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Speakers Bios



(Moderator) Jason Allford, Country Manager for the Republic of Korea, World Bank Group

Jason Allford is Special Representative for the Republic of Korea at the World Bank Group, based in Seoul. Jason holds an MSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and a BEc (Hons) from the University of Tasmania. His areas of expertise include fiscal policy and macroeconomic monitoring.



Jae Hyung Kwon, Senior Country Officer, IFC, World Bank Group

Jae Hyung Kwon is Senior Country Officer at IFC, based in Seoul, Korea. Before joining IFC, Jae spent over 12 years at the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), leading business development and deal execution across North and South Asia. He also worked at Standard Chartered Bank in Singapore and Seoul, providing project and export finance solutions, and at Samsung C&T in project development. Jae holds an MBA from INSEAD and a BA in Political Science and Economics from Yonsei University.



Sameer Akbar, Senior Environmental Specialists, World Bank Group

Sameer Akbar is a Senior Environmental Specialist in the World Bank's East Asia and Pacific Environment unit, based in Seoul, South Korea. His areas of expertise span air pollution, climate change mitigation, environmental management, environmental policies and institutions, pollution management, and urban pollution and environmental health. With a focus on the intersection of urban air quality and broader environmental governance, Sameer brings hands-on experience designing and implementing pollution management programs across the East Asia and Pacific region.



Ji Eun Choi, Senior Economist, World Bank

Dr. Choi brings extensive experience in digital economy, AI policy and digital infrastructure. Throughout her career, she has worked with international organizations, the private sector, and academia, advising governments across Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa.

At the World Bank, currently in the Digital and AI Practice and previously with MTI, FCI, and the Chief Economist Office, she has managed major lending operations and produced flagship reports, including a companion report to the World Development Report 2019: The Changing Nature of Work, and work on the digital agenda. At the African Development Bank and Samsung, she oversaw digital infrastructure projects and advised major economies in transition.

She also served as Head of the Digital Trade Task Force under the Presidential Policy Planning Committee of South Korea and as a Visiting Professor at Seoul National University.

She holds a PhD from the University of Oxford and a Master (MPA/ID) from Harvard University. She is fluent in English, Korean, and Mandarin Chinese, and has conversational proficiency in French.



Danilo Ramos Antonio, Land and Geospatial Specialist

Danilo “Danny” Antonio is a Land and Geospatial Specialist in the World Bank Group Korea Office’s Urban, Resilience and Land team, where he supports land-related projects in East Asia Pacific and South Asia. He has over 25 years of experience in land governance and administration in urban and rural contexts, including more than 14 years with UN-Habitat in at least 15 countries.

Danny has led work on land policy, land tenure security and land administration and information systems, and has authored numerous papers on land governance. A land surveyor by training, he holds an MSc in Land Tenure and Land Management from the Technical University of Munich and previously held senior roles in the Government of the Philippines, including on the World Bank- and AusAID-supported Land Administration and Management Program (LAMP).

