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Representing diverse sectors including government, urban design, planning, social development, infrastructure, finance, and architecture, the class of 2020 embodies the necessary sectoral diversity to deal with the cross cutting challenges and opportunities that today's cities are facing.

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Founder / CEO

ROWGA

London

Abidemi has in the last 4 years championed the promotion and creation of awareness of the benefits of extensively exploring tunnelling and underground space use in achieving resilience and future proofing key African Cities. He led the discussions in Partnership with delegates from the International Tunnelling and Underground Space Association with the 8th Nigeria National Assembly for the proposition of adopting Tunnelling and Underground Space Use into the Land Transportation Act. He holds academic qualifications in Geology (University of Calabar), Civil Engineering (University of East London). He is also registered with the Council of Registered Engineers Nigeria.



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*Associate Minister for
Industrial Affairs*

*Ministry of Trade and
Industry*

Cairo

Prior to joining the Ministry of Trade and Industry, Ahmed served as an Advisor to the Minister of Investment and International Cooperation in Egypt, where he was managing the work of several multi-lateral institutions in Egypt including the World Bank, EBRD, IFC, as well DFID-UK. Some of the projects under his management included Upper Egypt Local Development Program, Solid Waste treatment facilities, dry-ports development projects, and Benban Solar Farm, which is the biggest solar farm in Africa and amongst the largest in the world. Mr. Reda is also the national focal point for Closing the Investment Gap, an initiative in collaboration with the UN. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Economy (American University in Cairo).



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Albert is a Senior Private Sector Specialist at the World Bank based in New Delhi, India. His work program includes projects on firm-level productivity and technology adoption, innovation ecosystems and local economic development. A seasoned economic development practitioner in the subnational policy space, he has conducted numerous regional and sector-based economic analysis to facilitate action-oriented dialogue with local stakeholders across Europe, South Asia and Latin America. Prior to joining the World Bank, he delivered strategic recommendations to national and subnational governments as a regional competitiveness and cluster development consultant, and implemented policy interventions as a manager and public official in the Catalan Competitiveness Agency (Government of Catalonia) in Barcelona, Spain.

Senior Private Sector Specialist

The World Bank

New Delhi

Albert wants to explore holistic approaches to city management, convinced that cities hold the key to global prosperity as they host a growing share of an increasingly urbanized population. Cities, as units of analysis and stakeholder mobilization, constitute platforms to design innovative policy-making and test public-private solutions to tackle the world's most pressing social, environmental and development challenges.

Albert holds a Mid-Career Master in Public Administration (MPA) from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and a Master in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of San Francisco.



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Alexander currently works on policy initiatives for circular economy with the Ministry of Ecology in Kiev. In particular, waste management and recycling. He is also a renewable energy developer based in Ukraine with River Wind Technologies, with a focus on wind and solar farms. He separately set up hydrogen alliance with German partners with a view to produce green hydrogen.

Previously, Alexander managed IT outsourcing company with a client base mainly made up of start ups funded through crowdfunding platforms in Northern Europe and some local corporate clients. His first jobs were with finance and investment firms with deals ranging from property finance and transportation to private transactions in agriculture and IT.

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Amara is a Strategist, Public Policy expert and Social Impact professional on city and state policy as well as international affairs with expertise in Central Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

She serves as a representative of the African Union in the Diaspora representing the 6th Region of the African Union Commission. She is also Policy and Research Coordinator for the Movement for Black Lives and serves as a Strategy Advisor for corporations, organizations, and governmental institutions globally. Prior to her current roles, she worked in the Mayor's Office for the city of Chicago, and served as Executive Director of community-based organizations. As a grassroots organizer she worked on issues of education equity, economic justice and environmental justice.

Amara holds a Bachelors degree in Broadcast Journalism and Bachelors degree in Political Science. She also holds a Masters degree in education, a law degree, and PhD in Education Policy. She serves on the National Advisory Board of the Public Banking Institute and on the boards of the Chicago Community Loan Fund, and Chicago Neighbourhoods Initiative. She maintains proficiency in Igbo, Spanish, French and Portuguese and was named a Public Policy Global Leadership Fellow with the Global Strategists Association.

Strategist and Social Impact

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Bernardo is the Secretary of the Environment of the City of Rio de Janeiro, President of the Forum of Secretaries of Environment of the Brazilian Capitals (CB27) and the President of the Promotion Agency of the City of Rio de Janeiro - Fomenta Rio.

