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COUNTRY

People's Republic of
China

ORGANAZTION

CAREC Institute

POSITION

Director

Short Bio

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.

He played a leading role in a collaborative engagement with the World Bank in developing the reform vision and a plan for Pakistan Customs through a Technical Assistance funded by the Trust Fund for Accelerated Growth in Revenue.

Being a focal person for the World Bank's Ease of Doing Business report, he has led reforms in Pakistani Customs to enhance efficiency and reduce cost and time of border compliance. In another governmental capacity, he has contributed to negotiations regarding Free and Preferential Trade Agreements with Turkey, Thailand, and the PRC. Mr. Shah coordinated complex assignments across the government, private sector, and development partners as the Head of Economic Affairs Wing in the Prime Minister's Office, including activities pertaining to China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, Prime Minister's Delivery Unit and the Youth Development Program. He also served as a Community Welfare Attaché at the Consulate General of Pakistan in Barcelona, Spain.

Mr. Shah holds MA in International Trade Law and Economics from the World Trade Institute, Bern (Switzerland), and M.Sc. in International Relations from Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad (Pakistan).





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COUNTRY

Philippines

ORGANIZATION

**Asian Development Bank
(ADB)**

POSITION

Vice President

Short Bio

Mr. Shixin Chen is the Vice-President (Operations 1) of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). He is responsible for operations in the South Asia Department and the Central and West Asia Department.

Prior to joining ADB, Mr. Chen headed the Department of International Economic and Financial Cooperation at the Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China (PRC).

Mr. Chen held senior positions in the Ministry of Finance of PRC, overseeing areas of public finance and partnerships with multilateral development banks. He was a Board Director in the ADB's Trust Fund Credit Guarantee and Investment Facility from 2012 to 2014. He was World Bank's Executive Director for the PRC from 2013 to 2016 and a Board Director for the PRC in the New Development Bank and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank from 2016 to 2018.



Samad Bashirli

COUNTRY

Republic of Azerbaijan

ORGANAZTION

Ministry of Economy

POSITION

Deputy Minister

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Mr. Samad Bashirli has served as the Deputy Minister of Economy of the Republic of Azerbaijan since July 2022. In his current role, he leads and supervises industrial and trade policy, food security, and reconstruction and development of liberated territories. Between 2020-2022, he headed the industry department and advised the Minister of Economy.

Between 2016-2019 he remained associated with the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation Institute (CAREC Institute) – an intergovernmental organization – headquartered in Urumqi, the People's Republic of China. In his capacity as head of the strategic planning division and later as head of the capacity building division, he led the formulation of CAREC Institute's inaugural long-term strategy and revamped and scaled up the capacity building portfolio by introducing new approaches and methodologies.

Earlier in his career, he held various positions as lead/senior consultant and mid-level manager in trade, economy, and industry ministries.

In recognition of his meritorious services, in 2012, he was awarded the medal "For Distinction in Public Service" by the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Mr. Bashirli holds a bachelor's degree in Economics and Administrative Sciences from the Turkish Gazi University. He has two master's degrees – an MA in Political Sciences from the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan and an MSc in Finance from the University of Birmingham, UK.



Norbert Funke

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COUNTRY

Almaty, Kazakhstan

ORGANAZTION

IMF Capacity
Development Center
(CCAMTAC)

POSITION

Director

Short Bio

Norbert Funke is the Director of the IMF Caucasus, Central Asia, and Mongolia Regional Capacity Development Center (CCAMTAC), which was launched in February 2021. He brings significant experience in IMF capacity development, surveillance and program work. He was Assistant Director / Division Chief of the IMF Institute for Capacity Development (ICD), where he headed the African Division and later the Asian Division. In 2012–16 he was Director of the Joint Vienna Institute (JVI).

Prior to this, he served as mission chief and country economist for several middle- and low-income countries in the African Department, where he also led regional surveillance and worked as a country economist.

Before joining the IMF in 2000, Norbert worked at McKinsey & Company, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy. A German national, he holds a doctorate in Economics from the University of Cologne.



Albert Park

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COUNTRY

Philippines

ORGANIZATION

Asian Development Bank

POSITION

Chief Economist

Short Bio

Albert Park is Chief Economist of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Director General of its Economic Research and Regional Cooperation Department. He is chief spokesperson on economic and development trends and leads the production of ADB's flagship knowledge products and support for regional cooperation fora.

Mr. Park has more than two decades of experience as a development economist. A well-known expert on the economy of the People's Republic of China, he has directed several large-scale research projects in the country. He has also served as an international consultant for the World Bank and a member of the steering committee for the Asia-Pacific Research Universities' Population Ageing Hub. Mr. Park has worked on a broad range of development issues including poverty and inequality, intergenerational mobility, microfinance, migration and labor markets, the future of work, and foreign investment.

