

The Role of the Private Sector in Building Resilience to Disasters

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**Francis GHESQUIERE**

Manager, Disaster Risk Management Practice Group and Head of GFDRR Secretariat, World Bank Group

Francis Ghesquiere is the Head of the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR), a global partnership hosted by the World Bank with programs in more than 70 countries.

Mr. Ghesquiere has extensive experience on policies and instruments to mainstream disaster risk management in development strategies and programs. He has participated in numerous post disaster operations and spent more than ten years building the World Bank disaster risk management practice

in Latin America and the Caribbean and in South Asia. He is known for his leadership on a number of flagship initiatives, including the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF), the Central America Probabilistic Risk Modeling Initiative, and the Understanding Risk Forum (UR). He was also key in the design of new policy instruments to help accelerate World Bank response to disasters, including the policy on emergency operations and innovative contingent financing instruments such as the CAT-DDO and Contingency Components.

Mr. Ghesquiere holds a Master Degree from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and an Engineering Degree from the University of Louvain. He also studied Finance and Economics at New York University, ESADE Barcelona and HEC Paris.

**Takeshi NAKAWAKE**

Executive Vice President, Member of the Board, NIKKEN SEKKEI LTD

Nakawake directs the business development in overseas, especially in Asia, GCC and CIS countries. His strategy in corporate branding as well as dynamic marketing approaches have brought the phenomenal impact on the Japan's architectural and engineering industry. It enabled Nikken to initiate "SMART TOD", an integration of green development and a transit/rail oriented design. Nakawake also has extensive experiences in industrial planning, brownfield regeneration planning, urban planning and design in

variety of projects around the world.

**Naohiro NISHIGUCHI**

President, Japan Bosai Platform (JBP)
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Mr. Nishiguchi is the President of Japan Bosai Platform and Executive Managing Director of a non-profit innovation platform organization, Japan Innovation Network, which he created with government research committee members.

Prior to his current position, he was Executive Managing Director of Innovation Network Corporation of Japan (INCJ), which is a quasi-government investment fund with \$20 billion investment capacity to

foster innovation among Japanese corporations.

Prior to INCJ, he was Worldwide Partner and Region Head of Global M&A Consulting of Mercer.

Before Mercer, he worked with the World Bank Group in Washington DC and Long-Term Credit Bank of Japan in the US and Japan.

He received MBA from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and a bachelor degree from Sophia University in Tokyo.



Sari SÖDERSTÖM Feyzioğlu

Director, Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice

Sari Söderström Feyzioğlu is the Director for the Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice at the World Bank Group. She assumed this position on July 1, 2014, under a stronger institutional structure focused on ending extreme poverty by 2030 and boosting shared prosperity for the bottom 40 percent.

As Director, Ms. Söderström leads the Practice's engagement in territorial and rural development, and sustainable land management – an increasingly important part of the Bank Group's work in sustainable development.

Before this, she was the Senior Manager for the Bank's Africa Sustainable Development Department, with 420 staff and an overall portfolio of about 250 projects.

She has also worked as Sector Manager for Environment, Program Coordinator and Task Team Leader for agriculture, environment, and natural resources in Latin America, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, and the East Asia and Pacific regions, including five years as the Bank's Rural Sector Coordinator for China based in Beijing.

A Finnish and Swedish national, she joined the Bank in 1993 as a Young Professional with a degree in economics from the University of Stockholm, Sweden.



Yasusuke TSUKAGOSHI

Special Representative, Japan, the World Bank Tokyo Office

Mr. Yasusuke Tsukagoshi became Special Representative, Japan on August 1, 2013. Special Representative leads the institutional relationship with the Japanese Government, partners, and stakeholders and oversees the World Bank Tokyo office and has responsibility for coordinating and managing outreach and communications programs in Japan.

Mr. Tsukagoshi, a Japanese national, has had a long career in Japan's Ministry of Finance (MoF). Most recently, he served as Director General of Tokyo Customs following senior positions in the

Ministry's Customs and Tariff Bureau. Prior to the Customs' positions, Mr. Tsukagoshi had 17 years of experience in international finance and development. From 2008 to 2011 Mr. Tsukagoshi was Executive Director at the Inter-American Development Bank, representing Croatia, Japan, Korea, Portugal, Slovenia, and the United Kingdom; and from 1988 to 1991 he served as Executive Director at the African Development Bank, representing Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Japan, and Saudi Arabia.

He also worked on Japan-US finance and trade relations as Chief Representative of the Japan Center for International Finance in Washington, DC from 1994 to 1998. In addition, he represented the Government of Japan at a number of meetings of IMF (FSAP), OECD (Committee on Financial Markets), Financial Stability Forum, WTO (trade negotiations on financial services), and APEC (co-chairperson of WG on Electronic Financial Transactions System).

A graduate of Tokyo University, Mr. Tsukagoshi joined MoF in 1980 and served as an economist at the Finance Minister's Secretariat and the MoF Research Institute early in his career.



Sandra WU

Chair of UNISDR Private Sector Advisory Group

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Graduate, Department of Chinese Literature, National Taiwan University. Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. 1998, Co-Founder of the organization that later became known as Japan Asia Group.

At present, Chairperson and CEO, Kokusai Kogyo Co., Ltd. First woman president of Tokyo Stock Exchange trading participant. Sandra Wu is currently Chair of UNISDR Private Sector Advisory Group. A

steering board member of the World Economic Forum (WEF)'s Infrastructure & Urban Development, a member of WEF's Disaster Resource Partnership, and a member of WEF's Global Agenda Council on Infrastructure. A Member of Conference for Japan Regeneration, Special Advisor of Council for the Promotion of UNWCDRR Sendai.