He holds a law degree from the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio) and a post-graduated leader by the Master in Leadership and Public Management - MLG, with an international degree at Harvard Kennedy School (HKS). He also holds an MBA in PPP and Concessions from Fundação Escola de Sociologia de São Paulo (FESPSP) and London School of Economics (LSE). At Rio de Janeiro's City Hall, he was also Under Secretary of Administration, President of the Rio de Janeiro Municipal Pension and Assistance Institute (PREVI-RIO) and Administration and Finance Director at RIOLUZ.

Secretary of Environment

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Bruce is Vice President, Market Strategies at Lowlaw Companies Ltd. His career in information systems and retail started with a small consulting firm specializing in the implementation of geographic information systems (GIS) for business purposes. With this understanding of how to develop visual insights to drive key decisions, Bruce's career migrated from a business support role to a leadership role at Loblaw, Canada's largest retailer. The use of geographic information to build and optimize our retail store network remains his core responsibility today.

Through this journey, Bruce has been involved in the assessment of key urban projects along with mergers & acquisitions, and have built a small team of high performing specialists. He is keen to further develop his understanding of how complex urban systems are growing along with Canada's cities.

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Cindy is the Managing Director of Keppel Urban Solutions, an end-to-end master developer of large scale precincts and townships in Asia. Concurrently, she is the Director of Group Corporate Development at Keppel Corporation. In these roles, Cindy is focused on harnessing the Keppel Group's capabilities in energy & environment, property & urban development, infrastructure and connectivity to create highly liveable, smart and sustainable communities.

Since joining Keppel, Cindy has held several leadership appointments within the Group, which includes infrastructure services, quality system, talent management as well as productivity, innovation related programs.

Cindy holds a Second Class (Upper) Honours degree in Mechanical & Production Engineering from the Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. She also holds a Executive Master of Business Administration from Singapore Management University.

Managing Director, Urban Solutions

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Claire Callan

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Claire's career to date has had 3 phases. Claire bring 20 years of corporate expertise working across international cultural environments (HK, India, UK, US).

From 2001 - 2005 Claire ran the logistics for a growing hedge fund in New York, including relocating the company to a custom built space. From 2005 - 2013 Claire worked at JP Morgan in New York building and delivering leadership development programmes for technical talent. In 2013 she moved to London and took a role at HSBC to implement an integrated technical career path for HSBC.

In 2016 the CIO sponsoring the leadership initiatives invited Claire to join the new innovation function. She discovered a passion for strategy working with internal clients adopting new technologies and evolving the capabilities of a 150 year old financial institution. Her most recent project supported the innovative transformation of Regulatory Compliance, replacing HSBC's communications surveillance system with a next generation analytical platform hosted on Google Cloud.

For her next career phase she would like to play a part in helping cities evolve. Realising the potential for innovative new technologies will require active engagement with many varied stakeholders to effectively integrate them in a way that works for all citizens.

Director

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London



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Erik is Partner and Head of Agency at Colliers International Latvia. In this role, he co-manages Colliers International operations and business development in Latvia. Focusing on real estate consulting during last 12 years, Erik has established a strong team of experts, helping property owners, occupiers, as well as public companies to achieve their real estate goals in the Baltics.

Erik is the member of Green Building Council in Latvia, as well as the member of Real Estate Developers Association in Latvia. Being part of the team in several large-scale real estate projects, which are shaping the city of Riga, he is an active promoter of sustainable and affordable real estate development, as well as its further use.

Partner / Head of Agency

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Latvia*

Riga



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Gabriela Rodríguez-Herrera is the Head of Climate, Energy and Future Cities Policy at the British Embassy in Mexico City, where she leads on the implementation of the bilateral cooperation strategy between Mexico and the UK for these portfolios.

As part of her role, Gabriela works to identify and enable opportunities for accelerating climate action at the local level, advising on the design and delivery of a wide range of development programmes funded by the UK government to mobilise climate finance internationally.

Prior to joining the British Government, Gabriela worked with a number of industry associations advancing sustainable development practices in areas like waste and water management, air quality, and environmental compliance. She acted as coordinator for the National Industrial Symbiosis Programme (NISP) in Mexico, a UK initiative to promote industrial symbiosis and circular economy as tools to foster clean growth in industrialised cities. Gabriela holds an Environmental Engineering degree and qualifications in green finance, public policy, climate and energy diplomacy, project management and international cooperation.

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Hannah has experience across Development Management, Architecture and Urban Renewal. She is currently working for Infrastructure NSW as a Senior Development Manager in the team responsible for the delivery of the new Powerhouse Museum in Parramatta. Prior to this she worked for Neeson Murcutt Architects, Sydney and Peter Rich Architects, Johannesburg across a number of national and international projects of cultural significance.