Mr. Park is Chair Professor of Economics and Director of the Center for Economic Policy at HKUST (on leave). Previously, he served as a founding director of HKUST's Institute for Emerging Market Studies, professor at the University of Oxford, and associate professor at the University of Michigan. He has also held editorial positions at several leading economic journals.

A national of the United States, he received his bachelor's degree in economics from Harvard University and his doctorate in applied economics from Stanford University.



Hans Holzacker

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ORGANIZATION

CAREC Institute

POSITION

Chief Economist

Short Bio

Hans Holzacker is Chief Economist at the CAREC Institute. Before joining the CAREC Institute, he was for two years Lead economist for Central Asia with the EBRD, based in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Hans was chief economist at the Golomt Bank in Mongolia and the ATFBank in Kazakhstan. He was also teaching at the Turan the Narxoz universities in Almaty. Earlier, he was a Vienna-based economist at several banks, focusing mostly on countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. He was also a Senior Economist at the Institute of International Finance in Washington D.C. Hans holds a Ph.D. in Sociology and a MA in Economics from the University of Vienna. He completed a postgraduate scholarship at the Economics Department of the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna.



Kamalbek Karymshakov

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COUNTRY

Kyrgyz Republic

ORGANAZTION

**Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas
University**

POSITION

Vice-Rector

Short Bio

Mr. Kamalbek Karymshakov is Vice-Rector of the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University. He was economist at CAREC Institute. He has 15 years of experience as an economist in Central Asian economies.

Kamalbek holds Ph.D. in Economics from Yeditepe University (Istanbul, Turkey). He also had post-doctoral research fellowship at Free University of Berlin (2010-2011). His research interests include labor economics, migration, economic integration, infrastructure development, economic growth and development in Central Asia. He has applied economic analysis experience. He has project and consultancy experience on various topics of labor market, migration, public policy, and rural economic development.



Marzia Mongiorgi-Lorenzo

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Philippines

ORGANIZATION

**Asian Development Bank
(ADB)**

POSITION

**Principal Economist, East
Asia Department**

Short Bio

Marzia has more than 23 years of professional experience in project, program and portfolio related work in development, including extensive field work. She has worked for consulting firms, NGOs, and the United Nations in Central America, Africa, and Asia, before joining the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Manila in 2000.

Marzia is currently the Principal Economist in the office of the Director General of the East Asia Department of the ADB, covering economic work and knowledge management for the People's Republic of China (PRC) and Mongolia. She just returned to HQ after six years as Head of the Economics and Strategy Unit in the Beijing office of ADB, where she led strategy development, knowledge management, and regional cooperation work in the PRC. Marzia led the work for the latest ADB's country partnership strategy for the PRC.

Over the years, she has led multidisciplinary teams throughout the project cycle, from identification to design and from implementation to self-evaluation of ADB's environment, natural resources, agriculture, food security, and rural development strategies and programs in South Asian countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka) and Southeast Asian countries (Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, and Viet Nam).

Marzia holds a MSc. in Development Economics from the London School of Economics, London, UK, 1998, and a Laurea (MS Equivalent) in Economics from Bocconi University, Milan, Italy, 1996. Marzia attended three post graduate courses on Circular Economy and Sustainability Strategies, from Judge Business School, University of Cambridge (virtual), on Agribusiness and Value Chains, at Wageningen University, and on Rural Development Strategies, at the School of Oriental and Asian Studies, London.





Emin Mammadov

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COUNTRY

Republic of Azerbaijan

ORGANAZTION

Center for Economic and
Social Development
(CESD)

POSITION

Researcher

Short Bio

Emin Mammadov holds Researcher position at the Center for Economic and Social Development (CESD). He holds a bachelor's degree in World Economy from Baku State University and an MA from Italy and Germany with a double degree program in the field of International Economics and Management.

His research covers the field of economics, entrepreneurship, energy, with an additional emphasis on social issues. Emin Mammadov gained experiential knowledge in internships in Europe as well.

He is working in CESD since 2021. During the period he prepared a number of monthly and yearly reports, wrote research brief on current economic and political issues that have been published on the website and international open knowledge sources attracting scholars' attention.

Emin has additional experience in translations, oral interpretation, reviewing the fit of academic journals for publishing and in suitability and meeting academic standards. Simultaneously, he has actively participated in the implementation of different projects held by CESD.

Emin Mammadov is academically fluent in English and has very good knowledge of Russian, German. He can also speak good Italian.



