and currently serves on the Overseas Construction Policy Supporting Group.

Dr. Jung holds M.A. in Finance and Investment from Konkuk University and a Ph.D. in Economics from Seoul National University. He is also an adjunct professor at Konkuk University. His areas of expertise include international project finance, overseas construction policy, development cooperation, and infrastructure investment. In addition, he serves as an Advisory Committee Member for EDCF at the Export-Import Bank of Korea, an Expert with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Grant Aid Coordination Group, an Urban Specialist and Procurement Advisor for KOICA, and a Review Committee Member for the Environmental Technology Verification Program at KEITI.