Her career to date has been focused on making a difference. Whether it is a public sector organisation or a private enterprise, she is driven by a desire to improve the lives of the people it serves.

She has degrees in both Interior Design and Architecture and a Property Development Diploma. Upon graduation she won the University medal and the Board of Architects Queensland medallion.

Hannah has tutored across design, technologies and professional practice units in Australia, Asia and Africa and has published and presented work on future cities research and written articles for Architecture Media. In 2016 she was a recipient of the Dulux Study Tour and travelled to Copenhagen, London and Madrid.

Most recently, she has been the 2019 recipient of both the inaugural Australian Institute of Architects Christopher Procter Prize and David Lindner Prize.

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Imran Ali Sultan

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Sultan is a senior civil servant from Pakistan Administrative Service, currently leading Asian Development Bank's funded Punjab Intermediate Cities Improvement Investment Program (PICIIIP) as Deputy Program Director. Nine intermediate cities of the Punjab province are undergoing integrated urban development thru this program. Just recently, he was serving as Principal Staff Officer in the Prime Minister's Office of Pakistan since incumbent government took charge in August 2018. He brings two decades of public sector experience in diverse roles and themes that are highly relevant to urban development and local governance.

*Deputy Program Director,
Local Government and
Community Development
Department*

*Government of the
Punjab*

Lahore

As Assistant Commissioner, Director Estate Management Capital Development Authority, Islamabad and Director Excise & Taxation he focused primarily on municipal service delivery and local revenue generation. He has served in district governments as Deputy Commissioner, and his time as Director General of Gilgit Development Authority provided him with valuable city development experience. He was selected by the Japanese Government for the prestigious Young Leaders Program where he acquired skills tailored specifically for sub-national governments from School of Local Governance, Tokyo. Before joining civil services, Sultan also served the Pakistan Air Force as a pilot for more than a decade.



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Jargalan is the Executive Director of Erel Group of Companies, a vertically integrated construction and development company in Mongolia, starting from raw material production to manufacturing insulated precast building materials. He is deeply involved with the regeneration of Ulaanbaatar City, redeveloping from existing traditional Nomad Ger districts to modern, affordable, and sustainable housing.

He serves on the Board of Arig Bank, the main focus on developing the financing mechanism for affordable housing. He is also on the Board of Erel Energy, in the early stage of developing the Waste Incineration Plant in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. He holds academic qualification in Development Studies and Economics (SOAS, University of London).

Executive Director

Erel

Ulaanbaatar



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Leandro is an economist and specialist in Leadership and Public Management at the Center for Public Leadership - CLP, with executive training at Harvard Kennedy School. He worked as a consultant in several public and private organizations in Brazil. As a consultant, he implemented projects in industries, public transport companies, retail, mining, airport management, executive government departments.

As an executive, he led initiatives in the public sector in different positions; he was Chief of Staff, Special Advisor and Manager. Through these diverse experiences, Leandro developed skills to lead initiatives in planning and restructuring organizational structure, to deal with crisis and conflictive environments and to work on projects that are sensitive to issues social and political.

Currently, Leandro works as a consultant in urban planning and community development projects. In 2020, in particular, Leandro is head of communication and political strategy in an election campaign for the mayor of Poços de Caldas, a Brazilian city with more than 150 thousand inhabitants.

Consultant

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Maria Camila is an economist specialized in cities and Latin American development. She currently works as a Consultant for the Cities Network in the Housing and Urban Development Division of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). At the Cities Network, she specializes in transferring knowledge to Latin American and the Caribbean cities that address urgent urban challenges related to inequality, economic development, and environmental sustainability

Before joining the Cities Network, she worked at the IDB country office in Bogotá, Colombia in the preparation and implementation of an operation for investment projects to support neighbourhood improvement and fiscal strengthening in intermediate cities as well as the evaluation and promotion of sustainability in cities.

Prior to joining the IDB, Maria Camila was Deputy Director of Projects and International Cooperation of the Secretary of Environment of Bogotá Colombia and Technical Advisor of the Water and Waste Management Regulation Commission (CRA). Maria Camila holds an MSc in Latin American Development from Kings College London as well as an MBA from Bentley University.

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She has over 18 years of experience in the Colombian public sector, having served as Secretary of Planning of Bogotá, Director of Cadaster and Tax Director of the same city, advisor to the Ministry of Finance of Colombia and to the National Planning Department. Local and urban fiscal matters stand out amongst her many specializations.

Maria Uribe has undergraduate and Master's degrees in Economics from the Universidad de Los Andes in Colombia and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Harvard University.

