

Tracking International Financing for Disaster Risk Management

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SPEAKER PROFILES

Rachel Kyte, Vice President for Sustainable Development, World Bank



Rachel Kyte is Vice President of Sustainable Development at the World Bank. As such, she has overall responsibilities for the organization's global work in agriculture, infrastructure, urban development, environment, disaster risk management, and social development. Ms. Kyte is responsible for driving the World Bank's leadership on inclusive green growth and climate change. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Kyte had been Vice President for Business Advisory Services at the International Finance Corporation. Working with private sector clients, IFC Advisory Services increase access to finance, improve standards, and transform markets with more sustainable business practices. Ms. Kyte previously served as IFC's Director for Environmental and Social Development, where she led efforts to develop new sustainability performance standards. Through the Equator Principles, these standards are now a global benchmark, illustrating that improved environment and social standards can improve financial performance in emerging markets. Ms. Kyte served in IFC's office of Compliance Advisor/Ombudsman. She has held elected positions in Europe, and founded and led non-government organizations focusing on women, the environment, health, and rights. Ms. Kyte is Professor of Practice in Sustainable Development at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Boston. She holds an M.A. in International Relations from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and a B.A. in politics and history from the University of London.

Manuel Bessler, Assistant Director-General, Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC)



Manuel Bessler, born in 1958 in Zurich, studied law at the University of Zurich and at Harvard Law School. After working as a lawyer in Zurich, he joined the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 1991 and among other things worked as the legal advisor of the ICRC Delegation in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, head of the ICRC Sub-Delegation in Jerusalem, liaison- and information delegate in Haiti, and head of the ICRC Mission in Chechnya and of the ICRC Delegation in Iraq. In 1994, Manuel Bessler worked on the military desk of the Force Inspector General of the United Nations Protection Force in the former Yugoslavia (UNPROFOR). From 2000 – 2011, he worked in the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations (OCHA), initially in the Division for Humanitarian Policy in New York and later as head of the OCHA Office in Jerusalem. From April 2009 – 2011, he headed the OCHA Office in Pakistan. In October 2011, Manuel Bessler took up the post of head of the Department of Humanitarian Aid within the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation.

Ian Clark, Head of Unit - Policy and Implementation Frameworks, European Commission (EC)



Ian Clark joined the European Commission in 1984 and worked for ten years in the Regional Policy Directorate General and fifteen years in the Environment Directorate General. Between January and May 2008 Ian Clark was a visiting scholar at University of California, Berkeley, Institute of Governmental Studies. Since October 2009 he has been working in the area of Civil Protection/Disaster Management with responsibilities that include the development and implementation of an EU framework for disaster prevention that encompasses Risk Assessment. Since March 2012 his responsibilities also include developing a global needs assessment methodology upon which to base EU funding to address disasters, policy evaluation and the preparation of a voluntary humanitarian aid corps.

Jan Kellett, Project Director, Emergency Preparedness, Overseas Development Institute (ODI)



Jan Kellett is Project Director for Emergency Preparedness with Overseas Development Institute (ODI). Jan has recently finished leading the Global Humanitarian Assistance program at Development Initiatives, which during his tenure become a one of the most used aid information resource. Before this he worked mostly for the United Nations in a variety of post-conflict and post-disaster situations, firstly for UNDP implementing programs, as cluster manager responsible for multi-agency delivery and more recently as advisor to Resident Coordinators. His country experience includes Iraq, Afghanistan, Sudan, India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Namibia, Macedonia, and Serbia. His recent work experience and interests include risk, resilience and preparedness, aid financing, communications in crisis, transition and fragility.

Grant Morrison, Manager, Disaster Prevention and Risk Reduction, AusAID



Grant Morrison is the Manager of Disaster Prevention and Risk Reduction unit of the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). AusAID funds a wide portfolio of disaster risk reduction activities in partnership with international organizations, governments and communities, particularly in the Asia Pacific. Grant leads the Australian aid program's engagement with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction and the World Bank's Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery which are the two main players in international risk reduction policy and practice. Prior to taking on this role Grant worked across AusAID's major programs with Indonesia and Papua New Guinea and undertook secondments to the United Nations World Food Program in Bangkok and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community in Noumea. From 2008 to 2011 he was First Secretary for development cooperation at the Australian Embassy

in Beijing.

Jean Louis Sarbib, CEO, Development Gateway (DG)



Jean-Louis Sarbib joined the board of the Development Gateway in 2004 and was elected chair in 2008. In March 2009, the board asked him to serve as chief executive officer. Mr. Sarbib came to the Development Gateway after a long career at the World Bank. Mr. Sarbib joined the World Bank in 1980 to work on Africa. During his 26 years at the World Bank, Mr. Sarbib held several senior level positions, including vice president for Africa and vice president for the Middle East and North Africa. In 2003, he was appointed to his last position as senior vice president for the Human Development Network. A French national, Mr. Sarbib also serves on the boards of The Micronutrient Initiative, World Links for Development, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, and The International Center for Conciliation. He is a non-resident senior fellow at the Wolfensohn Center for Development at the Brookings Institution and an adviser to the chairman of Wolfensohn & Company.

Rachel Scott, Humanitarian Adviser, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)



Rachel Scott is the Humanitarian Adviser in the OECD's Development Cooperation Directorate, supporting DAC Peer Reviews and learning lessons related to the Good Humanitarian Donorship principles and the Hyogo Framework for Action. Rachel came to this post after many years as a 'disaster junkie', working for a think tank, NGOs and the UN, in the field and at headquarters. Her experience spans many different disasters and complex emergencies around the globe, and has encompassed policy roles as well as operational programming and coordination. She has worked in a number of specialist sectors, and once upon a time also thought she was a pretty good logistician. Rachel's main interest is in strengthening humanitarian knowledge management: bridging the gap between researchers and field professionals, and supporting the propagation of innovative humanitarian programming that continues to be developed in the field and then forgotten. Rachel holds a Masters of International Relations and a Bachelor of Commerce.

Prashant, Team Leader, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), World Bank



Prashant is the Team Leader, Strategy and Partnerships, GFDRR at the World Bank. Previously, he has served as the Team Leader, Rapid Response and Sustainable Recovery in GFDRR and led the post-disaster rapid response to disaster hit countries including Kenya, Uganda, Somalia, Thailand, Haiti, Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, the Philippines, Lao PDR, Lesotho, Moldova, Djibouti etc. He was the World Bank-GFDRR lead on the Knowledge Exchange Partnership with Japan after the Great East Japan Earthquake-2011 that culminated in the Sendai Dialogue, and the Sendai Report on mainstreaming disaster risk management. He also leads the Bank-GFDRR initiative on Disaster Aid Tracking developed in close cooperation with other stakeholders. The aim of the initiative is to enhance aid effectiveness by better tracking disaster-related aid flows for informing advocacy and decision-making by all development stakeholders. Prashant brings over 20 years of experience in the public sector covering development administration, public policy, macroeconomic management, and international economic relations and development cooperation in India. He has held various senior positions in the Indian government, ending with the federal Ministry of Finance where he managed bilateral and multilateral relations with OECD countries, the European Commission and the World Bank. A native of India, he received his M.S. degree from St. Stephen's College, Delhi.