Gulnaz Alibekova

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COUNTRY

Kazakhstan

ORGANAZTION

**Institute of Economics
under the Ministry of
Education and Science**

POSITION

Deputy Director

Short Bio

Dr. Gulnaz Alibekova is the deputy director at the Institute of Economics under the Ministry of Education and Science. Her research interests include technology transfer, technology commercialization, scientometrics, R&D funding, entrepreneurial university, digital economy, among others. She has led research projects within the national fundamental and applied research program of the Ministry and has authored about 100 publications.

She has held various teaching assignments at Kazakh-American University, Turan University (2003-2006), Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Turan University (2017-currently).

Between academic and research careers she worked for the “National center for S&T information” (head of departments, 2006-2011), Parasat S&T Consortium (deputy director of TTO, 2011-2012), and Elsevier publishing house (freelance trainer, 2012-2015), Turan University International Leadership Institute (director, 2017-2018), Institute of Economics (head of an information department, 2018-2021).

Dr Gulnaz is a market expert for technology commercialization projects of the Science Fund, an associated member of the Alliance of technology transfer professionals (Kazakhstan). She holds PhD degree from Narxoz University.



**Muhammad Abid
Qaiyum Sulehrie**

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**Islamic Republic of
Pakistan**

ORGANAZTION

**Sustainable
Development Policy
Institute (SDPI)**

POSITION

Executive Director

Short Bio

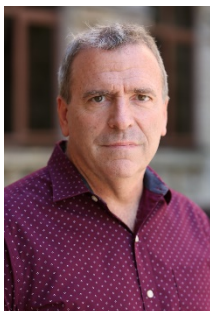
Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri is Executive Director at SDPI. At present, he serves on different policy-making forums and advisory boards, including National Advisory Council of the Planning Commission of Pakistan, and the Pakistan Climate Change Council. He is Convenor of the National Coordination Committee on Prime Minister's Agriculture Transformation Plan.

Some of the international policy making forums, where Dr Suleri is currently serving are: Member of Permanent Organizing Committee of South Asia Economic Summit, Co-Chair of Board of Climate Action Network South Asia, and lead expert for World Economic Forum's "Transformation Mapping" initiative from Pakistan.

Earlier, he served as a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council; a member of the Finance Minister's Macro-Economic Policy Group, and a member of the Board of Management (Board of Directors) of Pakistan State Oil (PSO).

Dr Suleri has represented Pakistan in various official delegations, including the UN Sustainable Development Summit; the UNFCCC Conference of Parties (COPs); and WTO Ministerial Conferences. His current research interests include sustainable development, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, food security, regional trade, and the political economy of development.

He is a regular guest speaker and delivers lectures on different aspects of sustainable development. He is an acclaimed writer and besides publishing in academic journals, he also contributes his policy analysis on sustainable development issues in mainstream print and electronic media. He is also Editor-in-Chief of the SDPI peer-reviewed journal, "Journal of Development Policy, Research, and Practice". Dr Suleri earned his PhD in food security from the University of Greenwich.



Peter Malvicini

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COUNTRY

Uzbekistan

ORGANAZTION

CPRO, Westminster
International University
in Tashkent

POSITION

Founding Director of the
Center for Policy
Research and Outreach

Short Bio

Dr. Malvicini is the named UNESCO Chair for Anticipatory Governance and Sustainable Policy, and the founding Director of the Center for Policy Research and Outreach (CPRO) based at Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT). CPRO's research cooperates with government ministries, the private sector, and development partners.

Malvicini has worked with universities and international development agencies for over 25 years. Malvicini is an expert in research methods, governance, and policy analysis. He has applied his skills to strategic planning and institutional development for development organizations. Early in his career, he advised and studied the vast decentralization of governments in Southeast Asia. He researches and works across sectors with line ministries and development agencies. He has worked with senior policy and decision-makers. Beyond research and teaching he has developed national and regional post-graduate programs in the Philippines and a consortium across Asian countries.

He earned PhD and master's degrees in international development, program planning and evaluation, and adult learning from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, USA. He is a Fulbright Scholar, Kellogg leadership Fellow and has worked in over twenty countries across Asia, Africa, and Latin America. He also holds a DSc in Economics awarded by the Supreme Attestation Commission under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan.





