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Day #3. Breakout Session

Session #3-4 Next Generation Leader Session: Youth Leadership and Innovation for a Sustainable Future

Speaker Bios



Jie-ae Sohn, Professor, Ewha Womans University / Senior Consultant, KGGTF, World Bank Group

Jie-ae Sohn is currently an invited professor at the Graduate School of International Studies at Ewha Womans University, focusing on international communication and communication in global development cooperation. She was previously the President/CEO of Arirang TV and Radio and also the Presidential Secretary of the Office of Overseas Public Relations for South Korean President Lee Myung-Bak. From 1995 to 2010, she worked as CNN's bureau chief and correspondent based in Seoul, Korea. She also has been serving as a Senior Communications and Media Consultant at KGGTF based in Korea.



Sarah KH M D M Alenezi, Youth Innovation Fund Lead (Y2Y), World Bank Group

Sarah Alenezi is a Business Solutions Analyst in HR Operations and the Program Lead for the Youth Innovation Fund at the World Bank Group. Before joining the Business Solutions team in HR Operations at the World Bank Group, she worked at the World Bank Group Corporate Secretariat where she was actively involved in governance, corporate affairs, and policy implementation. She played a key role in stakeholder engagement, working directly with the World Bank Group Executive Board of Directors. Sarah holds an MBA in International Business and a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering. She is passionate about leveraging innovation, technology, and data-driven insights to improve service delivery and operational effectiveness.

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Marco Fayet Knowledge Management Lead, Development Impact, Development Economics, DEC, World Bank Group

As Manager, Marco oversees the global strategy and operations of the World Bank Group Youth Summit. Marco is also Knowledge Management Lead at the World Bank's Development Impact Group, where he translates research findings into actionable insights for policy makers and development practitioners.

Marco's multifaceted career spans roles in various international organizations including the OECD and the United Nations as well as consulting firms, start-ups and academia. Marco holds a B.A. in Economics from McGill University in Canada and a MSc. in Data Science from the Barcelona School of Economics in Spain. He holds dual citizenships from France and Nigeria.



Junghoon Robert Kim, Financial Officer, IFC, World Bank Group

Mr. Junghoon (Robert) Kim has over 17 years of experience in corporate finance, structured products, debt capital markets, and equity investment, including eight years at IFC as a Young Professional, Investment Officer, and Treasury Officer, covering various regions and currencies across the world. Robert holds an MBA in Finance and Data Analytics from the Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania and a B.A. in Business-Economics with a Minor in Accounting from University of California Los Angeles. His areas of expertise include local currency financing/funding in frontier capital markets and debt and equity investments.



Doyun Lee, PhD Student, University of Texas

Do Yun Lee is a Ph.D. student in Community & Regional Planning at The University of Texas at Austin and a former Korea Green Growth Trust Fund intern. Her research interests lie at the intersection of climate-adaptive and inclusive transportation planning. Her work focuses on travel behaviors within this intersection, including walkability and transit access. She applies data-driven methods, geospatial analysis, machine learning algorithms, and urban climate modeling to examine the environmental and equity impacts of transportation systems and to support resilient mobility planning.

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Jiyoun Christina Chang is a Senior Environmental Specialist at the World Bank with over seven years of experience driving sustainable development and environmental innovation. She holds a PhD in Materials Science from MIT, where her research focused on life-cycle assessment, recycling optimization, and sustainable resource management. Combining expertise in policy analysis, systems modeling, and industry engagement, she works to advance low-carbon transitions, circular economy initiatives, and data-driven approaches that strengthen environmental resilience and sustainable economic growth globally.