Urban Specialist

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Mick is the Chief Executive of the New South Wales Government's Land and Housing Corporation (LAHC). LAHC's core business is the supply and maintenance of social housing for the people of New South Wales, with over \$50 billion (AUD) in assets, 125,000 properties under management and a \$1.2 billion (AUD) turnover per year. A key challenge for the business is the redevelopment of its portfolio with limited capital available for growth.

Prior to leading LAHC, Mick led the government's Revitalising Newcastle program from 2014 and in 2016 he took over as the Chief Executive of Hunter & Central Coast Regional Development Corporation in the Hunter Development Corporation and oversaw its annexing of the Central Coast.

Mick has a over 30 years experience in property and his experience spans concept to completion, having led both projects and businesses through all aspects. In 2019, Mick completed the Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program (AMP196) and holds an MBA (Executive) from the University of New South Wales, a masters of Property Development from the University of Technology and a Construction Management Degree from Newcastle University (Australia).

Chief Executive

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Monita Leung

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Monita was appointed as the Head of Financial Services in 2018, responsible for FinTech business development.

She joined Hong Kong Telecommunications Limited (HKT) in 2001. HKT is the leading service provider of home and wireless broadband for consumers, enterprises and the government. She led the consumer marketing from 2005 to 2011, during which she played an integral part of the success of high speed optical fibre service rollout in Hong Kong. She took the leading role in the operations, marketing and relationship management of affluent customers in 2011 driving service excellence. Since 2014, she had been involved in the planning and implementation of Hong Kong's first mobile payment service and virtual banking.

Prior to joining HKT, Monita spent 10 years working in Chase and American Express, where she focused on consumer credit and payment card business in Hong Kong. Ms Leung graduated from The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, with a Bachelor's Degree equivalent in Business Management.

Head of Financial Services

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Patricia is an Economist at the Economics Department of the European Investment Bank. In her work, she focuses on human capital and investment, regional inequalities and analyses strategies to advance inclusive economic development.

Patricia regularly contributes to EIB publications and has authored numerous working papers and articles in her fields of expertise. Her research interests are in European policy, political, economy, economic geography and human capital development.

Prior to this, Patricia worked at Deutsche Bank Research, where she conducted i.a. research on housing, and Google. She holds a Master degree from Freie Universität Berlin and a doctoral degree from Mannheim University.

Economist

European Investment Bank

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Peter has served as a professional planner in South Africa's public service for 24 years. He grew up in the UK and gained Town and Country Planning undergraduate and post-graduate degrees from the University of Manchester (1989-1993) before relocating to South Africa in 1994. The Gauteng Provincial Departments of Planning and Housing provided formative professional planning opportunities (1996-2001).

He worked for more than a decade at the City of Johannesburg (2001-2013) heading their metropolitan planning unit and for brief periods with the Johannesburg Social Housing Company (JOSCHO) and the national Housing Development Agency (HDA) prior to relocating province and city in 2014.

For the last six years he has managed the metropolitan spatial planning unit at the City of Cape Town Metropolitan Municipality. The team he leads champions the primary metropolitan scale, spatial planning policy and strategy documents including the Municipal Spatial Development Framework and Built Environment Performance Plan. He is also a member of the City's Municipal Planning Tribunal.

In addition to contributions to international and local planning publications he is the founder and host of the Talking Transformation Podcast - an open conversation about spatial transformation and built environment issues in South Africa's town and cities.

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Ramon is an urban economist, writer, and activist with a passion for people and places. He is currently Director of Placemaking Europe and Strategy Advisor to the Creative Bureaucracy Festival. Before, he has served as the Chief Strategy and Finance Officer at La Marina de València, Valencia's waterfront redevelopment agency, and a board member of the Worldwide Network of Port Cities (AIVP). Ramon is a co-editor of the book "Our City? Countering Exclusion in Public Space" (2019) and the host and co-curator of Placemaking Week Europe 2019. His work focuses on the interface between public space and economic development.

He has been a researcher at the University of Valencia (Spain), Western Sydney University (Australia), and FLACSO (Ecuador). He holds a BA in Economics from the University of Valencia and an MSc in Economics and Geography from Utrecht University. He received the Spanish Social Entrepreneur Award in 2012 and co-authored four books and published more than a hundred columns on urban issues in some of the main Spanish newspapers. In 2012, Ramon also co-founded Urbego, an international network of urban professionals dedicated to improving cities through active participation, co-creation, and knowledge sharing; personally leading projects in Australia, Ecuador, Brasil, and Colombia.

Director

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Rohit serves as the Authority's chief of human resources where he takes a lead role in identifying organizational strengths, vulnerabilities and opportunities.

