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Trade and Supply Chain Finance professional with over 15 years of banking experience, in multiple geographies and disciplines.



Steven Beck

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Steven Beck is the head of trade and supply chain finance at the Asian Development Bank (ADB). In his fifteen years at the ADB, he has managed exponential growth of the bank's trade finance business and implemented its first supply-chain finance business.

Steven is on the Governing Board of the Digital Standards Initiative. He is a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Working Group for Trade Finance. He has an M.A. from the Fletcher School at Tufts University, USA and a B.A. from Queen's University, Canada.



Subhradeb Pramanik

Associate Partner, ERM

Subhradeb is currently working as a Principal Consultant at ERM India having over 15 years of experience in field of compliance support, ESG audits & due-diligences, environmental site assessment and environmental impact assessment (EIA) studies. Over the years have played a key role in managing numerous projects in oil & gas, roads, mining, chemical, manufacturing, renewables, pharma, power and transmission sector. His primary focus and experience lays in providing onsite E&S implementation support, development and implementation of E&S management systems, ESG related due diligences, sustainability reporting, compliance monitoring, regulatory reviews, EHSS performance and assurance audits and trainings. He has worked and delivered for more than 100 projects for key multinational clients like BP, Cairn, Vedanta, ABG, Reliance, Tata Power, Pfizer, GSK etc. and financial institutions like IFC, ADB, CDC, DEG, SMBC, Stan C etc.



Devanshu Bajpai

Principal Consultant, ERM

Devanshu Bajpai is a Social Development and Safeguards Specialist, working as a Principal Consultant with ERM India Private Ltd. He also specialises in ESG, Business & Human Rights, and sustainability. He has been working with ERM since 2012 and during this time, he has gained valuable experience in carrying out Social Impact Assessments (SIA), Resettlement Action Plan (RAP), Livelihood Restoration Plan (LRP), ESG Due Diligences, Labour Audits, CSR Planning and Implementation, Human Rights Due Diligence and Impact Assessments, and development of ESG Management Systems (ESMS). He has worked with various lending organisations such as IFC, World Bank, ADB, DFID, FMO, DEG, Proparco and has knowledge of their applicable standards and guiding principles. He has also worked with a multitude of private banks and private equity firms and is well-versed with the demands and challenges related to debt and equity driven investments and their interplay with ESG issues. He has worked in projects located in various regions of India and other countries like Philippines, Turkey, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Nepal, UAE, and Kuwait and has a strong grip on regulatory regimes of these countries (in varying degrees).

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E&S Safeguards, ADB

Laurence is a Principal Safeguards Specialist with ADB Private Sector Operations Department (PSOD) and is a focal safeguards person for Financial Intermediaries (FI) at PSOD, including Trade and Supply Chain Finance Programmes. She holds a Postgraduate Master of Science in Environmental Protection from Technical University of Vienna, Austria; a Master of Science in Construction Management from University of Bath, UK; and a Bachelor of Engineering in Construction Engineering from King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang, Thailand. Ms. Genee joined ADB as Senior Safeguards Specialist in the Private Sector Operations Department in 2019. Prior to joining ADB, Ms. Genee worked at Environmental Resources Management (ERM) as Principal Environmental and Sustainability Consultant leading ERM's Corporate Advisory and Transaction Services Team and served as ADB's key client manager.



Maria Isabel Artajo

Associate Social Development Officer, ADB

Maria Artajo is a policy specialist with ten (10) years of experience in leading projects and producing high-quality research outputs, which aid policy formulation and program development processes. She has in-depth knowledge of the political and socio-economic issues and other development trends in Asia. As a policy researcher, she specialized in development-related themes including decent work, migration, livelihoods, and social protection. She is skilled in conducting both qualitative and quantitative approaches, including employing Computer-Assisted Personal Interview (CAPI) technology and analyzing datasets using STATA and CPro software packages. She is experienced in building partnerships, as well as organizing advocacy activities, which serve as venues for dissemination of research findings to diverse audiences, including government officials, members of the academe and other stakeholders.



