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Day 2. Breakout Session

Environment Session 2 | Clearing the Air: Integrated Solutions for Cleaner, Healthier Cities

Speakers Bios



(Moderator) Sameer Akbar, Senior Environment Specialist, World Bank Group

Sameer Akbar is a Senior Environmental Specialist with the World Bank in the East Asia and Pacific region. During his career at the World Bank since 1998, Sameer has worked in South Asia, Africa, Middle East, and Europe and Central Asia in the areas of green growth, pollution management, land remediation, climate change, and circular economy. Over the years he has contributed to more than twenty World Bank publications, supported seventy lending operations, and provided advisory services to countries in the EU and the Middle East. Since September 2024 he has been based in Songdo, Republic of Korea. Before that he was based in Vienna, Washington DC, and New Delhi. Sameer holds a PhD in environmental health and public policy from Imperial College in the UK.



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.

Elena Strukova Golub, Senior Environmental Specialist, World Bank Group

Elena Strukova Golub is a Senior Environmental Specialist in the World Bank's Europe and Central Asia Environment unit, based in Washington, DC. Elena is a native Russian speaker, and her areas of expertise include climate change, impact evaluation, and private sector development. She brings deep knowledge of the



environmental landscape in Central Asia to her work supporting air quality programs across the region.



ByungHyun Cho, Manager, Global Project Team, Global Cooperation Department, Korea Environment Corporation (KECO)

Since joining the Korea Environment Corporation in 2012, He has worked in environmental analysis, aquatic ecosystem restoration, and global cooperation. In 2024, He conducted a pre-feasibility study for the air quality improvement project in Bangladesh. Since 2024, He has also been involved in the Green ODA Project in the air quality sector under the Ministry of Climate, Energy and Environment of the Republic of Korea.



Seungmin Lee, Director, Atmospheric Environment Division, Korea Environment Institute (KEI)

Seungmin Lee is a Chief Research Fellow and Director of the Division for Atmospheric Environment at the Korea Environment Institute (KEI). She specializes in air quality management and environmental policy, with a focus on integrating air pollution control and carbon neutrality strategies. She has led and contributed to numerous policy-oriented research projects, including national air quality management plans, emissions reduction strategies, and technology-based monitoring systems. Building on her experience in developing air quality policies in Korea, she has a strong interest in regional cooperation for improving air quality in Asia and has conducted related research.