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Promoting sustainable and green banking regulations



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Joint Director, State Bank of Pakistan

Saeed Afgan has an extensive work experience in the financial sector. He served as a Regulating Officer and a Deputy Director at the State Bank of Pakistan. As a Joint Director in Infrastructure Housing & SME Finance Department, he is responsible for formulating policies and regulations and undertaking developmental initiatives for green & sustainable banking practices. He pioneered regulatory initiatives on Green & Sustainable Banking with the development of conceptual briefs on Green Banking and UN's Green Climate Fund recommending a framework of initiatives by State Bank on climate related measures. State Bank has established a dedicated green banking unit – a precursory recommendation of Saeed – for designing and coordination of climate related initiatives. Saeed Afgan holds an MBA in Finance from the University of Punjab, Lahore and CFA charter from CFA Institute, Charlottesville, USA.



ASIF IQBAL

Deputy Director, Sustainable Finance Department, Central Bank of Bangladesh

Working as Deputy Director of Bangladesh Bank, Asif Iqbal has been serving the central bank of the country since 2009. He started his career as an analyst in investment banking immediately after completing his graduation in Finance from Dhaka University. After entering into financial sector policy horizon, he enriched his academic portfolio with development studies through achieving masters from Dhaka University. Since his joining in central bank, he has been actively involved in core policy making initiatives for banking sector like Basel 2 & 3 Implementation, Credit Risk Management,

Problem Asset Management, Environmental Risk Management and Green Banking. Now his work area emphasizes on sustainability and inclusive growth through financial sector policy. Besides, he is currently responsible for three Partner funded development projects on sustainability and inclusion. He has also been assigned in one international and one national level research projects. Furthermore, he works in Strategic Planning process of Bangladesh Bank, Self-assessment of Regulatory Framework of Bangladesh Bank and Development of Social Media Platforms of Bangladesh Bank. He achieved fellowship from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, USA on Leadership Programme in Financial Inclusion



ODALIS F. MARTE

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Odalis F. Marte is a specialist with more than five years of experience in development agencies like the Dominican Foundation for the Development and the Chamber of Commerce of Santiago in the Dominican Republic's second largest city. He has also worked at the Central Bank of the Dominican Republic in 1999–2000 and at the Secretariat of the Central America Monetary Council (CMCA) in Costa Rica. His international work experience includes serving as a monetary policy specialist at the Executive Secretariat of the SECMCA and an internship with the United Nations' Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. He has been working climate change issues since 2013, joining the Dominican delegation at the UNFCCC COP 20 and COP 21. He graduated in Applied Macroeconomics from the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, has a bachelor in economics from the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra and received a master degree at Universidad Católica Santo Domingo in Economic Reforms and Development Policies.



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Ms. Mumtaz has more than 10 years commercial banking experiences including products development, branch operations and regulatory compliance. She is currently working as Head Institutions Deposit and Products Development at National Bank of Pakistan, which is the largest public sector bank in Pakistan with more than 1400 branches in the country, primarily in rural areas.

She has particular interests in designing products related to climate investment, adaptation and clean energy projects.

Ms. Mumtaz has excellent interpersonal skills with excellent communication skills. She has a master degree in IT-economics and completed several commercial banking training courses nationally and internationally.



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Since 2015, Mehdi Mustafa works as an advisor for the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Project (REEE) at GIZ Pakistan. His primary responsibility is to support partners in making financial mechanisms for the promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency. Before joining GIZ, he worked as a Business & Portfolio

Analyst – Trade Finance at MCB Bank for 5 years, the second largest bank in Pakistan as regards the branch network. Mr. Mustafa is a qualified accountant (ACCA Affiliate) by education and training.



ALEJANDRO MIRANDA VELÁZQUEZ

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Alejandro Miranda is a Principal Executive in the Climate Change Unit of CAF – Development Bank of Latin America. With extensive experience in the carbon markets, climate finance and Renewable Energy field, Alejandro currently coordinates the design of mitigation climate change projects in Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Ecuador, México, Paraguay and Uruguay. He recently has begun to provide

support for countries in the Latin American region in the structuring of projects to the Green Climate Fund. He is also responsible for the coordination of the “Facility for Performance Based Climate Finance”. Prior to joining CAF, Alejandro worked as a director of the 25.000 Solar Roofs project promoted by GIZ in Mexico, the National Commission for Energy Conservation and the Ministry of Energy in Mexico. Alejandro graduated from National Autonomous University of

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NANNETTE LINDENBERG

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Dr. Nannette Lindenberg is doing research on financing sustainable development, with a focus on green finance and impact investing. In particular, she addresses the question of how to mobilize capital from private and institutional investors for sustainable investments. She was consultant for the World Bank and guest researcher at WTO and at OECD. Nannette has studied International Business Administration at the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and the University of Tübingen and she holds a Ph.D. in International Economic Policy from the University of Osnabrück.



