

High-level session on the role of independent evaluation in transforming the multilateral development banks

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Agenda

14:00-14:30	Registration
14:30-14:50	WELCOME and OPENING ADDRESSES
	<p>Welcome and introduction remarks by Oscar A. Garcia, Chair of the Evaluation Cooperation Group (ECG) of multilateral development banks and Director, Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD</p> <p>Opening remarks by Gilbert F. Houngbo, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)</p>
14:50-15:10	KEYNOTE ADDRESSES: <i>Possible future paths for multilateral development banks (MDBs) and the role of independent evaluation in transforming the MDBs</i>
	Enrique García Rodríguez , Former Executive President of the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)
15:10-17:30	PANEL SESSION: <i>What are the main challenges faced by MDBs in terms of financing, expertise and coordination of development efforts? What is the role of independent evaluation? The way forward: meeting today's development challenges</i>
	Panel Chair: Caroline Heider , Director General and Senior Vice President, Independent Evaluation Group, World Bank Group
15:10-16:15	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bambang Permadi Soemantri Brodjonegoro, Minister for National Development Planning, Republic of Indonesia • Joachim von Amsberg, Vice President, Policy and Strategy, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank • Cheryl Gray, Director, Office of Evaluation and Oversight, Inter-American Development Bank • Enrique García Rodríguez
16:15-16:45	Coffee break
16:45-17:30	Q&A session
17:30-18:00	CLOSING ADDRESSES
	<p>Reflections for the future by Masood Ahmed, President, Center for Global Development</p> <p>Concluding remarks by Oscar A. Garcia</p>

Speakers



Masood Ahmed

President, Center for Global Development

Mr Ahmed is President of the Center for Global Development (CGD). He joined the Center in January 2017, capping a 35-year career driving economic development policy initiatives relating to debt, aid effectiveness, trade, and global economic prospects at major international institutions including the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, and the United Kingdom Department for International Development (DFID).

He joined CGD from the IMF, where he served for eight years as Director, Middle East and Central Asia Department, earning praise from Managing Director Christine Lagarde as a “visionary leader.” In that role, he oversaw the Fund’s operations in 32 countries, and managed relationships with key national and regional policy makers and stakeholders. In previous years, he also served as the IMF’s Director of External Relations, and Deputy Director of the Policy Development and Review Department.

From 2003 to 2006, Mr Ahmed served as Director General, Policy and International at DFID. In that role, he was responsible for advising United Kingdom ministers on development issues and overseeing the United Kingdom’s relationship with international development institutions such as the World Bank.

He also worked at the World Bank from 1979 to 2000 in various managerial and economist positions, rising to become Vice President, Poverty Reduction and Economic Management. In that role he led the HIPC (heavily indebted poor countries) debt relief initiative, which has to-date brought relief from debt burdens to 36 of the world’s poorest nations.

Mr Ahmed is a leading expert on Middle East economics, having served on the Advisory Board of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) Middle East Center, as well as on the World Economic Forum’s Global Agenda Council on the Middle East and North Africa. He has also participated in CGD’s Advisory Board.

He took over as CGD President from Nancy Birdsall, who served as the Center’s founding President for its first 15 years from 2001 and will stay at the Center as a senior fellow.

Mr Ahmed holds a BSc Honours Economics (Ely Devons Prize) and an MSc Economics (Distinction), from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Source: <https://www.cgdev.org/expert/masood-ahmed>



Bambang Permadi Soemantri Brodjonegoro

Minister for National Development Planning
(Bappenas), Republic of Indonesia

Professor Brodjonegoro is currently the Minister for National Development Planning (Bappenas) of the Republic of Indonesia, having been appointed to that role by President Joko Widodo on 27 July 2016. He was previously the Minister for Finance (from 27 October 2014 to 27 July 2016) in President Widodo's Working Cabinet. Under President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono's administration, he served as the Deputy Minister for Finance (from 3 October 2013 to 20 October 2014).