Khalid Umar

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COUNTRY

**People's Republic of
China**

ORGANAZTION

CAREC Institute

POSITION

**Chief of the Strategic
Planning Division**

Short Bio

Mr. Khalid Umar is the Chief of the Strategic Planning Division (SPD) and Coordinator of the CAREC Think Tank Network (CTTN) at the CAREC Institute (CI). He joined CI in late 2016 and has been instrumental in the conception, design, and implementation of CI's long-term strategies, and operational plans, building strategic alliances and establishing and nurturing networks and partnerships. At CI, he also held the portfolio of the head of finance, HR, and administration for a year and worked with a group of ADB-supported consultants to draft rules, regulations, and procedures for streamlining financial and human resource management. His professional interests include strategic management, economic policy, regional economic cooperation and integration (RCI), financial inclusion, and fintech.

Earlier in his career, as a civil servant, he has worked in various departments in the government of Pakistan, including the Prime Minister's office, the office of the Auditor General of Pakistan, and PIFRA – a World Bank-funded project of public financial management – on multiple assignments in economic policy and public financial management. Before joining the civil service, Khalid worked in the NGO sector in Pakistan.

Khalid is a Fulbright Scholar and holds an MA degree in International Economics and Finance from Brandeis University, Massachusetts, the USA, and another master's degree in Economics from Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan. He attended two courses on disruptive strategy and strategic management from Harvard Business School and Wharton Business School (Online).





Elena Danilova-Cross

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COUNTRY

Turkey

ORGANIZATION

United Nations
Development Program
(UNDP)

POSITION

Programme Specialist on
Poverty and Inequality

Short Bio

Elena Danilova-Cross has over 10 years of professional experience in integrating human and sustainable development into policy practice as well as statistical, mainstreaming, acceleration and policy support for Agenda 2030 and SDGs. Initiates and manages studies, research and publications on social inclusion, human development, multidimensional poverty and inequality, including coordination and quality assurance and evaluation of human development reporting, policy papers and other cross-thematic reports.

Her areas of expertise include design and implementation of regional research and programs on regional trends in poverty, inequality, vulnerability and social exclusion; measuring and monitoring multidimensional poverty, social inclusion, inequality, and sustainable human development, including in SDGs and national development strategies; HDR quality assurance and forward-looking assessments of the human development reporting system; and Support to MAPS missions and MAPS follow-up, including for Voluntary National Reviews.

She holds an MA degree in Statistics and Information Science from Moscow State University of Economics, and an MBA from High School of Business under State Economic University, Tashkent Uzbekistan.



Altaaf Hasham

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COUNTRY

Kyrgyz Republic

ORGANIZATION

**Aga Khan Development
Network Representation
Office**

POSITION

**Management and
Program Liaison Officer**

Short Bio

Mr. Hasham has been directly involved in the conception, implementation, and oversight of development programs for over 20 years. He has held various posts within the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) in East Africa and Central Asia. Between 2004 and 2006, Mr. Hasham served as Lead Advisor for an innovative UNHCR Durable Solutions Program and was based in the Office of the Prime Minister, Uganda.

In his current capacity, Mr. Hasham supports AKDN program and institutions spanning several program sectors, including education, health, financial services, culture, and disaster risk reduction, including the University of Central Asia (UCA).

Mr. Hasham holds a BA in International Relations from McGill University, Montreal, and an MSc in International Politics of Asia and Africa from the University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS).



Rustam Babadjanov

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COUNTRY

Dushanbe, Tajikistan

ORGANIZATION

**Analytical Center
"NAVO"**

POSITION

**Deputy Director /
Research Coordinator**

Short Bio

Babadjanov Rustam - Candidate of Economic Sciences – Ph.D. (economics), Associate Professor. Graduated from Moscow State University named by M.V. Lomonosov (1975), and defended his Ph.D. thesis at the Institute of Economics of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR (Moscow, 1983). Passed internships and participated in conferences and training in the CIS countries, China, Turkey, Japan, USA, France, Italy, Switzerland, Slovakia, Ethiopia, and South Africa. Worked on projects of the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, European Union, UNDP in Tajikistan, and ILO.

Member of the Government working groups for the development of NDS-2015, PRS 2007-2009, NDS-2030, MDPT 2016-2020, RPS 2021-2025, and a number of other sectoral and sectoral strategies and programs of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Team leader and co-author of Tajikistan Human Development Reports: "Employment in the context of human development (2009)"; "Institutions and Development (2012)"; "Poverty in the Context of Climate Change (2013)"; "Access to Resources for Human Development (2014)".

Research interests: problems of the labor market, employment, and migration; human development; social politics; professional education; poverty and the environment; investments - in the socio-economic and socio-political processes of the Republic of Tajikistan, monitoring and evaluation of strategies, programs, and projects. Author of over 450 published works.

