

## IFI Business Opportunities Seminars 2017 Biographies



### **Laura Dorling van der Oord**

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Laura Dorling joined the Office of the Executive Director for Canada, Ireland, and the Caribbean at the World Bank Group in July 2012. In her role as Advisor, she maintains Board responsibilities and reviews investments in developing countries supported by the World Bank, the International Finance Corporation, and the Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency. She also manages engagement with the private sector in the pursuit and delivery of World Bank Group financed projects.

She previously worked with the World Bank on multiple geographic teams as a Senior Governance Specialist and Senior Disaster Risk Specialist (2008-2012) and she was a member of the World Bank's post-earthquake disaster response team in Haiti in 2010. Laura Dorling also represented Canada as a Senior Counsellor on the Inter-American Development Bank's Board of Executive Directors (2004-2008) and she was a diplomat with the Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade as a Team Leader in the International Financing Division and previously with the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade as an Export Consultant with Ontario Exports Inc.

Having lived and worked in Canada, the United States, France, Mexico and Costa Rica, she has a strong understanding of international business and global opportunities.



### **David Elzinga**

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David engages across a range of energy system technologies to support ADB's investments in the energy sector. Previously at the UN Economic Commission for Europe David's focus was on the role of gas and electricity in sustainable energy systems and at the International Energy Agency (IEA) was lead author for Energy Technology Perspectives publication. He also led the IEA's work on electricity system technologies, such as Smart Grids.

Over the course of his career David has worked in the energy and climate fields for over 20 years, with focus areas of technology, policy and analysis in both private and public sectors. In these roles he developed markets, deployed renewable and energy efficiency technology and has advised various governments at the local and national levels on energy policy. Speaking at numerous events globally, he carries the message of appropriate technology use and deployment.



**Alberto Levy Ferre**

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Dr. Levy has a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Texas at Austin, a master's degree from the Institute of Advanced Studies in Administration (IESA) in Caracas, and an electrical engineering degree from the Simón Bolívar University of Caracas, Venezuela. Alberto joined the Inter-American Development Bank in 2007 to the Finance and Infrastructure Division of the Andean Countries (F13). With the realignment of the Bank, Alberto began to work in the Vice-Presidency of Sectors, in the Infrastructure Management, Energy Division, where he is a Lead Energy Specialist. Between 2011 and 2015 he worked from the Country Office in Argentina.

Prior to joining the IDB, Alberto served in Houston, Texas as Director of Government Affairs in Colombia, Venezuela, Central America, and the Caribbean for Enron, Corp. Prior to that, he worked for the Texas State Energy Regulatory Agency as a consultant to the World Bank, UNICEF and the Government of Venezuela, performing organizational studies, including the restructuring of the Social Security Administration and the National Water Company. He has more than 30 years of experience in the areas of energy and telecommunications.



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Karine is currently a Partnership Expert at the African Development Bank (Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility-NEPAD-IPPF). Her main area of expertise is Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Negotiations and Financing.

Over the last 17 years, she has worked for the Canadian Cooperation (CECI & CIDA) as a Communication Advisor, for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) as a Coordination Specialist. In addition, she served as Advisor for the Government of Côte d'Ivoire, in its Millennium Challenge Corporation Program (MCC-US Cooperation), and she also worked for several multinational companies from South Korea and France especially in PPP projects related to the transport and the energy sector.

She holds a Ph.D in International Relations from the School of High International Studies (HEI) of Paris and a M.A. in Communication from the University of Quebec in Montreal.



**Gisu Mohadjer**

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Currently the Operations Advisor in the Energy and Extractives Global Practice at the World Bank, between 2013 and 2015, Ms. Mohadjer was the Advisor to the Director of Strategy and Operations for the Global Practices, and prior to that was the Advisor to the Director of Sustainable Development in the East

Asia region. Ms. Mohadjer was the Manager of the Results Unit of the World Bank from 2009 to 2013. Ms. Mohadjer was responsible for the corporate risk review and management of Bank lending operations, and the corporate management of the World Bank portfolio from 2007 to 2009. Prior to that Ms. Mohadjer was the Regional Quality Adviser in the Latin America and Caribbean Region, and managed the Quality Enhancement Team. From 1992 to 1993 she was the Special Assistant to the President of the World Bank. Ms. Mohadjer joined the Bank through the Young Professionals Program in 1988 and has worked in the Latin America, Africa, and East Asia regions as a Task Team Leader, across several sectors. Prior to joining the Bank she worked at the Boston Consulting Group.

Ms. Mohadjer holds three degrees from Harvard University. She is married and has two children.



**Walter Poick**

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Mr. Walter Poick is the Director of the Procurement Division of the Operations Services and Financial Management Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

As a Director, Mr. Poick oversees procurement for ADB's Southeast Asia Department, East Asia Department, and the Pacific Department. Mr. Poick has been with the ADB for more than 17 years.

An Austrian national, Mr. Poick holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration.



**Michèle Small**

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Michèle Small was appointed as Director, Head of the EBRD North American Representative Office, based in Washington DC in May 2016. The primary purpose of the Representative Office is to support business development by establishing and maintaining senior relationships with key partners, Government Officials as well as potential foreign direct investors into the Bank's regions, and to raise awareness of the Bank's mandate, capabilities and instruments.

Michèle is a seasoned international development banker; she originally joined the Bank in 1994, transferring to the Property and Tourism team in 1998 where she continued her career until 2012. She was also Director for the team.

Michèle has structured and led the underwriting and implementation of several transactions (debt, mezzanine and equity) across the EBRD region. She has represented the EBRD on various

Investment Advisory Committees on real estate private equity funds where the Bank is a Limited Partner and on supervisory boards of companies where the Bank is an equity investor.

As part of her responsibilities Michèle managed key client relationships within the sector, business development in EBRD countries of operations in central, eastern and southern Europe as well as business development for foreign direct investment in North America, Ireland and the United Kingdom.

From July 2012 until her return to the EBRD in May of 2016, Michèle worked as an international advisor specialising in all aspects of real estate investment and financing in emerging markets. Her mandates covered Central and Eastern Europe as well as Eastern Africa (Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda).

A UK national, Michèle holds an MSc in Real Estate Investment from the Cass Business School in London.



**Fei Yu**

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As Deputy Representative of the ADB's NARO, Fei's responsibilities include helping to advance shareholder support for ADB's role in the Asia-Pacific Region, to mobilize resources for ADB's developing member countries (DMCs), and to contribute to ADB's participation in North American policy dialogue on developing Asia and the Pacific.

Before her current assignment, she led the ADB-PRC Regional Knowledge Sharing Initiative based in ADB's PRC Representative Office in Beijing. She was responsible for facilitating dissemination of China's development knowledge of interest to other developing countries through organizing high-level regional knowledge sharing events and producing publications. Prior to this, she was based in Manila, where she led project preparation teams and managed investment and technical assistance projects in the environment, natural resources and agricultural sectors.

For four years prior to joining ADB, Fei was an Assistant Professor of Economics at Colby College and Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics at Mount Holyoke College. She also consulted with the World Bank and held positions with the UNDP and Chinese government. She received her PhD in Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School, specializing in development and environmental economics, a MPA from Princeton University and a MSc from University of London. She has published in high-ranking peer reviewed economics journals on environmental regulations and the health impact of pollution.

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