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**DEVELOPMENT
 DATA PARTNERSHIP
 DAY 2026**

 **World Bank Group HQ** | Preston Auditorium,
 1818 H Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20433, U.S.A.

AGENDA

| TIME | TOPIC | LEAD |
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| 8:30 | REGISTRATION | |
| 9:00 | OPENING REMARKS | Haishan Fu , Chief Statistician and Director, World Bank Group |
| 9:05 | KEYNOTE ADDRESS | Dr. Aisha Walcott-Bryant , Head of Google Research Africa |
| 9:25 | STATE OF THE PARTNERSHIP | Holly Krambeck , Program Manager, World Bank Group |
| 9:35 | <p>How AI is Reshaping Labor Markets: Findings from International Organizations Working with LinkedIn Data</p> <p><i>Economists from the OECD, IMF, and World Bank Group share what LinkedIn's global data is revealing about how AI is reshaping skills, hiring, and labor markets — moderated by LinkedIn</i></p> | <p>Moderator: Rosie Hood, Lead Data Scientist, LinkedIn</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ El Iza Mohamedou, Head of the OECD Centre for Skills, OECD ▶ Dhushyanth Raju, Lead Economist, World Bank Group ▶ Cheryl Li, Research Analyst, IMF |
| 10:25 | <p>IMPACT STORIES</p> <p><i>Fast-paced relay-style presentations, jointly given by the tech company and the international organization staff who worked together to create impact</i></p> | <p>Viviana Cañón, Program Coordinator, UNICEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Katherine Macdonald, Senior Director, Ookla for Good & Strategic Initiatives, Ookla <p><i>From Data to Deployment: Bridging Guatemala's Connectivity Divide</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Enrique Iglesias Rodriguez, Telecommunication Sector Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank <p><i>Digital Connectivity Mapping for East Africa: Identifying Access Gaps to Guide Digital Infrastructure Investments</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Mohamed Ali Hadj Taieb, Senior Data Scientist, African Development Bank <p><i>South Asia's White-Collar Workforce: New Evidence from Alternative Data</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Cynthia Lo, Program Manager, GitHub ▶ Sahiti Sarva, Data Scientist, World Bank Group |

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| 11:00 | BREAK | |
| 11:15 | A Conversation about AI's Impact on Work with the WBG Chief Economist and the Companies Building the Technology | <p>Chair: Indermit Gill, Chief Economist, World Bank Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Ruth Appel, Data Scientist, Anthropic ▶ Drew Johnston, Data Scientist, OpenAI ▶ Seth Spielman, Director, Microsoft AI |
| 12:15 | <p>IMPACT STORIES</p> <p><i>Fast-paced relay-style presentations, jointly given by the tech company and the international organization staff who worked together to create impact</i></p> | <p>Swati Dawra, Head of Strategic Resources and Data, Technology & AI Enablement, UNDP</p> <p>Prosperity at Risk: Flood Exposure and Wealth in Asia and the Pacific</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ John Bevington, Director, JBA Global Resilience ▶ Takaaki Masaki, Senior Economist, Asian Development Bank <p>Advancing Low Emission Zones in Southeast Asia</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Sebastian Mueller, Technical Lead, Data & AI, Asian Development Bank <p>Bali Reimagined</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Laura McGorman, Director, AI for Good at Meta ▶ Andrew Stober, Strategic Partner Manager, Google Geo ▶ Sol Tadeo, Data Scientist, World Bank Group |
| 12:50 | CLOSING REMARKS | Jean-Michel Baudoin , CIO and General Manager, Inter-American Development Bank |
| 1:00 | CLOSE | |



NEW DIRECTION

Dr. Aisha Walcott is a Senior Staff Research Scientist and Head of Google Research Africa, where she leads a team of scientists and engineers pioneering AI to tackle society's most pressing challenges. With over a decade of experience in Africa, she focuses on driving innovation with partners across the African research and tech ecosystem on problems ranging from food security, languages, and health. Prior to joining Google, Dr. Walcott served as a Senior Technical Staff Member at IBM Research Africa. Dr. Walcott also serves in key leadership roles including Associate Vice President for the IEEE Robotics and Automation Society Technical Education Program, Steering Committee member for the Wits University Machine Intelligence for Neural Discovery (MIND) Institute, and was on the Program Committee for the US-Africa Frontiers in Science with the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM). Dr. Walcott earned her PhD in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department at MIT.



