

Unlocking NDC 3.0

Building Effective Project Pipelines for the Asia-Pacific Region

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Meet the speakers

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Moderator



- Deanna Morris is an Economic Affairs Officer in the Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division of the United Nations ESCAP. She is currently leading ESCAP's capital market and banking sector climate finance agenda. She oversees efforts to assist Asia-Pacific governments in developing innovative financing tools and policies that support the financing of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- She has led the team in supporting the development of Sri Lanka's green bond framework and Bhutan's sustainability bond framework and spearheaded the launch of Cambodia's Sustainable Bond Accelerator programme, working with both sovereign and private sector issuers. Deanna's expertise spans climate finance, MSME finance, digital finance, and market systems programme development.

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- Youraden Seng is the Director of Financial Stability Department and Head of Deposit Protection and Bank Resolution Unit of National Bank of Cambodia. He has over 15 years experiences in banking and financial sector in Cambodia. Prior to that, Raden was the Director of Banking Supervision II and On-site Banking Supervision Department, subsequentially. Raden involved actively in policy development, regulatory formulation, and supervision of the banking sector in Cambodia. His focus areas are financial stability, banking and financial development and supervision, financial inclusion, digital financial literacy, sustainable and green finance. Raden has been a permanent member of sustainable finance working group at the NBC and representing the NBC in various international platforms such as the Network for Greening Financial System (NGFS), Working Group on Inclusive Green Finance of Alliance for Finance Inclusion (AFI), ASEAN Taskforce on Sustainable Finance, Working Group on ASEAN Taxonomy.

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- Komron Ruziev is the Head of International Relations at the Agency for Hydrometeorology, Committee for Environmental Protection, Government of Tajikistan. With four years in this role, he previously served as a specialist in climate change and ozone layer studies. Komron has played a crucial role in coordinating Tajikistan's participation in COP events, including COP26, COP27, and COP28, and is preparing for COP29 in Azerbaijan. His commitment extends to child protection against climate change, collaborating with UN, UNFCCC and UNICEF on early warning systems, COP, CMA etc. A former specialist in climate change and ozone layer studies, Komron skillfully organizes engaging side events and fosters meaningful international partnerships, driving sustainable development for future generations.

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- Vincent Wierda, is Global Energy Lead of UNCDF. With UNCDF since 2013, Vincent has facilitated investment flows into over 50 private sector companies that use innovative as well as digitally enabled business models to bring energy solutions to millions of people and small enterprises in markets such as Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal, Uganda, DR Congo and Burkina Faso. These include improved cooking solutions, stand-alone solar, solar for productive use and microgrid solutions. Together with UNDP, he also oversaw the establishment of a guarantee facility at the Development Bank of Ethiopia, targeting Energy Service Companies and Financial Service Providers.

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- Joaquim Leite is Head of Climate Finance at the NDC Partnership. His work focuses on supporting NDC Partnership member countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America in increasing access to climate finance to implement their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and the Sustainable Development Goals. Joaquim has more than ten years on diverse climate and sustainability-related projects in developing countries. His experience includes: (i) ESG integration into high-level decision-making, investment portfolios, and management systems for leading organizations in the energy, mining, forestry, agriculture, and infrastructure sectors; (ii) design, implementation, and evaluation of sustainable investment projects for corporations and institutional investors; (iii) elaboration and implementation of Climate Change Programs, and (iv) development of CDM and REDD+ projects, GHG inventories, and tailored climate strategies for companies and governments.

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- Ms. Navina Sanchez Ibrahim, Senior Climate Change Specialist (Just Transition) at the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Navina manages the Just Transition Support Platform, provides support to ADB DMCs on Just Transition and innovative ways to finance JT. She is co-leading the development of ADB's Just Transition Finance Facility, and leading ADB's JT institutional approach. Navina worked for over a decade in international development. She is a seasoned climate negotiator, support in various countries in the negotiations of the Paris Agreement and was one of the EU lead negotiators for the Katowice Rulebook. Navina was appointed to serve as a German member to the UNFCCC Adaptation Committee from 2019 to 2022.

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- Matt Robinson, Associate Managing Director - Sovereign Risk, Moody's Ratings, and Moody's global lead on development finance. Matt manages the Sovereign Risk Group's Middle East and Africa team producing ratings and research regarding sovereign and supranational creditworthiness in Sub-Saharan Africa and Middle East/North Africa. He is responsible for managing staff located in London, Frankfurt, Dubai and New York. Matt joined Moody's in 2007 after a decade of macroeconomic and public policy experience. Prior to managing the Middle East and Africa sovereign ratings team, Matt was the Director of Sovereign Research, responsible for coordinating and contributing to the research produced by Moody's global team of sovereign risk analysts. Matt previously managed the affairs of the Moody's Economy.com Sydney office, providing independent economic analysis, data and forecasting and credit risk services to Moody's Analytics' worldwide client base.

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