Since 2015 - Deputy Director / Research Coordinator Analytical Center "NAVO"





Shallyev Charymuhammet

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COUNTRY

Turkmenistan

ORGANAZTION

**Turkmen State Institute
of Economics and
Management**

POSITION

**Head of the Department
of Management**

Short Bio

Mr. Shallyev Charymuhammet is the head of the Department of Management at the Turkmen State Institute of Economics and Management since 2006.

He worked in the Department of International Economic Relations at Turkmen State University named after Makhtumkuli from 1987 till 2002.

Mr. Shallyev published Macroeconomics textbook in 2015, and Anglo-Turkmen Dictionary of Economics in 2019.

Mr. Shallyev had his bachelor's degree from the Turkmen State Institute of Economics and Management. He also spent six months in Japan at Tokyo International University in 2000 and attended Junior Faculty Development Program (JFDP) at Indiana University in USA for one year in 2003-2004.



Ilham Humbatov

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COUNTRY

Azerbaijan

ORGANAZTION

**Economic Scientific
Research Institute (ESRI)**

POSITION

Senior research fellow

Short Bio

Ilham Humbatov is a senior research fellow at the Economic Scientific Research Institute (ESRI). He holds BA and MA degrees in History from Baku State University, as well as MA in International Studies and Master of Public Administration degrees from Lindenwood University. He is also a PhD candidate at the Institute of History of Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences. He has extensive experience in both private and public sectors, having worked for the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Azerbaijan, served as a Member of the Supervisory Board of the Youth Foundation under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan, and taught at universities, both domestic and international. Mr. Humbatov also acts as National Contact Point for the EU's flagship science funding programme Horizon Europe. His areas of expertise include higher education, research, fostering international cooperation, etc.



Farhad Taghizadeh-Hesary

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COUNTRY

Japan

ORGANIZATION

Tokai University

POSITION

Associate Professor of
Economics

Short Bio

Dr. Farhad Taghizadeh-Hesary is an associate professor of economics at Tokai University in Japan. In addition, he is vice-president and co-founder of the International Society for Energy Transition Studies (ISETS), based in Australia.

He is a recipient of the Excellent Young Researcher (LEADER) status from the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology of Japan (MEXT). Presently he is also a visiting professor at Keio University (Japan), a visiting professor at Chiang Mai University (Thailand), a visiting professor at the Technology Studies Institute (Iran); a member of the research core on sustainability studies at Tehran University (Iran) and a distinguished research fellow and external scientific member at the University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam), among others.

Dr. Taghizadeh-Hesary has published a wide range of topics, including energy economics, energy policy, green finance, small and medium-sized enterprises finance, monetary policy, banking, Asian economics, and contemporary Japanese economy. He is currently serving as Editor-In-Chief of the Journal of Environmental Assessment Policy and Management and associate editor/board member of several other journals, including Economic Change and Restructuring, Energy Efficiency, Singapore Economic Review, Global Finance Journal, Journal of Risk Finance, China Financial Review International, Frontiers in Energy Research and, Vision-The Journal of Business Perspective.

He was nominated as a top global scholar in green finance based on a recent journal paper published in Renewable Energy (Elsevier) in 2022. Author of over 200 academic journal papers, book chapters and editor of 15 books, Dr. Taghizadeh-Hesary has led several consulting projects for international organizations and institutions.

Dr. Farhad Taghizadeh-Hesary holds a Ph.D. degree in economics from Keio University, and a Master's in energy economics from Tehran University, Iran.





Ming wen Zhang

COUNTRY

**People's Republic of
China**

ORGANAZTION

**International Economics
and Finance Institute,
Ministry of Finance**

POSITION

Deputy Director General

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Short Bio

Ms. Minwen Zhang is the Deputy Director General of the International Economics and Finance Institute (IEFI), Ministry of Finance of the People's Republic of China. She leads IEFI to conduct research on China's bilateral and multilateral economic cooperation, global and regional economic and financial cooperation, global economic governance, as well as international development cooperation.

Before joining IEFI in January 2021, Ms. Minwen Zhang worked as the Alternate Executive Director in the World Bank Group during 2016-2020. She has served in the International Department of the Ministry of Finance of China since 2001, mainly responsible for cooperation between China and major MDBs such as the World Bank and Asian Development Bank. Besides, she worked as an advisor to China's Executive Director in ADB during 2004-2006.

She holds a master's degree in Economics from the University Of International Business & Economics, Beijing.



Lidiya Parkhomchik

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COUNTRY

Kazakhstan

ORGANAZTION

**Institute of World
Economics and Politics**

POSITION

**Chief Expert of the
Eurasian Studies Program**

Short Bio

Lidiya Parkhomchik is a chief expert of the Eurasian Studies Program at the Institute of World Economics and Politics under the Nursultan Nazarbayev Foundation.

