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Session 3-1. Opening Ceremony

Speakers Bios



Guangzhe Chen, Vice President, Planet Vice Presidency, World Bank Group

Guangzhe Chen is the Vice President for the World Bank Group Planet Vice Presidency. In this role, he leads the World Bank Group’s work on climate; food systems and agribusiness; environment, forestry and biodiversity; and water security as cornerstones of poverty reduction on a livable planet and foundations for jobs, resilience, and better livelihoods. He also oversees the Planet Vice Presidency’s effort to strengthen the Knowledge Bank and deliver integrated public and private-sector solutions, with a focus on improving policies and regulations and scaling development solutions and impact in developing and emerging economies. Previously, Mr. Chen served as Vice President for Infrastructure, overseeing the World Bank’s work on energy, minerals and metals, transportation, urban development and disaster risk management, and infrastructure financing from 2023 to 2025. He also held the positions of Regional Director in the South Asia Region for Infrastructure, Global Director for the Transport Global Practice, and Senior Director for the Water Global Practice. Mr. Chen served as the World Bank Country Director for Ethiopia, based in Addis Ababa, and as Country Director for Southern Africa, based in Pretoria, South Africa. Prior to these roles, he served as sector manager for transport, urban, and water in the Latin America and South Asia Regions.


An economist by training, Mr. Chen has over 30 years of international experience in the field of sustainable development, infrastructure finance and management with the World Bank Group and the Asian Development Bank.



Yoonjin Kang, Director General, Development Finance Bureau, Ministry of Economy and Finance (MOFE), Republic of Korea

Dr. Yoonjin Kang is Director General of the Development Finance Bureau at the Ministry of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Korea and is expected to serve as Korea’s counterpart for the Spring Meetings in April and KGID 2026 in Sejong, Korea, in May.

He is a senior MOFE official with extensive experience in international economic cooperation, public finance, budgeting, and taxation, and previously served as Director General of the Treasury Bureau (2025-2026) and Director General of the Economic Budget Bureau (2024-2025).

	<p>He also brings substantial international experience, including service as Minister-Counsellor at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea to the United States from 2018 to 2022 and as Senior Public Sector Specialist at the World Bank from 2010 to 2013.</p> <p>He holds a DrPH in Health Policy and Management and an MHS in Finance and Management from Johns Hopkins University, as well as a Master of Public Administration and a BA in Political Science from Seoul National University.</p>
	<p>Seungwon Lee, Vice Mayor for Economic Affairs, Sejong City</p> <p>Since entering public service after passing the 37th Administrative Examination in 1994, Seungwon began his public service career and has since built distinguished expertise in economic policy over nearly 30 years, serving at key institutions including the Ministry of Economy and Finance and the Office of the President.</p> <p>He has held several senior positions, such as Director General for State Property Policy and Director General of the Future Strategy Bureau at the Ministry of Economy and Finance.</p> <p>Since June 2023, he has been serving as Vice Mayor for Economic Affairs of Sejong Special Self-Governing City, where he leads efforts to revitalize the local economy and develop sustainable growth strategies.</p>