DR. AISHA WALCOTT
Head of Google Research Africa
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NEW INSIGHTS



INDERMIT GILL
Chief Economist of the World Bank Group and Senior Vice President for Development Economics
World Bank Group

Indermit Gill is Chief Economist of the World Bank Group and Senior Vice President for Development Economics.

Before starting this position on September 1, 2022, Indermit served as the World Bank's Vice President for Equitable Growth, Finance, and Institutions, where he helped shape the Bank's response to the extraordinary series of shocks that have hit developing economies since 2020. Between 2016 and 2021, he was a professor of public policy at Duke University and non-resident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution's Global Economy and Development program.

Indermit led the World Bank's influential 2009 World Development Report on economic geography. His work includes introducing the concept of the "middle-income trap" to describe how countries stagnate after reaching a certain level of income. The 2024 World Development Report, prepared with his guidance, highlights strategies for countries to escape the middle-income trap—by adopting modern technologies and driving innovation.

Indermit has published extensively on key policy issues facing developing countries—among other things, sovereign debt vulnerabilities, green growth and natural-resource wealth, labor markets, and poverty and inequality. Indermit has also taught at Georgetown University and the University of Chicago. He holds a Ph.D. in economics from the University of Chicago.

DHUSHYANTH RAJU

Lead Economist in the Social Policy Practice, **World Bank Group**

Dhushyanth Raju is a Lead Economist in the Social Policy Practice. He works on labor market and social welfare policies and programs across Europe and Central Asia through lending operations, advisory services, and research. Before his current role, he held positions in several regional and global departments at the World Bank, with a focus on human development, social welfare, labor markets, and public policy. He has experience in the design and supervision of projects across different lending instruments and has also contributed to R&D work on results-based lending. His research has been published in reports, edited volumes, and academic journals in economics.



DREW JOHNSTON

Data Scientist, **OpenAI**

Drew Johnston is a data scientist at OpenAI, where he works on the Economic Research and Global Affairs teams. At OpenAI, he has worked on OpenAI's Signals platform for data sharing, and on research related to how workflows are adapting in response to the development of agentic technologies. Before working at OpenAI, Drew worked at Meta's Social Capital Lab, which shared data on social connectedness with academics and nonprofits, and supported research into the determinants and effects of social ties. Drew received a PhD in economics from Harvard University in 2024, and a BA in computer science and economics from Columbia University in 2017.



EL IZA MOHAMEDOU

Head of the OECD Centre for Skills, **OECD**

El Iza Mohamedou is the Head of the OECD Centre for Skills which supports countries to achieve better economic and social outcomes by taking a whole-of-government approach and engaging with stakeholders to develop and implement better skills policies.

She has more than 30 years of international experience working in the field and at headquarters with various international organisations and in the private sector. El Iza holds a PhD in Economics, MBA in International Business and a BA in Economics.



ROSIE HOOD

Lead Data Scientist, **LinkedIn**

Rosie Hood is the Lead Data Scientist for EMEA in LinkedIn's Economic Graph Research Institute and Global Co-Head of LinkedIn's Data for Impact programme, empowering government and multilateral partners with the economic data they need to make informed decisions and invest in programmes that create economic opportunity for the global workforce. As part of the Economic Graph Research Institute, Rosie's research focuses on building novel statistical models on AI, emerging technologies, and labour markets.