The sphere of her scientific interests includes evolution integration processes in the Eurasian space, geopolitical transformations in the Caspian region, and global energy transition.

She worked at the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, as well as in the Eurasian Research Institute, and the Institute for Philosophy, Political Science and Religion Studies CS MES RK.

She graduated from the Kazakh University of International Relations and World Languages named after Abylai Khan.

She participated in internships and other advanced level training program at the Institute for Energy Markets and Policies (EPPEN), the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia, as well as the Development Research Center of the State Council of China.



Ghulam Samad

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COUNTRY

**People's Republic of
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ORGANAZTION

CAREC Institute

POSITION

**Senior Research
Specialist**

Short Bio

Dr. Ghulam Samad is a Senior Research Specialist at the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute, ADB. Before joining CAREC Institute, Dr. Samad was a Senior Research Economist at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Ministry of Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives.

Dr. Samad also served as an Economist at the Planning Commission of Pakistan.

Dr. Samad holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Colorado State University, USA. He brings together an experience spanning over 15 years of high-level research and teaching, along with providing valuable contributions to peer-reviewed national and international journals and several international books on key economic themes.

As a consultant, Dr. Samad worked for International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Canada, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), and UN World Intellectual Property Organization (WTO).



Kanako Mabuchi

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COUNTRY

Azerbaijan

ORGANAZTION

United Nations (UN)

POSITION

**Head of the UN Resident
Coordinator's Office in
Azerbaijan**

Short Bio

Kanako is the Head of the UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Azerbaijan since April 2022.

She is a strategic planner and a change manager, with 18 years of experience working for the UN system in humanitarian, development and transition settings.

Prior to Azerbaijan, she served in Timor-Leste, Zimbabwe, Myanmar, and Egypt, as well as in HQs of the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) and the UN World Food Programme (WFP).

She is a social anthropologist by training, with a special interest in the peoples and cultures of the Middle East.



Hamza Ali Malik

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COUNTRY

Thailand

ORGANIZATION

United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific

POSITION

Director of the Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for

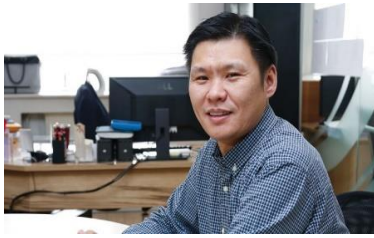
Short Bio

Hamza Malik leads ESCAP's research that analyzes economic conditions and emerging development challenges in Asia-Pacific countries and evaluates potential policy options and financing strategies in their pursuit of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Under his guidance, MPFD publishes its annual flagship report – the Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific, – and an edited analytical book, once in two years, on selected Financing for Development issues. He is a member of ESCAP's editorial board and supervises the publication of MPFD's working papers and policy briefs on various economic and financing issues.

Before joining UN-ESCAP, Hamza Malik worked as the Director of Monetary Policy Department at the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) – country's central bank – from June 2007 till November 2014. He was a member of Bank's internal Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), and a member of the Government of Pakistan teams that participated in negotiations with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and that successfully issued sovereign bonds in international capital markets. He also served as the editor of SBP's working paper series and its chief spokesperson to communicate SBP's monetary policy stance.

In 2013, Hamza Malik spent three months at the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford as a Charles Wallace research fellow and conducted independent research on the political economy of monetary institutions. Prior to joining the policy world, Hamza was an assistant professor in the Department of Economics at Lakehead University, Canada where he taught macroeconomics, monetary economics, and international finance. He graduated from McMaster University with a PhD in economics in 2002.





Tuvshintugs Batdelger

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COUNTRY

Mongolia

ORGANAZTION

**Economic Research
Institute (ERI)**

POSITION

Director

Short Bio

Tuvshintugs Batdelger is the director of the Economic Research Institute (ERI), and an associate professor of economics at the National University of Mongolia. He has a bachelor's degree in Economics from the National University of Mongolia, a master's degree in Economics from the University of Manchester, UK as well a Ph.D. in Economics from Boston University, USA.

He has experience working at the Bank of Mongolia and was the Head of the Economics Department of the University of Mongolia from 2014 to 2017. He has been a member of the Economic Policy Council under the Prime Minister of Mongolia since 2012 and was a member of the Monetary Policy Committee from 2011 to 2016. He is actively involved in policy discussions in the country through the establishment and operation of ERI since 2010, one of the longest-running think tanks in the country. Through ERI, he successfully contributed to the policy discussions on wide-ranging economic and social issues by coordinating and implementing many projects by international organizations such as World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Japan International Cooperation Agency, etc.

