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International Consultant in Climate Finance, ESG and Safeguards



For 20 years I have advised multilateral development banks, United Nations agencies, governments and companies across Asia and the Pacific, Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. I integrate climate and sustainable finance, safeguards and governance, and I lead every engagement personally.

20

years of senior advisory practice

40+

countries across six continents

3

Springer volumes, a fourth forthcoming

3

working languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese

CORE CAPABILITIES

CLIMATE FINANCE

Climate and sustainable finance

- Climate finance assessments for concessional and blended finance
- Climate finance roadmaps for communities and local governments
- Parametric climate insurance and inclusive finance products
- Green taxonomies and ESG eligibility assessments

SAFEGUARDS

Environmental and social safeguards

- Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) and SIA
- Social Impact Management Plans and monitoring
- IFC Performance Standards and lender requirements
- Resettlement, gender and Indigenous peoples engagement

ESG AND REPORTING

ESG strategy, due diligence and reporting

- ESG strategy, metrics and country level ESG guidelines
- ESG due diligence for mergers and acquisitions
- Sustainability reporting (GRI) and climate disclosure (TCFD)
- Executive and practitioner training

GOVERNANCE

Governance and public policy

- Climate risk disclosure guidelines and regulation
- Extractive sector policy, mining codes and roadmaps
- Institutional strengthening and SDG integration
- Policy research and knowledge products

What sets my work apart

- 01 Integrated E, S and G: finance designed with safeguards built in and governance that holds it in place.
- 02 Senior, hands on leadership from scoping to the final deliverable, with one accountable point of contact.
- 03 Field depth with institutional fluency, from mining and energy regions to ministries and boardrooms.
- 04 Teams that scale through IBF International Institute for Better Futures and specialists from more than 35 countries.

Who I work with

- **Multilateral organisations:** development banks and United Nations agencies
- **Private sector:** companies, investors and project developers
- **Academia and research:** universities, think tanks and journals
- **Governments:** ministries, regulators and local governments

SELECTED ENGAGEMENTS

ADB · PAKISTAN

Parametric Climate Insurance for women micro borrowers

Design of a parametric climate insurance product for women micro borrowers in South Asia.

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Climate finance assessments and country level ESG

Eligibility for blended and concessional finance, and ESG guidelines with the Pakistan Stock Exchange.

GGGI · FIJI

Climate finance and climate risk disclosure

A climate finance roadmap for communities and local governments, and national climate risk disclosure guidelines.

SUN CABLE · AUSTRALIA AND ASIA

Social Impact Management Plan, AAPowerLink

For a cross border renewable energy project, approved by the Northern Territory Environment Protection Authority.

UNDP, ENDIAMA, CATOCA · ANGOLA

Africa Mining Vision roadmap

A 2030 roadmap aligning Angola's mining sector with the Africa Mining Vision, and support to the mining code.

UNESCAP · ASIA PACIFIC

Responsible and sustainable banking and business

A handbook on responsible banking and finance, and the Sustainable Value Creation Business Model.

CLIENTS AND PARTNERS



QUALIFICATIONS

PhD



Governance, Sustainability and Social Performance, UQ, Australia

Postdoctoral Fellowship



Sustainability, UNU IAS, Japan

Postdoctoral Fellowship



Sustainability, Keio University, Japan

MBA



Central Queensland University, Australia

MA



Educational Management, University of Barcelona, Spain

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PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

2019

GRI Certified Sustainability Professional

Global Reporting Initiative

2023

Impact Assessment Certified Professional

International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA)

2025

IS Essentials

Infrastructure Sustainability Council

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WAYS TO ENGAGE

Team leader or international expert

Technical leadership of TA, UN and government assignments.

Senior advisory retainer

Ongoing senior judgement for leadership teams and boards.

Independent review and due diligence

SIA, ESIA, ESG and safeguards review before you commit.

Executive training

ESG, climate finance and impact assessment programmes.

Planning a project or tender?

Send me your terms of reference. I will review the scope and reply within two business days with how I would approach it, on my own or with a team.

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