

## BIOS for Speakers

### Speakers:

**1. Mr. Syed Shakeel Shah, Director of CAREC Institute**

Mr. Shah is a career civil servant under the Pakistan's Customs Service with extensive experience in public policy, international trade, and regional cooperation, spanning over two decades. Mr. Shah holds MA in International Trade Law and Economics from the World Trade Institute, Switzerland, and M.Sc. in International Relations from Quaid-e-Azam University, Pakistan.

**2. Ms. Lyaziza Sabyrova, Principal Regional Economist, Central and West Asia Department, ADB**

Lyaziza is an experienced economist leading the preparation of ADB's Country Partnership Strategies for several CAREC member countries. She conducts various analytical work and promotes knowledge sharing throughout the region. Lyaziza holds a PhD in Economics from Indiana University, USA.

**3. Mr. Douglas Noble, Deputy Representative, UNICEF China**

Douglas first joined UNICEF in 2013 as the Regional Health Adviser for South Asia and joined UNICEF China as the Deputy Representative in January 2017. Before joining UNICEF, he worked with the British Government in the Department of Health and Cabinet Office, the World Health Organization, and the Commonwealth Fund. Douglas studied science at the University of St. Andrews and medicine at Oxford University. He has a master's degree and research doctorate in public health from Johns Hopkins and Queen Mary University of London respectively.

**4. Mr. Ye Yong, Director, Urban and Water Division, Central and West Asia Department, ADB**

Yong manages urban operations for ADB in 10 CW countries, including CAREC members. He has extensive experience leading policy dialogue and sector reforms in the water and sanitation sector with a focus on strengthening institutional capacity and piloting innovative solutions throughout the region. He is an experienced economist and holds a Masters and PhD in economics from Tsinghua University.

**5. Ms. Annmarie Swai, Regional Emergency Advisor, UNICEF Europe and Central Asia Regional Office**

She supports to 22 countries and territories in the region, with experience supporting preparedness, coordination and delivery of emergency response, including over eight years working with UNICEF in Asia, Africa and Middle East. She has worked with UNICEF in various capacities, including as WASH Officer, in Somalia, and Emergency WASH Specialist in Pakistan. Most recently, Annmarie worked in Iraq as WASH Cluster Coordinator and Chief of Field Operations. She holds a Masters' degree in urban development and Planning from University College London, UK.

**6. Ms. Coral P. Fernandez Illescas, Principal Water Resources Specialist, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department, ADB**

Coral is a senior technical staff in ADB's Water Sector Group and bank-wide lead for WASH activities. Her expertise is in water sector policy, including water and health. She holds a Masters and PhD in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Princeton University.

**7. Mr. Evariste Kouassi Komlan, Regional WASH Advisor, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Office**

As Regional Advisor for WASH, Evariste supports 14 countries in East Asia and 14 other countries, states and territories in the Pacific. Before joining the regional office, he deputized the Global WASH Chief in UNICEF Headquarters in New York and acted as associate director for and Chief WASH ai. Evariste's 30 years professional experience in WASH includes consulting, institutional strengthening, innovative financing and fundraising. He holds MSc degrees in utility management and financing from Delft (Netherlands).

**8. Mr. Iskandar Abdullaev, Deputy Director Two of CAREC Institute**

Mr. Abdullaev has over 25 years of experience in the field of water and environmental management. His academic and professional experience includes Central Asia, Sri Lanka, Iran, Pakistan, Thailand, Israel, USA, Germany and Netherlands. Mr. Abdullaev holds MSc and Ph.D. degrees from the Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agriculture Mechanization Engineers.