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Ms. Sohn is currently serving multiple positions including a Senior Consultant at KGGTF, an Invited Professor at Ewha Womans University, and Korea's Ambassador for Cultural Cooperation. She was the CEO of the Korea International Broadcasting Foundation (Arirang TV & Radio) from 2011 to 2014, the first and still the only woman to be a CEO of a major broadcasting station in South Korea.

Previously, she was the Presidential Secretary of the Office of Overseas Public Relations for the South Korean President Lee Myung Bak from 2010 to 2011. She also served as the spokesperson of the Presidential Committee for the Seoul G20 Summit in 2010. During her career as a journalist, she was the Seoul correspondent and bureau chief for CNN from 1995 to 2010.

Ms. Sohn received her B.A. in political science and international relations from Ewha Womans University in 1985. She graduated from Yonsei University in 2011 with an M.A. in journalism and mass communication. She is married with three daughters.



Richard Damania, Chief Economist of the Sustainable Development Practice Group, The World Bank

Richard Damania 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 held positions in academia and has published extensively with over 100 papers in scientific journals.



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Sungwoo Kim is an environment & energy expert with 29 years of professional experience from consulting, industry, and research organizations in strategy, investment, and policy well aligned with educational background of environment & business. With KPMG consulting experience as Asia Pacific regional head of Climate Change & Sustainability in leading regional network of 12 countries followed by POSCO(a global steel maker) industry experience in environment & energy business development & investment, now he leads environment & energy research institute at Kim & Chang(the biggest law firm in Korea) as a member of the Presidential Commission on Carbon Neutrality & Green Growth and also a columnist of Korea Times. He was an external advisory expert for Green Climate Fund and World Bank, IETA Board Member, and an adjunct professor of Seoul National University and Korea University

based on comprehensive experience from corporate to consulting, engineering to financing, public to private, and industry to academy.



H.E. Dr. Yasmine Fouad, Minister of Environment, Ministry of Environment, Egypt

Dr. Yasmine Fouad is Minister of Environment of the Arab Republic of Egypt. Her expertise is in Environment and International cooperation with more than 18 years' experience working in Government, in UN organizations, NGOs and Universities. She holds her MSc in Environmental Science and PhD in Political Science / Euro Mediterranean Studies. She has gained an extensive experience in climate change issues through her diversified work with academic, government and non-government organizations and International organizations. In this context, she supported the Earth Institute in designing a Center of Excellence for Adaptation to Climate Change and

supported the AMCEN President in leading and managing the two climate change initiatives mainly the African Adaptation Initiative (AAI) and African Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI). Moreover, she supported the Nile Basin Discourse – a regional NGO- in designing a proposal and policy paper on the impact of climate change on water resources in the Nile Basin.

Throughout her position as Assistant Minister of Environment, she supported the Minister of Environment in preparation of Africa portfolio for the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt in his capacity as Coordinator of Committee of African Heads of States for Climate Change (CAHOSCC) from 2015-2017. She has represented the AMCEN President in the Steering Committee of the Clim-Dev Africa and has been a co-chair of the NEPAD Regional Flagship Programmes Steering committee as well as Lima Climate Finance meeting in 2015. In addition, she supervised the work of the climate change projects in Egypt and co-chaired the Climate Change and Environment sub group with the AfD to oversee the work of the development partners in climate change in Egypt.

She acts as Egypt GCF National Focal point and established a national participatory consultative mechanism for preparation of projects pipeline to be submitted to the GCF. She has been selected as a lead author to chapter four of the upcoming IPCC Special Report on "Climate Change, Desertification, Land Degradation, Sustainable Land Management, Food Security and Greenhouse Gas Fluxes in Terrestrial Ecosystems". Moreover, she has led a multi stakeholder taskforce on preparation of the Environment pillar of the National Sustainable Development Strategy 2030 while mainstreaming climate change aspects within the strategy. Her expertise demonstrated through her proven record in overall supervision and management of AMCEN, Sustainable Development and Climate Change portfolios. She gained a wealth of coordination, management and operations experience through seven years working in two GEF/UNDP cross cutting capacity development projects in Egypt. She participated as an expert in the Capacity Development Regional Arab and African Initiatives such as score card exercise with the UNDP Bratislava Regional Center.