In particular, he successfully led research teams conducting an economic assessment of big mining and industrial projects on the country's economy and society in general and conducted and published policy research studies in international peer-reviewed journals and publications. He also authored chapters on the Mongolian economy in numerous books. His current research interests are the role of mining in the economy and society, the role of monetary policy in regulating the Mongolian economy, and the impact of economic development on income distribution and the country's middle class.



Giorgi Khishtovani

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COUNTRY

Georgia

ORGANAZTION

PMC Research Center

POSITION

Research Director

Short Bio

Giorgi Khishtovani is a Research Director at PMC Research Center. His research focuses on the political economy and governance, on fiscal policy, human capital development, migration, international trade and global finance. He has more than 12 years of professional working experience at public, private and non-governmental sectors in Georgia and abroad. Before joining PMC Research Center Giorgi worked as the Deputy Dean of faculty of business administration and economics at Tbilisi State University (2009-2011), in 2011-2014 he was as a Research Fellow at the University of Bremen, while in 2015-2016 he worked as the Head of Research at Institute of Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) and in 2015-2017 he worked as the Director of grants and programs at the National Science Foundation of Georgia (SRNSF).

Giorgi has an extensive experience as a researcher, trainer, and consultant within the framework of various international projects conducted by the World Bank, the IFC, the European Commission, UNDP, UNIDO, CAREC Institute and Federal Foreign Office of Germany. Currently, Dr. Khishtovani is an Associate Professor and Head of Department of Finance and Investments at the Business School of Ilia State University and previously taught economics and business administration at the University of Bremen and Caucasus International University. He has published numerous papers in academic journals. Giorgi is fluent in German, English, Russian and Georgian.



Zeeshan Salahuddin

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COUNTRY

**Islamic Republic of
Pakistan**

ORGANAZTION

Tabadlab

POSITION

Director

Short Bio

Zeeshan Salahuddin serves as the Director for the Center for Regional and Global Connectivity (CRGC) at Tabadlab. He oversees the key partnerships, linkages, and collaborations with a range of institutions, and leads the CRGC unit in the firms' advisory work and thought leadership portfolios. He also heads the strategy function, managing internal and external organizational planning and growth. Previously, he was the Director Programs and Strategy at the Center for Research and Security Studies (CRSS) in Islamabad. Prior to his work in the development sector, he was a full-time broadcast journalist, having launched two national primetime channels in Pakistan. He has a bachelor's and master's degree from Ithaca College, NY.



Sarah Geraldine Michael

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COUNTRY

Republic of Azerbaijan

ORGANIZATION

World Bank

POSITION

Country Manager

Short Bio

Dr. Sarah Geraldine Michael is the World Bank Country Manager for Azerbaijan. She joined the World Bank in 2004 and has since held various positions, including Manager – Strategy, Analytics, Financing Solutions & Knowledge in the World Bank’s Fragility, Conflict and Violence Group, and Program Leader for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure in the South Caucasus Country Unit.

Dr. Michael has over 20 years of experience in sustainable development, with a focus on post-conflict recovery, social inclusion, community-driven development, social service delivery, livelihoods, and youth development. Before joining the World Bank, she worked on the international Commission on Human Security and on a variety of development and security programs at the Global Equity Initiative, a research and policy institute at Harvard University.

She is an author and co-author of numerous academic and practitioner publications on sustainable development, including on youth inclusion and development, health, and human security. Her first book was published by James Currey and Indiana University Press in 2005. She holds BA and BScH degrees from Queens University (Canada) and MPhil and PhD degrees from Cambridge University (UK).



Debapriya Bhattacharya

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COUNTRY

Bangladesh

ORGANIZATION

Centre for Policy
Dialogue (CPD)

POSITION

Distinguished Fellow

Short Bio

Dr. Debapriya Bhattacharya is a member of the United Nations' Committee for Development Policy (CDP); Founding Chair of Southern Voice network of think tanks; Chair of LDC Monitor - a development alliance; and Convenor, Citizen's Platform for SDGs, Bangladesh, and a member of the Supervisory Board of BRAC International. He is a Non-Resident Fellow at Centre for Global Development (CGD), Washington DC.

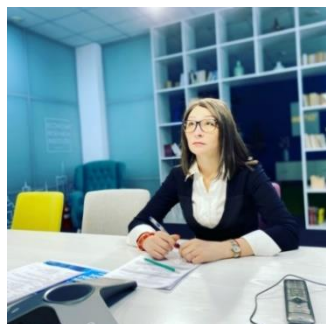
He was Bangladesh's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO, UN Offices, and other international organizations in Geneva and Vienna, with concurrent accreditation to the Holy See. He was the Special Adviser on LDCs to the Secretary General, UNCTAD and Chair of the UNCTAD governing board, leader of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) group in the UN system, Geneva.

