



Biodiversity Loss and Threats to Financial Stability Biographies

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Prasanna Seshachellam joined Toronto Centre as a Program Director in April 2021. Prasanna has close to three decades of experience straddling both the business and regulatory sides of financial services sector. Immediately prior to joining Toronto Centre, Prasanna was the founder and principal consultant of a consulting firm specializing in GRC and financial regulation. He also worked in many projects with ADB, IMF and World Bank Group, as the subject matter expert in financial regulation & Islamic finance. Previously, Prasanna was the Director of Supervision at the Dubai Financial Services Authority and worked at OSFI Canada. Prasanna has also contributed significantly to development of global standards for regulation of Islamic finance. He was a member of the Technical Committee of the Islamic Financial Services Board and has also participated in many working groups of IFSB, IAIS and BCBS.

Before entering the regulatory world, he worked in many segments of financial services sector including investment banking, asset management, corporate banking, credit rating and risk management. Prasanna has a Bachelor of Technology Degree and an MBA from Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore. He is a CFA charter holder and qualified for the FRM designation.