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Ms. Izabella Teixeira is the former Minister of the Environment of Brazil (2010-2016), and is currently Co-Chair of the International Resource Panel of the United Nations' Environment Programme (IRP/UNEP), a member of the High-Level Advisory Board of the United Nations' Department of Economic and Social Affairs and of the Administrative Council of the Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES).

Throughout her career, Ms. Teixeira held different administrative positions in the Ministry of Environment, in the Rio de Janeiro State Government and in Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (IBAMA), which she joined in 1984. In 2013, she won the UN Environment's "Champions of the Earth" award for her contribution to reducing deforestation in the Amazon; and she played a key role in the negotiation of the Paris Agreement and was appointed to serve on the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons for the Post-2015 Development Agenda.

In addition, Ms. Teixeira serves on the boards of international and national institutions, including as Senior Fellow of the Arapyaú Institute, Board Member of the Fundação FHC and Member of International the Advisory Board at Brazilian Center of International Relations (CEBRI).

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Mr. Sergey I. Shatalov

Mr. Sergey Shatalov is a Russian national and currently is an independent consultant and an associate professor at the National Research University-Higher School of Economics in Moscow. He has 40 years of experience in analytical and operational work on macro/fiscal policy. He specializes in public finance and debt management, and public sector governance. He served 29 years at the World Bank Group in different senior positions in over fifty countries (Europe, Central Asia, Middle East and North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, and East Asia). He was also Deputy Chairman at the Eurasian Development Bank and Managing Director, EURASEC Anticrisis Fund. He has broad experience in supporting national governments in the formulation and implementation of sustainable development and public finance management strategies. He has led economic policy dialogue with top government officials and been responsible for the management of multi-sector portfolios of lending and analytical products. He is experienced in the formulation and implementation of efficiency-enhancing programs for national governments and multilateral institutions. He has a Ph.D. in Economics from the Russian Academy of Sciences.



Mr. Vinod Thomas

Mr. Vinod Thomas is an Indian national and is currently a visiting professor at the National University of Singapore and at the Asian Institute of Management, Manila. He joined the World Bank in 1976 and held several senior positions, including Chief Economist for the East Asia and Pacific region, Director for the World Development Report, Chief of Trade Policy and Principal Economist for Colombia, and Economist for Bangladesh. He also served as the Bank's Country Director for Brazil. Most importantly, he held the positions of Vice President of the World Bank Institute, where he led the Institute's efforts to improve its focus, quality, and impact, and Senior Vice President and Director General of the World Bank Group's Independent Evaluation Group. After his career at the World Bank, he held the position of Director General of the Independent Evaluation Department at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Manila. He has a PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago and is the author of numerous books, articles, and reports.

Mr. Xianbin Yao



Mr. Xianbin Yao is a Chinese national and is currently Visiting Professor at the Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute and De LaSalle University in Manila. Mr. Yao is a development practitioner with 30 years of experience of working in a diverse group of countries and regions, committed to promoting local ownership, fostering innovation and developing partnerships. Prior to his current role, he was Special Senior Advisor to the President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), where he worked for more than two decades. As Special Senior Adviser to the ADB President, he also coordinated the corporate review of the Bank's evaluation policy and represented ADB Management in dialogue with Board Committees, the Independent Evaluation Department, and external stakeholders. He led the update of the ADB results reporting architecture, with a focus on coherence, alignment to corporate strategy, accountability and learning and supervised the preparation of key corporate reports (e.g., portfolio performance, quality-at-completion, and ADB Annual Reports). At ADB, he also served as Director General of the Pacific Regional Department, Director General of the Regional and Sustainable Development Department, and Chief Compliance Officer. He holds a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business and Management from Nanjing Agricultural University and a master's degree and a PhD in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University.

Ms. Zenda Ofir



Ms. Zenda Ofir is a South African scientist and internationally reputed evaluation specialist. She has served in many advisory capacities for United Nations, philanthropic, academic and other international organisations and initiatives, including UNDP, CGIAR, GAVI, IFAD, AGRA, UN-REDD, the World Conservation Union, Blue Marble Evaluation and the Rockefeller Foundation. During 2022-2023, she was the Senior Impact Resident/Senior Advisor to the Mastercard Foundation's Pan-African Programmes. Ms. Ofir's leadership extends through her roles as the President of the African Evaluation Association, Vice-President of global evaluation associations IOCE and IDEAS, the first American Evaluation Association (AEA) Board Member living outside, Lead Steward in the SDG Transformations Forum, and the inaugural International Evaluation Academy (IEAc) Council Chair. She has worked in many different fields from the local to the global level, with a special interest in Africa and Asia. She has visited 80 countries and worked on assignment in more than 40 of them for multilateral, government, academic, non-government and philanthropic organisations. Ms. Ofir's accolades include being a recipient of the esteemed Richard von Weizsäcker Fellowship from the Robert Bosch Academy in Berlin and holding a fellowship at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Studies.