RUTH APPEL

Data Scientist, **Anthropic**

Ruth Appel researches the economic and societal impacts of AI at Anthropic. She is co-lead author of the 3rd and 4th Anthropic Economic Index reports measuring global AI adoption and economic impacts. She holds a PhD in Political Communication and MS in Computer Science from Stanford University, an MPP from Sciences Po Paris, and a B.Sc. in Economics from the University of Mannheim. She has published in Science Advances, Nature Human Behaviour and at ICML, and her work has been featured in news outlets such as The Economist, The Washington Post, and WIRED.



SETH SPIELMAN

Director, **Microsoft AI**

Seth E. Spielman is a computational social scientist. He currently serves as a Director and member of the technical staff at Microsoft AI, leading evaluation for Copilot. Prior to his current role, he held faculty positions at the University of Colorado, Brown University, and Columbia University, where his research centered on measuring complex social phenomena - with a focus on official statistics and national data programs. He is a recipient of the Distinguished Scholar Award from the American Association of Geographers and the Breheny Prize in urban analytics.



XINJUE "CHERYL" LI

Research Analyst, **IMF**

Cheryl Li is a Research Analyst in the European Department of the IMF, where she supports macroeconomic surveillance and policy analysis for European economies, with a focus on Luxembourg and Romania. Her work uses quantitative methods and digital data to study policy-relevant economic issues, including how artificial intelligence is reshaping skills, occupations, and labor demand. Her broader research spans income taxation, fiscal policy and financial stability, with recent research on macroprudential policy reaction functions across European economies.



IMPACT STORIES



ANDREW STOBER

Strategic Partner Manager, **Google Geo**

Andrew drives innovation and collaboration at the intersection of technology, communities, and public policy.

For Google Maps, Waze, and Google Earth, Andrew cultivates partnerships that empower public authorities to communicate with constituents and leverage Google product insights for improved transportation management, safety, and sustainability. Before joining Google, he spent more than a decade in public service including as Chief of Staff for Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter's Office of Transportation and Utilities and at the Colorado Department of Transportation advising the executive team and Transportation Commission on policy, investment, and performance management.

Andrew earned a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and a Bachelor's Degree in Business and Transportation Management from Northeastern University.



CYNTHIA LO

Program Manager, **GitHub**

Cynthia is a Program Manager leading social sector partnerships and programs at GitHub's Social Impact. She leads the product development of GitHub for Nonprofits to bring nonprofits partners software development tools and capacity building resources which a focus on open source for good.



ENRIQUE IGLESIAS RODRIGUEZ

Telecommunication Sector Specialist, **Inter-American Development Bank**

Enrique Iglesias is a Telecommunications Specialist in the Connectivity, Markets, and Finance Division of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). His work focuses on supporting the governments of Latin America and the Caribbean in developing their digital infrastructure agendas through technical assistance and loan operations. Previously, he worked as a strategy and operations consultant based in Madrid, where he had the opportunity to collaborate with major telecommunications companies in Europe and Latin America. Enrique holds a Master's degree in Telecommunications Engineering from Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and a Master's in Banking and Financial Markets from Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.



JOHN BEVINGTON

Director, **JBA Global Resilience**

John Bevington is a Director at JBA Global Resilience and a Chartered Geographer specialising in flood hazard data, remote sensing and impact-based forecasting. With over 20 years' experience, he has led and contributed to more than 50 international development and humanitarian projects across over 60 countries, working with organisations including multi-lateral development banks, governments, NGOs and the insurance sector.

John leads the development of JBA's Flood Foresight system, supporting global flood forecasting, humanitarian anticipatory action and disaster risk financing. His work focuses on integrating geospatial data and modelling to inform decision-making, particularly in data-scarce and high-risk environments.



KATHERINE MACDONALD

Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives, **Ookla**

Katherine Macdonald currently serves as the Senior Director of Strategic Initiatives for Ookla. She is also the creator and Program Manager of Ookla for Good.

