

Biographies

Richard Damania (Delivers Opening Remarks)

- Chief Economist, Sustainable Development, WBG



Richard Damania is the Chief Economist of the Sustainable Development Practice Group, effective March 1, 2020. He has held several positions in the World Bank including as Senior Economic Advisor in the Water Practice, Lead Economist in the Africa Region's Sustainable Development Department, in the South Asia and Latin America and Caribbean Regions of the World Bank. His work has spanned across multiple sectors and has helped the World Bank become an acknowledged thought-leader on matters relating to environment, water and the economy. Prior to joining the World Bank, he was Professor of Economics at the University of Adelaide. He has published extensively with over 100 papers in scientific journals, has held numerous advisory positions with governments and in international organizations and serves on the Editorial Board of several prestigious scientific journals.

Jun Ho Shin (Delivers Opening Remarks)

- Director, Development Finance Division, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Korea



Jun Ho Shin is the Director of Development Finance Division at the Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Republic of Korea. He is a Korean government official with extensive work experience in the areas of international development, public finance, and regional trade. He currently serves as the Director of Development Finance Division in the Ministry of Economy and Finance, Korea. He has worked in government sectors and an international organization, such as the Office of the President, the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Planning and Budget of Korea and the United Nations. He holds a Ph.D. in Development Administration from National Institute of Development Administration in Thailand. He has obtained his two Masters' degrees from Seoul National University in Korea and National Chengchi University in Taiwan and did his undergraduate program in Korea University in Korea.

Hyoung Gun Wang (Introduces 2022 Call for Proposals)

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