Chowdhury Liakat Ali

Director, Sustainable Finance Department of Bangladesh, Bangladesh Bank

Chowdhury Liakat Ali is working in Sustainable Finance Department (SFD) of Bangladesh Bank (Central Bank of Bangladesh). He joined Bangladesh Bank in 1999. He worked in Department of Banking Regulation and Policy Department, Department of Banking Inspection, Foreign Exchange Inspection Department, Financial Integrity and Customer Services Limited. He also worked in Bangladesh Bank, Chattogram Office. His contribution in the policy formulation and Supervision of the banking industry are acknowledged several times. He was awarded Bangladesh Bank Employee recognition award in 2015. He was the key member in formulating Sustainable finance Policy for banks and FIs in Bangladesh in 2020, Environmental Social Risk Management (ESRM) Guideline for banks and FIs in 2022. Mr. Chowdhury graduated in Accounting from University of Chittagong. He also completed his Masters from the same University and completed Masters in Business Administration from Bangladesh University of Professionals, Dhaka, Bangladesh. He completed Certified Expert on Risk Management course jointly organized by Frankfurt School of Business and Bangladesh Institute of Bank Management (BIBM). He participated in different seminars, trainings and workshops in UK, Germany, Switzerland, Sri Lanka and India. He participated in a number international and national seminars as panellist. He is Certified trainer in the area of Supervision, Financial Statement Analysis, Credit Risk Analysis and Sustainable Finance.



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Experienced professional in the financial services industry. Skilled in Business Planning, Risk Management, Corporate Finance, Financial Analysis and leading change initiatives. Recently got involved in investment and management of startups as General Partner of a VC fund.



Sunil Mascarenhas

Relationship Manager, ADB Trade and Supply Chain Finance Program

Sunil is a Senior Investment Specialist - Trade & Supply Chain Finance at the Asian Development Bank. He served as Technical Expert for IFC's Supply Chain Finance Program in Asia, with a specific focus on India, Bangladesh and Vietnam markets. For 13 years, he worked at HSBC and served as Head of Governance, Internal Control and Quality Assurance, Remediation Management Office.



Mesbaul Asif Siddiqui

CRO City Bank

Mesbaul Asif Siddiqui, currently assuming the role of Chief Risk Office (CRO) and DMD of The City Bank Limited, having 24 years of demonstrated experiences in multiple segments in the banking industry.

He completed his MBA in Finance from University of Dhaka and also did a Masters in Banking Management (MBM) from BIMB-the crux of the banking education in the country.

He started his career in Eastern Bank Limited as a Management Trainee and worked in different capacities there along with assuming different roles in Commercial Bank of Ceylon and HSBC (9 years) before joining CBL in 2015. He has contributed extensively in Corporate Banking Divisions during his tenure in these financial institutions and has been involved in specialized projects like restructuring of corporate banking in EBL, introduction of Supply Chain Finance as a new business wing in CBL and also had a special stint in HSBC Singapore as a Global Trade Business Development Specialist. These roles have enabled him to have a deeper knowledge in global trade finance and handling local and multinational companies in competitive business settings. Before taking over the role as a Chief Risk Officer in CBL, Mr. Asif worked as the Head of Credit Risk Management & Head of Sustainable Finance and has been pivotal in bringing many reforms to the credit underwriting process. His contribution in changing the financial lending landscape of CBL by emphasizing more on sustainable and green finance has helped the institution to be aligned with IFC's ESG related criteria and in securing a place among the Top-10 banks in Bangladesh in the Sustainability Rating given by the Central Bank for the last two consecutive years.

As the champion of Sustainability and Green financing of the bank, he played an instrumental role in the bank becoming a member of the Net-Zero Banking Alliance under the United Nations Environment Program for Financial Institutions (UNEP FI).

He also won City Bank CEO's Award in 2021 and 2022 for his contributions to bank's excellent performance in Sustainable & Green Finance and ESG implementation.