Katherine has over 25 years of experience in creating collaborative partnerships and identifying strategic priorities within the network intelligence and communication industries. As program manager for Ookla for Good, she supports Ookla's mission to improve connected experiences for all by connecting Ookla's people, skills, and insights with like-minded organizations around the world. She also actively supports Ookla's government and industry engagements in an array of capacities. Prior to joining Ookla in 2018, she was responsible for developing global alliances and led marketing, communication, and creative teams at Mosaik.



LAURA MCGORMAN

Director, AI for Good at **Meta**

Laura McGorman is the Director of AI for Good at Meta, which helps governments, research institutions, and businesses use Meta's AI models to advance their missions. Prior to her tenure at Meta, she served as a Director for the US Commerce Data Service, and held positions at Opower, the World Bank, and USAID, where she worked on the President's Malaria Initiative. She has a BA in Economics from Columbia University and a Master's in Development Economics from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.



MOHAMED ALI HADJ TAIEB

Senior Data Scientist, **African Development Bank**

Dr. Mohamed Ali HADJ TAIEB is a Senior Data Scientist consultant at the African Development Bank's, where he supports the development of AI-driven solutions and the use of non-traditional data sources to inform strategic planning and sustainable development across African countries. He has played a central role in strengthening AfDB's engagement with the Development Data Partnership, building in-house capacity in Big Data and Artificial Intelligence, and designing innovative data use cases.

He holds a PhD (2014) and an HDR (2025) in Computer Science from the University of Sfax, Tunisia, and serves as Associate Professor at the Faculty of Sciences of Sfax, where he co-founded the Data Engineering and Semantics Research Unit — a bridge between academic, industrial, and entrepreneurial environments. His research spans Big Data architectures, knowledge engineering, semantic technologies, graph embedding, and applied AI, with extensive publications in leading international journals and active service as a reviewer for outlets such as Knowledge-Based Systems, Artificial Intelligence Review, and Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence. He is an IEEE Senior Member and a certified Big Data instructor.



SAHITI SARVA

Data Scientist, **World Bank Group**

Sahiti Sarva is a Data Scientist at the Development Economics Data Group at the World Bank, where she specializes in alternative data from remote sensing and the private sector. Her work focuses on applying these data to post-disaster analytical support in fragile, conflict and violent countries, as well as economic monitoring reports across developing economies.



SEBASTIAN MUELLER

Technical Lead, Data & AI, **Asian Development Bank**

Sebastian is a Consultant Data Scientist at the ADB, working on transport and remote sensing applications in sustainable development. He holds an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Prior to joining ADB, Sebastian founded a tech startup focused on demand forecasting and operations optimisation in transport and logistics. He has also contributed to data science teaching and research at LSE.



SOL TADEO

Data Scientist, **World Bank Group**

Sol is a Data Scientist with the Development Data Partnership at the World Bank and an Adjunct Professor of Data Analysis at the National University of Rosario in Argentina. She is passionate about harnessing data to drive more equitable and sustainable urban development.



TAKAAKI MASAKI

Senior Economist, **Asian Development Bank**

Takaaki Masaki is a Senior Economist (Data Science) in the Data Division of the Economic Research and Development Impact Department at ADB. His work focuses on leveraging GIS, big data, remote sensing, and machine learning to strengthen development statistics—particularly agricultural and rural statistics—and to advance high-resolution welfare and poverty mapping. Through these approaches, he supports spatial targeting to maximize development impact and evaluates the distributional implications of policy interventions.

Prior to joining ADB, he worked as a Senior Economist at the World Bank, where he led a number of analytical projects using innovative data sources—such as satellite and remote-sensing data—to improve welfare and poverty measurement, enhance agricultural statistics, assess spatial inequalities, and inform evidence-based policy design in data-scarce environments.