Professor Brodjonegoro is one of Indonesia's leading economists. His areas of expertise include regional economics, fiscal decentralization, public finance, development economics, urban economics and transportation. Prior to his ministerial positions, Professor Brodjonegoro's career included Commissioner roles with PT Pertamina (a national oil and gas company); PT Aneka Tambang (a State-owned mining company); PT Adira Insurance; and PT PLN (the national electricity company). He is active on a number of international boards including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Infrastructure Fund and the ASEAN+3 Finance and Central Bank Deputies Meeting. He is a committed and active academic, currently a Professor of Economics at the University of Indonesia.

Prior experience has included positions as guest lecturer in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning with the University of Illinois, Director General of the Islamic Research and Training Institute at the Islamic Development Bank; and Dean of the Faculty of Economics with the University of Indonesia.

Professor Brodjonegoro holds a Bachelor's Degree in Economic Development and Regional Economy from the University of Indonesia (1990), and a Master's Degree (1995) and PhD (1997) in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Illinois, USA.

Source: <http://www.landscapes.org/glf-marrakesh/speaker/bambang-permadi-soemantri-brodjonegoro/>



Enrique García Rodríguez

Former Executive President, Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)

Mr García Rodríguez was Executive President of the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) from December 1991 to March 2017.

He was Bolivia's Minister of Planning and Coordination and Head of the Economic and Social Cabinet between 1989 and 1991. Prior to this, he was Vice Minister of Planning and Coordination and a member of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Bolivia. In the private sector, he has occupied the position of Manager of Operations at Banco Industrial S.A. and sat on the Boards of several industrial and financial institutions.

At an international level, he occupied senior positions at the Inter-American Development Bank for 17 years, including that of treasurer of the institution after having performed in other directive positions.

Mr García Rodríguez acted as Bolivia's Governor at the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the River Plate Basin Development Fund (FONPLATA), and represented Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, Peru, Uruguay and Paraguay as a member of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development and International Monetary Fund Development Committee.

He is the Chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Latin America, Vice President of Canning House, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Dialogue, member of the Advisory Board of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Harvard Kennedy School Dean's Council, and the board of the Doña Maria de las Mercedes Foundation in Seville, among others.

At an academic level, he has been a professor at both the Higher University of San Andres and the Catholic University in Bolivia. He has received honorary doctorates and other degrees from various universities and has been decorated by several governments, institutions, magazines and media mainly specializing in Latin America.

Mr García Rodríguez holds a B.S. and an M.A. in Economics and Finance from Saint Louis University and doctoral studies at the American University.

Source: <http://forum-americas.org/profile/enrique-garcia-rodriguez>



Oscar A. Garcia

Director, Independent Office of Evaluation
of IFAD

Mr Garcia is the Director of the Independent Office of Evaluation of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). He is the Chair of the Evaluation Cooperation Group of multilateral development banks and Vice-chair of the United Nations Evaluation Group, responsible for enhancing the use of evaluation.

With more than 20 years in the field of development cooperation, he served as head of the advisory services at the United Nations Environment Programme - Division of Technology, Industry and Economics in Paris, providing guidance to the Partnership for Action on Green Economy. As senior evaluation advisor at the Evaluation Office of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in New York, he oversaw programmatic and thematic evaluations for Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean.

Mr Garcia co-chaired the United Nations Evaluation Group task forces on Country-level Evaluations, Capacity Development in Evaluation, and Harmonization of Evaluations in the United Nations system. Prior to joining UNDP, he was Managing Director of Proactiva, a consulting firm specialized in results-based management and development evaluation. He also held positions in the Ministry of Economic Development of Bolivia.

Mr Garcia holds two Masters' Degrees in Organizational Change Management from the New School University, New York, and an M.B.A. from the Catholic University of Bolivia, in association with the Harvard Institute for International Development. He received his B.S. in Economics from the University of Santa Catarina, Brazil. He is author of several evaluation reports and papers on development evaluation.



