



Session 5: Innovative Climate Finance for Sustainable Infrastructure

This session will focus on the maximization of Green Finance, in particular the development of conventional green finance, i.e. green bonds and green loans, the important role of Islamic green finance, and the role of climate mitigation instruments, such as catastrophe insurance products.

Moderator: Sean Kidney, Chief Executive Officer, Climate Bond Initiative

Panelists:

Christina Tonkin, Managing Director, Loans and Specialized Finance, ANZ

Amadou Thierno Diallo, Director of Global Practices, Economic and Social Infrastructure, Islamic Development Bank

Ephyro Amatong, Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission, Philippines

Veronica Scotti, Chairperson Global Partnerships, Swiss Reinsurance Company Ltd.

Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, United Nations

Sean Kidney, Chief Executive Officer, Climate Bond Initiative



Sean Kidney is CEO of the Climate Bonds Initiative, an international NGO working to mobilize debt capital markets for climate solutions. Projects include a green bond definitions and certification scheme with \$34 trillion of assets represented on its Board and some 200 organizations involved in its development and governance; working with the Chinese central bank on how to grow green bonds in China; an international Green Infrastructure Investment Coalition; market development programs in Brazil, Mexico, Colombia, Nigeria and East Africa; and a green finance aggregation platform with UNDP. He is a member of the EU Technical Expert Group on Sustainable Finance, co-Chair of the India Green Bonds Council and a member of the Astana International Finance Centre's Green Advisory Committee. He has previously been a consultant on green bonds to the United Nations Secretary General, a member of the European Commission's High-Level Expert Group on Sustainable Finance and the UK Government's Green Finance Task Force.

Christina Tonkin, Managing Director, Loans and Specialized Finance, ANZ



Christina Tonkin is the Managing Director, Loans & Specialised Finance for Institutional Banking. Loans & Specialised Finance comprises Corporate Advisory, Project Finance, Export Finance, Asset Finance, Leveraged Finance, Loan Execution, Loans Agency, Loan Product Governance & Reporting, Loan Product Asset Forecasting & Analytics and Loan Syndications.

Christina has over 25 years' experience in specialised finance and loan syndications, and joined ANZ from Westpac Banking Corporation in 2005 where she held several senior roles including Head of Debt Products, Head of Loans & Syndications and Head of Project & Structured Debt. Since joining ANZ, Christina has held several roles within the Institutional Banking loans business. In addition to her current role, Christina was recently appointed as Chairman of the Board of ANZ Vietnam.



Christina holds a Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Geology & Geophysics from Sydney University. She is Vice President on the Executive Committee for Women in Banking & Finance, a former Vice President and Director of the National Stroke Foundation and a member of Chief Executive Women.

Amadou Thierno Diallo, Director of Global Practices, Economic and Social Infrastructure, Islamic Development Bank



Ephyro Amatong, Commissioner, Securities and Exchange Commission (Philippines)



Ephyro Luis B Amatong was appointed a commissioner of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) of the Philippines in 2014. He is currently the supervising commissioner for the markets and securities regulation department and the economic research and training department. Before joining the SEC, Mr Amatong was an assistant secretary of the Department of Finance, where he had an active role in the privatisation of 74 ha of Food Terminal Inc.

He has served in various capacities in the government, including as vice-president of the Philippine Deposit Insurance Corporation (2012–13), corporate staff officer of the National Power Corporation (2010–12), acting chairman of the Local Water Utilities Administration (2011), corporate legal counsel and assistant corporate secretary of PNOG Exploration Corporation (2008–10), adviser to Ambassador Hilario Davide of the permanent mission of the Philippines to the United Nations (2007–08) and senior law clerk to then Justice Conchita Carpio Morales of the Supreme Court of the Philippines (2003–05).

Veronica Scotti, President and Chief Executive Officer, Canada and the English Caribbean, Swiss Re Ltd



Veronica Scotti was appointed Chairperson Global Partnerships in July 2018, succeeding from the role as President & CEO of Canada & the English Caribbean, based in Toronto.

Veronica joined Swiss Re in 1999 in London when the company acquired Fox-Pitt Kelton, a financial sector boutique investment bank where she worked as Corporate Finance advisor. After moving to Zurich in 2002, she gained experience of the reinsurance industry through various roles in strategy, risk management and products, and ultimately joined the Client Markets division in 2007. There she held a number of key positions including Head of Business Development in Zurich and EMEA, and Key Account Manager in



Zurich. As Client Executive in Armonk, New York, she had the global responsibility for some of Swiss Re's largest clients headquartered in the USA, managing an international team of Key Account Managers.

Prior to joining Swiss Re, Veronica worked in investment banking in the UK, Switzerland and Italy with Banque Paribas, Union Bank of Switzerland and Banco di Napoli.

Veronica holds an MBA in International Economics and Management from the SDA Bocconi School of Management in Milan, and a summa cum laude master's degree in International Commerce from the Naval University Institute, Naples, Italy.

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Elliott Harris, Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and Chief Economist, United Nations



Currently UN Assistant Secretary-General Chief Economist Department of Economic and Social Affairs United Nations, after serving four years as ASG and Head of the New York office of UNEP.

Many years of experience as an IMF macroeconomist working on a range of Francophone African countries and countries in Central Asia; IMF Mission chief in Togo, Chad and Guinea, responsible for negotiation of IMF financial arrangements with these countries; IMF representative on the OECD-DAC Working Party on Aid Effectiveness, dealing with issues of the effectiveness, alignment and harmonization of official development assistance.

Headed the division responsible within the IMF for all development-related policy issues, as well as relations with the United Nations system and multilateral and bilateral aid donors; IMF Special Representative to the United Nations (2008-2102), and Vice-Chairman of the UN High-Level Committee on Programmes (2009-2013); Member of Working Group One on the International Task Force on International Innovative Financing for Health Systems; and the UN Inter-Agency Task Force on the Global Green New Deal. As Assistant Director of the Strategy, Policy and Review Department, responsible for review of IMF relations with a range of member countries; as well as supporting IMF collaboration with UN agencies in the areas of social protection and social protection floors, employment and labor markets, and the green economy.