He comes to the Authority after having served in a multitude of public sector leadership roles, including deputy chief human resources officer at the Chicago Housing Authority, deputy chief talent officer at City Colleges of Chicago, director of human resources at the Academy for Urban School Leadership, and director of talent acquisition at Chicago Public Schools.

During his tenure at Chicago Public Schools, Rohit helped the organization reach historic lows in the number of unfilled teacher vacancies that serve approximately 400,000 students. He was recognized as a top school district leader utilizing technology to fast-track and efficiently manage HR functions. In his later roles as a senior human resources advisor, he launched initiatives to address and revitalize culture and climate, implemented or upgraded existing performance processes, and developed professional learning programs.

Rohit currently serves on the board of two non-profit organizations focused on social justice. He holds undergraduate degrees from Loyola University Chicago, a law degree from the IIT Chicago-Kent College of Law, and a master's in business administration from the University of Notre Dame.

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Salma holds a Master of City Planning from University of California, Berkeley and a Bachelor of Arts and Science from McGill University. In 2018, Salma was chosen as a Remarkable Women in Transport award by the Transformative Urban Mobility Initiative. Salma started her career in the development field where she worked at UNAIDS on HIV programs for vulnerable populations.

Programme Officer

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Samer is currently the CEO of the Jordan Bromine Company. Before that, he was the Senior Advisor for Policy and Regulations for the Royal Commission for Makkah City & Holy Sites.

In 2017, Samer served as Regional Director for Tesla in the Middle East. In 2012, Samer was appointed in His Majesty's office as Director for Economic Affairs. Prior to that, he was the Executive Director for Government Sector at (PwC).

Samer served in 2011 as the CEO Jordan Investment Board. Between 2009 - 2011, he was Senior Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister. Prior to that in 2008, he served as Commissioner for Investment at the Development Zones Commission. He was Deputy City Manager for Economic Development Planning & Investments at Greater Amman Municipality (2006-2008), where his main mission was to set the city vision for the next 20 years through the Amman Master Plan.

He holds an MBA degree being the first in class, from University of Denver as well as an MSc in International Securities, Investment and Banking from the University of Reading. Samer is a member of the Young Presidents Organization (YPO), Member of Young Global Leaders and received the highly regarded President Eisenhower Fellowship in 2005.

Chief Executive Officer

Jordan Bromine Company

Amman



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Sam is a Liberian national residing in the United States of America. He came to the United States as a young boy in 1971 to pursue his dreams of being a banker and social activist. He has over 40 years of experience in finance, economics and sustainable development. He started his career as a clerk at Security Pacific International bank and rose to a senior level position in corporate America.

Sam has worked for the Liberian government in several capacities, beginning as Deputy Comptroller at the Ministry of Finance and rose to the position of Minister of State for Economic and Financial Management, his last position in government. Over the past 17 years of Liberia's postwar economic development, Sam has played the role of leading consultant in sustainable development. He consulted with many multinational corporations in Liberia preparing social impact assessments and linkage plans.

Sam's major accomplishment as a lead development consultant was Senior Economist on the United Nations High-Level Panel for the Post 2015 Development Agenda, where he supported former Liberian President Ellen in her role as Co-Chair with former British Prime Minister David Cameron and Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

Consultant

Devin Corporation

Monrovia



Scott Russell

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Scott is a principal and the group leader for Arup's Los Angeles office. In this role, Scott is responsible for all aspects of Arup's Southern California operations with a particular focus on planning, designing, and delivering high-performing buildings in the healthcare and transport sectors and sustainable infrastructure and mobility systems for public sector clients.

A city planner by background and member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, Scott spent much of his professional career in the field of public dispute resolution, helping communities develop consensus-based solutions to critical infrastructure challenges. He holds graduate degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the University of Oxford's Said Business School.

Principal

Arup Group

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Soraya Senosier

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Soraya is Social Specialist in the Environmental Safeguards and Social Unit at the Inter-American Development Bank. Her work ensures that large development programs do no harm to communities that surround them through the management of social impact assessments, resettlement and rehabilitation plans, and social audits.

Soraya has been working in International Development for over 15 years for large non-governmental organizations and Inter-governmental organizations. Prior to settling in Washington, D.C. she lived in Mexico, Honduras, Spain, Dominican Republic, Kosovo and Haiti. It is her firm belief that real development must be sustainable and provide the opportunity for every human being to live with dignity in a society that benefits one and all.

She holds a MA in Peace and International Development.

Social Specialist

*Inter-American
Development Bank*

Washington

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