SPEAKERS



HAISHAN FU

Chief Statistician and Director, **World Bank Group**

Haishan Fu is World Bank Group's Chief Statistician and Director of the Development Data Group. In these roles, she leads and coordinates the Bank's development data agenda, including oversight of cutting-edge global data public goods, pioneering public-private partnerships, globally trusted technical advisory services, and innovative financing solutions, including the World Bank-hosted Global Data Facility.

A lifelong advocate for unlocking the power of data to improve lives, Haishan has been at the forefront of the global data discourse as a prominent thought leader, expert advisor, and academic and policy researcher for over three decades.

Prior to joining the Bank, she led the regional statistical development programs in Asia and the Pacific at UNESCAP and was the first Chief of Statistics of UNDP's Human Development Report. Haishan holds a Ph.D. in Demography from Princeton University and a B.A. in Economics from Peking University.



HOLLY KRAMBECK

Program Manager, **World Bank Group**

Holly Krambeck is the Program Manager for the World Bank Data Lab within the Development Data Group, where she leads efforts to strengthen coordination across data teams, build public-private partnerships, and expand staff capacity to deliver modern data solutions aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. She is also the founder of the Development Data Partnership, a consortium of 11 international organizations and 30 companies established to advance data sharing and data science collaboration for the public good. Previously, Holly served as a World Bank Task Team Leader managing a portfolio of transport infrastructure investments and technical assistance across East and Southeast Asia, supporting government efforts to improve data collection, management, and analytics. She holds an M.Sc. in Transportation and an M.C.P. in City Planning from MIT.



JEAN-MICHEL BAUDOIN

CIO and General Manager of Technology and Transformation Department, **Inter-American Development Bank**

Jean-Michel Baudoin, a citizen of France, joined the IDB in 2021 in his current role. He leads the Technology and Transformation Department (TTD), driving the Bank's use of technology, data, and innovation to deliver on its mission. He oversees the IDB Group's technology operations and strategic direction under the principle of Technology and Transformation for Greater Impact and leads the cross-cutting Digital Transformation Program to evolve culture, ways of working, and the use of data and technology.

Mr. Baudoin has over 27 years of experience in the IT field, during which he led the digital transformation in Airbus North America as well as the Information Management Department for corporate functions. He previously worked as a senior IT director at Accenture, where he consulted for large companies and consortiums across Europe, such as EADS, ArcelorMittal, British Gas, Tesco, Bahlsen, and BNP-Paribas.



SWATI DAWRA

Head of Strategic Resources and Data, Technology & AI Enablement, **UNDP**

Swati Dawra leads Strategic Resourcing and Technology, AI and Data Enablement work at UNDP's Digital, AI and Innovation Hub which drives UNDP's digital and AI agenda as an enabler to development across 170 countries and territories. She serves as a Strategic Advisor to the Chief Digital Officer, leading the Hub's direction on resourcing, workforce, and operational priorities.

Swati has helped build the institutional foundations behind UNDP's digital agenda since the launch of its first Digital Strategy. She heads UNDP's evolving AI and data governance practices and is currently leading the development of the organization's institutional framework for the responsible use of data and AI.

She brings two decades of experience across international development projects and the private sector, with a consistent focus on how institutions can build the conditions to turn ambitious digital agendas into outcomes at scale.



VIVIANA CAÑÓN


Program Coordinator, **UNICEF**

Viviana Cañón Tamayo is the Program Coordinator for UNICEF's Frontier Data Network within UNICEF's AI Office. She cocreated this network, launched in 2024, to advance the use of frontier data technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) to benefit all children and the systems that care for them.

Viviana has worked for UNICEF since 2017, leading strategic partnerships with governments (including Scotland and Spain) as well as with the private sector and academia. Before joining UNICEF, she contributed to the Open Algorithms Project (OPAL) and worked as a social entrepreneur, helping scale 42, the French coding school known for its disruptive model.

Her career began in the Colombian government, where she spent more than five years advancing Official Development Aid and South-South Cooperation. Viviana holds a master's degree in international development and a bachelor's degree in international and public affairs.

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