Cheryl Gray

Director, Office of Evaluation and Oversight,
Inter-American Development Bank

Ms Gray joined the Inter-American Development Bank in June 2011 after working 25 years at the World Bank, most recently as Director of Independent Evaluation. Prior to that position, she served as a Director in their Europe and Central Asia (ECA) Vice-Presidency, managing the World Bank's work on economic policy, governance, legal and judicial reform, and gender and poverty analysis in 30 ECA countries. From 1997 to 2002 she served as Director for Public Sector Reform, co-authoring the World Bank's anti-corruption and public sector reform strategies, and from 1987 to 1997 she worked as an economist in the World Bank's Development Research Department and Office of Chief Economist. Before joining the World Bank she worked for three years as an advisor in the Ministry of Finance in Indonesia.

Ms Gray holds a PhD on Public Policy from Harvard University and an undergraduate degree in economics from Stanford University.

Source: <http://www.iadb.org/en/office-of-evaluation-and-oversight/staff-detail,7164.html?ID=669>



Caroline Heider

Director General and Senior Vice President,
Independent Evaluation Group, World
Bank Group

Ms Heider is the Director General of the Independent Evaluation Group (IEG) at the World Bank Group, a position she has held since 2011. She has dedicated the last 30 years of her career to evaluating the work of development and humanitarian organizations, transforming findings into lessons and promoting innovative ways for institutions to apply the knowledge derived from evaluations towards accelerating development effectiveness. As a senior leader, Ms Heider has a proven track record in leading change, strengthening institutions, and building evaluation capacity through testing and trying new methods to get to better evidence and greater insights. She has first-hand experience evaluating policies and programs in over 30 countries around the world.

Ms Heider is a leading voice in the international evaluation community. She is a life-time member of the International Development Evaluation Association and a member of the American Evaluation Association. She chaired the Global Evaluation Advisory Committee of UN Women for the first years of its existence. In the past, she has been a member of the Australasian Evaluation Society and served a two-year term as vice-chair of the United Nations Evaluation Group.

Before IEG, Ms Heider headed the Office of Evaluation at the World Food Programme. She has also held leading positions in the evaluation offices of the Asian Development Bank and several United Nations agencies, including the International Fund for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Development Programme, and United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

Ms Heider holds an M.B.A. in Economics and Business Administration from the *Freie Universität Berlin*.

Sources: <https://ieg.worldbankgroup.org/expert/caroline-heider>; <https://www.linkedin.com/in/carolineheider/>



Joachim von Amsberg

Vice President, Policy and Strategy,
Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Dr von Amsberg drives the strategic direction for the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, including its sectoral and country priorities, its investment strategy and programming, its economic analysis and research, and its operating budget. He oversees the Bank's environmental and social policies, other operational policies, and their implementation.

He previously served in a number of progressively senior roles at the World Bank where he most recently held the position of Vice President, Development Finance, where he was responsible for the replenishment and stewardship of the International Development Association, the World Bank's fund for the poorest, and for trust fund and partnership operations. As Vice President for Operations Policy and Country Services, Dr von Amsberg oversaw the World Bank's results agenda with its increased focus on achieving, measuring and communicating operational results and introduced the Program-for-Results lending product. He was responsible for the Bank's operational risk functions including policies on procurement, financial management, social and environmental safeguards. He also oversaw the Bank's modernization and reform agenda. During his 25 years at the World Bank he served as Country Director for Indonesia and the Philippines where he spearheaded the preparation of the country strategy partnerships together with the Governments and stakeholders, and managed the World Bank's operational portfolios and analytical work programs. Dr von Amsberg has authored a number of World Bank research reports and other publications.

Dr von Amsberg holds a Ph.D. in economic policy analysis and an M.B.A. from the University of British Columbia. He also holds a MSc. in industrial engineering from the Technical University of Berlin.

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