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Speakers Bios



(Moderator) Valerie Layrol, Manager, Development Effectiveness, Planet Vice Presidency, World Bank Group

Valerie Layrol is the Manager for Development Effectiveness of the Planet Vice-Presidency at the World Bank Group based in Washington, DC, and where she contributes to strengthening development effectiveness and supports knowledge and learning across global departments working on agriculture, climate, environment and water issues.

She brings more than two decades of professional experience at the World Bank, most of which has been across headquarters and field assignments in Africa and South Asia. Her previous roles include Special Assistant to the South Asia Vice President, Senior Operations Officer in both the Africa and South Asia regions, and Operations Manager overseeing the Sri Lanka, Nepal and Maldives portfolio.

Earlier in her career, she worked on rural development and natural resource management in both the public and private sectors. She is a French national and holds a Master's degree in Rural Development and Agricultural Economics from the National Agronomic Institute in Paris, France.



Albert Solé, Senior Private Sector Specialist, World Bank Group

Albert Solé is a Senior Private Sector Specialist with the Finance Competitiveness and Innovation Global Practice of the World Bank Group, East Africa unit. In his capacity, Albert advises trade and industry ministries, investment promotion agencies, and regulatory authorities on policy reforms and interventions to spur private sector-led growth and enhance firm and sector-level productivity. Prior to joining the World Bank Group, Albert designed and implemented SME support schemes and sector competitiveness plans at the Regional Competitiveness Agency in Barcelona (Spain).

He holds an MBA from the University of San Francisco, an MPA from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and an MSc in Cities from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



Daniel Nkubito, Coordinator, Cleaner Production Climate Innovation Center (CPCIC)

Daniel NKUBITO UGIRASHEBUJA is Principal Advisor at MINICOM and Coordinator of CPCIC, leading Rwanda's efforts in circular economy, green industrialization, and climate innovation. He spearheads flagship initiatives such as the Circular Economy Hub and Water Recyclome Project, working with global partners to advance sustainable and inclusive economic transformation.



Fred Mugabe, Industrial Policy Analyst, Ministry of Trade and Industry (MINICOM)

Fred MUGABE is the Industrial Policy Analyst at the Ministry of Trade and Industry. He is boosted with ten-year experience at the Ministry where he rose through the ranks to become of the Ministry's senior policy and strategy officials.

He actively participated in formulation of key policies that shaped industrial development of Rwanda over the last couple of years. He is an economist and currently leads three year's policy and regulatory reforms aimed at boosting investment and job creation through streamlined services and facilitation to the investors in the sector industry.



Selena Jihyun Lee, Energy Specialist, World Bank Group

Selena is an Energy Specialist at the World Bank's Global Energy Knowledge and Expertise Unit (IEEGK). She has extensive experience and knowledge in energy transition, with expertise in energy resilience and efficiency. Prior to joining the World Bank, Selena worked as a policy analyst at the International Energy Agency (IEA), with a focus on energy security and efficiency. She holds a master's degree in Environment and Development from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE).



Lulezon Jagxhiu, Minister of Digitalization and Public Administration (MDPA), Kosovo

Before his recent appointment as Ministry of Digital Transformation, Mr. Jagxhiu was an Advisor to the Prime Minister on Information Technology and CTO at the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Kosova since May 2021. Lulezon Jagxhiu brings experience from previous roles at Cactus Business Solutions as Managing Director during 2014-2021. He has been with Cactus since 2003 in different positions. Prior to that he worked for Save the Children International and Save the Children UK. Mr. Jagxhiu has a robust skill set that includes IT Management, Cisco Technologies, Project Management, Software Project Management, Business Analysis and more. Mr. Jagxhiu holds an MBA in Corporate Finance and Strategic Leadership from Penn State University and Certificate on Cyber Security Studies from George C. Marchall European Center for Security Studies.



Daniel Mira-Salama, Lead Environmental Specialist, World Bank Group

Daniel Mira-Salama is a Lead Environmental Specialist in the World Bank's East Asia and Pacific Environment unit, based in Singapore. He holds a PhD in Atmospheric Sciences from the University of Manchester, as well as degrees in Environmental Engineering and Chemical Engineering. His work focuses on pollution management, climate change, and ecosystem services, with particular expertise in air quality management. He leads the Bank's engagement on air quality in the East Asia and Pacific region as part of the World Bank's broader global air quality management agenda.



Jihyun Kim, Fund and Investment Officer, KGNDTF, Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)

With over 8+ years of experience in climate change and international cooperation, Mr. Jihyun Kim is a Fund and Investment Officer at GGGI, supporting the strategic management of the Korea Green New Deal Trust Fund (KGNDTF), a USD 50M program covering 60+ projects as of 2026. His work focuses on translating donor and organizational priorities into well-structured, investment-ready programs through intensive multi-round review processes, while overseeing portfolio-wide monitoring, performance assessment, and strategic partnerships. He also contributes to the identification and development of new initiatives to expand the Fund's impact.

Previously, Mr. Jihyun Kim worked at a public research institute as a carbon market researcher, gaining hands-on experience in carbon methodology review and validation/verification across over 40 projects in multiple sectors. He also contributed to Paris Agreement-related policy and project development and supported government institutions in shaping carbon market strategies. He is a PhD candidate in Environmental Policies and Management.



Jongin Sun, Head, Global Knowledge Cooperation Team 1, Korea Development Institute (KDI GKEDC)

Jongin Sun is the Head of the Global Knowledge Cooperation Team at the Korea Development Institute (KDI) and has been with the Global Knowledge Exchange and Development Center (GKEDC) since its inception, contributing to both its establishment and operations. She was seconded to the WB from December 2017 to June 2018, where she conducted research with the Knowledge Management Unit. She continues to design capacity-building programs in collaboration with international development partners (WB, ADB, IDB Invest, etc.) as well as other key stakeholders, with a focus on socio-economic development, climate change, and digital transformation.

She holds a master's degree in International Trade and is currently a Ph.D. candidate in International Business at Korea University.



Sujin Kim, Principal Transportation Specialist, Seoul Urban Solutions Agency (SUSA)

Sujin Kim majored in transportation engineering and has 18 years of experience in the private sector and 7 years in public institutions.

He possesses extensive experience in traditional transportation engineering and Intelligent Transportation System implementation projects, coupled with knowledge of governance, policies and systems, making his highly knowledgeable in both practical technology and policy.



Jihyun Yoon, Overseas Sales Manager, SuperBin

Jihyun Yoon manages overseas business development and recycled material sales at SuperBin, a circular economy startup. She initially participated in the business planning of 'Nephron,' an AI-based resource recovery platform, and is now focused on expanding the company's circular economy models into international markets.

Prior to joining SuperBin, she spent 10 years at KEPCO E&C specializing in overseas project planning and management. Her experience includes working on large-scale energy infrastructure projects, such as nuclear power plant. This background in complex energy systems led to her current commitment to environmental sustainability and innovative waste management solutions.