He had been engaged in high-level policy designing in various committees of Bangladesh Government and involved in overseas consultancies for several international financial institutions including the World Bank and Asian Development Bank.

His edited books include Bangladesh's Graduation from the Least Developed Countries Group – Pitfalls and Promises (2018) and Southern Perspectives on the Post-2015 International Agenda (2016), both published by Routledge. His forthcoming co-edited book is Delivering SDGs in South Asia in Post-pandemic Context: Issues and Challenges, Springer.

He holds a PhD in Economics from Plekhanov National Planning Institute, Moscow and had been a Post-Doctoral Fellow at Queen Elizabeth House, Oxford. He held several visiting positions including Senior Fulbright Fellow at the Centre for Global Development (CGD), Washington DC.





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COUNTRY

Republic of Kazakhstan

ORGANAZTION

Institute of Economic
Research (ERI)

POSITION

The Director of the World
Economic Research
Center

Short Bio

Ms. Dolores Borisovna is the Director of the World Economic Research Center of the Economic Research Institute JSC. She leads ERI to provide expert and analytical support in the framework of international cooperation of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the world economic processes as a whole.

Before joining Economic Research Institute JSC in 2020, Ms. Dolores Borisovna worked as the Expert of the Department of International Relations of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kazakhstan during 2007-2014. Besides, she worked as Chief Expert of the Department of Economic Integration of the Ministry of Investment and Development of the Republic of Kazakhstan in 2014. Then, she worked as Director of Economic Integration Department of the National Chamber of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Kazakhstan «Atameken» during 2014-2017.

She holds a master's degree and PhD in International Relations from the Warsaw State University.



Eldor Tulyakov

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COUNTRY

Tashkent, Uzbekistan

ORGANAZTION

Development Strategy
Center in Tashkent,
Uzbekistan

POSITION

Executive Director

Short Bio

Mr Eldor Tulyakov is the Executive Director of the Development Strategy Center in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

In 2015-2019, he was a member of the Legislative Chamber of Oliy Majlis (Parliament) of the Republic of Uzbekistan, the Committee on Budget and Economic Reforms of the Lower Chamber, and the Central Council of the Milliy Tiklanish Democratic Party.

Mr.Tulyakov is currently a member of the Tashkent Council of People's Representatives (City Parliament) and the Chairman of the Standing Committee on the Rule of Law and Combating Corruption.

Mr.Tulyakov holds B.A. (Hons.) Degree from the University of Westminster (2008) and LL.M. Degree from the Institute for Law and Finance (2011, Frankfurt am Main, Germany).

He is an author of more than 20 scientific publications and numerous newspaper articles. He writes on governance, public administration, civil society, legal reforms, and investments.





Natig Madatov

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COUNTRY

Azerbaijan

ORGANAZTION

**Economic Scientific
Research Institute (ESRI)**

POSITION

Research Fellow

Short Bio

Natig Madatov has obtained Bachelor and Master Degrees in General Economics with the specialty international economic relations at Azerbaijan State Economic University. He is also doing post-graduate study at Institute of Economy of Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences.

In general, he has been working about 15 years in the public sector, in the system of Ministry of Economy. He's area of experience is coordination of EU technical assistance in Azerbaijan and EU integration issues, bilateral economic cooperation, export & investment promotion and SME development issues.

He has good practice of close working with public administration, international organizations and private companies. He has organized negotiations on technical assistance issues between EU, as a donor, and line ministries, as a beneficiary and also hold discussions and organized cooperation with other international donors, round tables with line ministries. He has good knowledge, skills and practice of EU assistance instruments (Technical Assistance, Sector Budget Support, Twinning, TAIX, etc.), good experience in project cycle management and practice of technical assistance projects, including project formulation and implementation.

Working in the field of export and investment promotion he has prepared presentations on business climate and investment opportunities of Azerbaijan to the potential foreign investors, assisted and organized negotiations with investors, analysed local investment climate and proposed reforms, participated in development of investment and export promotion strategy, etc. Working for SME development direction he was involved into issues like current needs of SMEs, application of different SME support mechanism, providing of trainings and consultancy to SMEs, etc.

He also has experience, as a business trainer, providing trainings to SME on different topics, like preparation of business plans, marketing and communication, and as a lecturer for MBA students at Azerbaijan State Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC) in project management.

