

# Webinar: Rebuilding Resilience through Sustainable Finance

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The IFC-supported Sustainable Banking Network (SBN) is pleased to launch a timely new report *Necessary Ambition: How Low-Income Countries Are Adopting Sustainable Finance to Address Poverty, Climate Change, and Other Urgent Challenges*

Join us for the virtual launch event hosted by SBN and IFC, with IFC Vice President and SBN member speakers from Bangladesh, Kenya, Mongolia, and Nigeria

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### Speaker Bio (alphabetically by last name)



#### **Ms. Georgina Baker, Vice President of IFC, Chair of SBN Secretariat**

Georgina Baker is IFC's Vice President for Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe and Central Asia. In this role, she's responsible for a committed IFC portfolio of nearly \$30 billion. Previously, Ms. Baker served IFC in two capacities: as Director of Syndications and as Deputy Treasurer, based in London, where she headed Treasury Operations for Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa. As Director of Syndications, Ms. Baker was responsible for IFC's syndicated lending program—the oldest and largest among multilateral development banks, with a portfolio totalling more than \$15 billion. It includes the Managed Co-lending Portfolio Program (MCP), an innovative platform launched in 2016 that successfully allocated \$3 billion in under 18 months. Prior to that, Ms. Baker managed IFC's suite of trade and supply-chain finance products, starting with IFC's flagship trade program, the Global Trade Finance Program. In her 25 years at IFC, Ms. Baker has held positions in several areas—including manufacturing in Eastern Europe and financial-sector investments in South Asia, Europe, Central Asia, and the Middle East and North Africa. Before joining IFC, Ms. Baker worked in the United Kingdom and Indonesia as a mechanical engineer. She holds an MBA from the London Business School.



### **Mr. Batmunkh Batbold, Coordinator of SBN Task Force**

Batmunkh (Bat) is a financial sector professional with 12 years of working experience in the areas of microfinance, financial infrastructure development and sustainable/green finance policy formulation. He works as a senior financial sector specialist at the IFC Ulaanbaatar office in Mongolia. Also, he is the coordinator for the IFC SBN IDA Task Force, which is the SBN initiative to support low-income member countries to develop and implement sustainable finance frameworks. He manages the IFC's Insolvency reform, Movables Finance market development, Value Chain Finance market development and Credit Reporting service improvement projects in Mongolia. Also, Bat has been leading the Mongolian Sustainable Finance Project since its beginning. The project's achievement was cited in the SBN 1st Global Progress Report as one of the 8 top performing countries that have successfully implemented a sustainable finance framework. Before joining IFC, he worked for UNDP and Central Bank of Mongolia, managing insurance and microfinance related projects in the Mongolian financial sector.



### **Ms. Nomindari Enkhtur, CEO of the Mongolian Sustainable Finance Association**

Nomindari is a young professional primarily concerned about the role of private sector mobilization in financing sustainable development. She currently serves as CEO of the Mongolian Sustainable Finance Association, a first-of-its-kind national institution that aims to bring together various financial sector players to direct investments for real progress in sustainable development. In addition, she works with the UN Joint SDG Fund as Portfolio Management Consultant for SDG finance. Since 2013, she closely worked with Mongolian banks, policy makers and international partners to help banks integrate environmental and social considerations into lending decisions and product design. Besides, she worked as a consultant with IFC, UNEP, UNICEF, GIZ and Partners Group on a number of projects related to portfolio emissions calculation, green taxonomy development, green finance mobilization, ESG integration, and capacity building. For her contribution in sustainable development, she was recognized by the European Commission as one of the Global Young Leaders for Development of 2017. In 2018, she was also selected as one of the 5 young sustainable business innovators by the Business for Peace Foundation. Nomindari holds a master's degree in Sustainability Management from Columbia University in New York and is a Fulbright Awardee.



### **Mr. Asif Iqbal, Joint Director, Bank of Bangladesh**

Working as Joint Director of Bangladesh Bank, Mr. Asif Iqbal has been serving the central bank of the country since 2009. He specializes on Private sector climate finance, Sustainable Finance Modelling and Environment & Social Risk Management. He is one of the leading experts on SDGs for financial sector in Bangladesh. He started his career as an analyst in investment bank 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 a master's degree from Dhaka University. Since joining the central bank, he has been actively involved in core policy making initiatives for the banking sector, such as Basel 2 & 3 Implementation, Credit Risk Management, Problem Asset Management, Environmental Risk Management and Green Banking. His work area currently emphasizes sustainability and inclusive growth through financial sector policy. In addition, he is currently responsible for three Partner-funded development projects. He has also worked in the Strategic Planning process and Development of Social Media Platforms for Bangladesh Bank. He achieved a fellowship from Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, USA, Leadership Programme in Financial Inclusion.



### **Dr. Aisha Mahmood, Special Advisor to the Governor on Sustainable Banking, Central Bank of Nigeria**

Dr A'isha Usman Mahmood is the Special Adviser to the Governor of Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) on Sustainable Banking, tasked with the responsibility of driving the sustainability agenda within CBN and the Financial Industry since the launch of the transformative Nigeria Sustainable Banking Principles in 2012. She has held several key positions in both Federal and Bauchi State governments between 1984 and 2012. She started her career as a Lecturer of Food Science and Technology in Federal Polytechnic Bauchi in 1984 and rose to the post of Senior Lecturer. She was appointed the Honorable Commissioner for Agriculture and Women Affairs by the Bauchi State government between 1997 and 2002. Dr. Aisha joined the Federal Civil Services in 2002 and was posted to the Federal Ministry of Environment with the mandate of ensuring sound chemicals and hazardous wastes management including the implementation of relevant Multilateral Environmental Agreements.



**Ms. Nuru Mugambi, Director, Kenya Bankers Association**

Ms. Nuru Mugambi has contributed to the shaping of the banking industry in Kenya. She has spearheaded strategic initiatives aimed at reinforcing the industry's role of being a core driver of Kenya's sustainable economic development. Her contributions towards policy formulation have led the industry towards adopting numerous progressive practices, particularly in Sustainable Finance, Gender Diversity, and Consumer Protection. According to the Dutch and German development banks, the Sustainable Finance Initiative that Nuru champions is leading the way in Africa. Most recently, she designed the Kenya Green Bond Program, which is establishing a green bond market in the country. In 2015, Nuru became the youngest female Fellow of the Kenya Institute of Bankers designation for industry excellence and leadership. In 2016 she was recognized by the Eisenhower Fellowships program and U.S. President Barack Obama as an emerging African leader.



**Moderator: Ms. Louise Gardiner, Coordinator of SBN African region & Green Bond Working Group**

Ms. Louise Gardiner has been a staff member and consultant to IFC since 2005. As a program officer in the Environment and Social Development Department, she prepared IFC's 2005 Sustainability Report and was part of the core team for IFC's first Integrated Annual Reports in 2007 and 2008. She subsequently established an advisory offering for IFC clients on sustainability reporting, including a two-year partnership with the Global Reporting initiative (GRI), and contributed to innovative research on the link between sustainability and financial performance in IFC's investment portfolio. Since then, she has consulted globally for IFC on projects supporting private and public sector initiatives in sustainability disclosure, green finance, and responsible investment in Africa, Asia and Latin America. She is an experienced stakeholder engagement practitioner and trainer. She has been part of the SBN Secretariat team since 2012 and is currently coordinator for the African region and Green Bond working group.