AWAIS SHAFI MOJAI

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Mr. Awais Shafi Mojai is working at State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) for more than three years. He is associated with Development Finance Group of the Central Bank. He is part of the team that works for the promotion and development of housing finance in Pakistan and regulates Banks and Development Finance Institutions' housing finance operations. Awais was part of the team that, recently, revised existing regulations for housing finance to make Solar Home System (SHS) affordable to the borrowers. Moreover, he is also managing SBP's Refinance scheme for renewable energy projects. Awais also authors SBP's housing finance review – a quarterly publication that analyzes housing finance's state of affairs in Pakistan.

Prior to joining SBP, Mr. Awais Shafi Mojai was associated with HBL: one of the largest retail banks in Pakistan. As a Credit Officer, he designed and facilitated loan offerings for Small and Medium Enterprises.

Awais holds an MBA in Finance from SZABIST, Karachi and is currently pursuing MS- Economics from College of Business Management (CBM), Karachi.



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Dr. Saleem is heading division of Housing and Infrastructure finance. He is also visiting professor at Center for Business Management (CBM) Karachi. He also worked as Head of the Development Finance Support department and Quality Assurance department at State Bank of Pakistan. He served as a Chief Manager and Senior Joint Director at the Infrastructure and Housing Finance department with State Bank of Pakistan, Karachi. He has extensive experience of public and private sector development, capital market development, credit enhancement mechanism, including refinance, risk sharing and creating regulatory framework for private sector development and banking regulation. Dr. Saleem also has expertise in measuring power and banking sector performance, power sector regulation and infrastructure related fields. He leads the team of analysts on development finance. Much of his work is on managing team, implementation of development finance schemes related to housing, SMEs, renewable energy, and green finance.



ZAHIR SAEED SAKHI

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After completing his degree in economics from Lahore University of Management Sciences, Mr. Sakhi worked in the private sector, joining a brokerage house and later an IT firm. For the past three years, he has been working in the Infrastructure Finance and Green Banking units at the Central Bank of Pakistan. He is responsible for managing the Bank's financing scheme for renewable energy, which promotes development of RE projects by the private sector through concessional lending. Mr. Sakhi has worked diligently to revise the scheme based on stakeholder's feedback and making it more market oriented. He is also part of the team working on developing green banking guidelines for the banking sector which aims to make them more considerate towards environment. He has a number of publications to his name as well including the quarterly infrastructure finance review and the development finance review (2013).



MOHAMMAD SHARFUZZAMAN

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Since 2013, Md. Sharfuzzaman has been working as an Assistant Director in the Bangladesh Bank (Central Bank of Bangladesh). From the very beginning he is working on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Green Banking Policy and Environmental & Social Risk Management related issues. Recently he has been appointed as a member of Sustainable Finance Policy Formulation Team and also appointed in the process of getting accreditation from UN's Green Climate Fund (GCF) for Bangladesh Bank as a National Implementing Entity (NIE). Mr. Zaman graduated from Bangladesh University of Engineering & Technology (BUET) with a B.Sc. of Civil Engineering. After joining the sphere of Financial Sector, he has completed MBA in Finance from University of Dhaka. He possesses interest on climate change adaptation & mitigation, carbon emission & energy consumption related issue.



Moderator

GEREON KLEIN

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Dr. Gereon Klein has nearly 20 years of experience in the facilitation of workshops, conferences and meetings. His main focus lies on futures research, climate change adaptation, innovation, organizational development and leadership in small and mid-sized companies. With a Bachelor in Economics and a Master in Hydrology he worked on geo-stochastic models simulating precipitation patterns in mountainous terrain for his PhD. Later he joined the St. Galler Centre for Futures Research and worked on statistical forecast approaches and participative scenario making for more than 10 years. At the same time he was a business consultant with the topics of teamwork, merger implementation, strategic planning and start up's in the profit sector. Gereon Klein is specialized in the design and facilitation of conferences with several hundred participants, processes of civil society participation and solution-oriented workshop approaches.