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.

May Abdelhamid, CEO, Social Housing and Mortgage Finance Fund

Mrs. Abdel Hamid is the Chairman of the Mortgage Finance Fund since September 2010, an affiliated entity to the Ministry of Investment mainly in charge of improving access to housing and finance to low income groups. Since 2016 she has also been appointed as the Executive Director of Social Housing Fund (SHF) affiliated of Ministry of Housing, Utilities and New Urban Communities. In August 2018 both funds were merged & she was appointed as the CEO of Social Housing & Mortgage Finance Fund (SHMFF). She graduated from the American University in Cairo in 1993 and has several professional diplomas in global corporate banking, credit risk management and international housing finance from American Express Bank New York and Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania. Ms. Abdel Hamid is a leading expert in corporate and mortgage lending with over 26 years of professional experience. Her latest positions include being Advisor to the Chairman of the Egyptian Mortgage Finance Authority, the regulator of the mortgage market. She also worked for the Crédit Lyonnais Bank – Egypt and for American Express Bank Limited – Egypt for more than 10 years as Head of Corporate Banking at the Head Office. She is currently a Board member of SAIB bank, Since April 2019 and member of Risk committee.
Sanghyup Lee (Ph.D), President, National Institute of Green Technology

Dr. Sanghyup Lee, with extensive experience dating back to 2004 at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology, has held pivotal roles including heading the Water Resource Cycle Research Center and the Energy and Environment Technology Center. He currently contributes as a member of the Ministry of Science and ICT’s Climate and Environment Research and Development Project Promotion Committee. Dr. Lee boasts a remarkable portfolio, featuring 152 papers, 122 patents, and accolades such as the Ministry of Environment Awards for Excellence in Environmental Technology, and 100 Excellent National Research and Development Awards by the Ministry of Science and ICT. He now leads the National Institute of Green Technology (NIGT), aiming to transform it into a strategic institution for carbon-neutral technology analysis and international collaboration, leveraging his educational background with Ph.D. degrees in environmental engineering from Seoul National University.

Seong N. Lee, Vice President, ESG Management, SK ecoplant

Seong is the current Vice President of the ESG Management of the ESG Center at SK ecoplant. She is an expert in the environmental sector with 20 years of experience in the field. After starting her career at SK ecoplant, she took charge of various programs to internalize corporate green culture and settle environmental management systems and processes within the company. She also played a key role in the transition of SK ecoplant as an environmental and energy solutions company, focusing on the internalization of Social Value (SV) and establishment of a business portfolio based on SV.
Dalia Wahba, Chief Executive Officer of Hassan Allam Utilities

Dalia Wahba joined Hassan Allam Utilities (HAU) in October 2021 as CEO of Hassan Allam Utilities. In this role, she is leading the project development and investment operations of HAU in key sectors including logistics, water, energy and social infrastructure. She is also part of the Corporate Leadership team for Hassan Allam Holding (HAH) group.

Dalia brings over 20 years of experience in finance and investment across the MENA region. Prior to joining HAU, Dalia was Senior Manager for the MENA region with the International Finance Corporation (IFC), overseeing IFC’s business and operations throughout the region, including an investment portfolio exceeding US$5 billion and a yearly investment program of $1 billion. Prior to this role, she assumed several operational roles with the IFC including Country Manager for the Levant region, covering Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq and Syria and Senior Investment Officer in the Global Infrastructure Department covering power, transport and utilities in the MENA region.

Dalia started her career in the Commercial International Bank in Egypt. She spent 7 years in the investment banking department. Her last position was Manager in the Corporate Finance team.

Dalia holds a BA in Business Administration from the American University in Cairo. She also completed all three levels of the Chartered Financial Analyst certification.