

IMF WBG Spring Meetings Executive Panel: Harnessing AI for Resilient Financial Systems: Implications for Supervisors

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Panelists:



Lesetja Kganyago Governor, South African Reserve Bank

Mr. Lesetja Kganyago was appointed Governor of the South African Reserve Bank (SARB) with effect from November 2014. He was reappointed by the President of South Africa for a second five-year term effective November 2019. He is the Chairperson of the Monetary Policy Committee and the Financial Stability Committee. Prior to his appointment as Governor, Mr. Kganyago served as Deputy Governor of the SARB from May 2011 until his elevation to Governor.

Mr. Kganyago chairs the Committee of Central Bank Governors of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), co-chairs the Financial Stability Board's Regional Consultative Group for Sub-Saharan Africa, and chairs the Financial Stability Board's Standing Committee on Standards Implementation. In addition, Until recently, he served as the Chairperson of the International Monetary and Financial Committee, which is the primary advisory board to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Board of Governors, from January 2018 to January 2021.

Before joining the SARB, Mr. Kganyago was the Director-General of the National Treasury. He represented South Africa at international organisations such as the World Bank, the IMF, the G20 and the African Development Bank. In this role, he served as the Chair of the Development Committee Deputies and also co-chaired a G20 Working Group on the reform of the IMF.

He holds an MSc in Economics from SOAS University of London and a Bachelor of Commerce degree in Economics and Accounting from the University of South Africa. He also received various training in Finance, Economics, and Management.



Andréa M. Maechler Deputy General Manager, Bank for International Settlements

Andréa M Maechler became Deputy General Manager of the BIS on September 1, 2023. Ms. Maechler was a member of the Governing Board of the Swiss National Bank (SNB) from 2015 until 2023. At the SNB, she was responsible for the Money Market and Foreign Exchange, Asset Management, Banking Operations and Information Technology portfolios.





Prior to joining the SNB, she was Deputy Division Chief in the Global Markets Analysis Division of the International Monetary Fund. She has worked at other international organisations, including the European Systemic Risk Board and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.

She was Chair of the Global Foreign Exchange Committee of central banks from December 2021 to June 2023. Ms Maechler has a PhD and a master's degree in International Economics from the University of California, Santa Cruz, and a Diploma of Higher Studies in International Relations from the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland.



Stefan Ingves Chair, Toronto Centre Former Governor, Sveriges Riksbank

Stefan Ingves is Chair of Toronto Centre's Board of Directors and the former governor of the Central Bank of Sweden. Mr. Ingves previously held the positions of Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) and Chair of the BIS Banking and Risk Management Committee (BRC).

Mr. Ingves was previously a member of the General Council of the European Central Bank; First Vice-Chair of the European Systemic Risk Board; Governor for Sweden in the International Monetary Fund; and a member of the Nordic-Baltic Macroprudential Forum (NBMF).

Mr. Ingves is former Chairman of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision; Director of the Monetary and Financial Systems Department at the IMF; Deputy Governor of the Riksbank; and General Director of the Swedish Bank Support Authority. Prior to that, he was Head of the Financial Markets Department at the Swedish Ministry of Finance. Mr. Ingves holds a Ph.D. in economics.

Moderator:



Jennifer Elliott Assistant Director, Monetary and Capital Markets, IMF; Board Member. Toronto Centre

Jennifer Elliott is the Assistant Director of the Monetary and Capital Markets Department of the IMF. She is responsible for the coordination of the financial sector and central banking policy and surveillance in the Asia-Pacific region and Europe, as well as the work on fragile and conflicted-affected states. She has held various roles in the department, most recently as the head of the technical assistance program.

She is a member of Toronto Centre's Board of Directors. Previously, she was employed at the Ontario Securities Commission, the Investment Dealers Association of Canada and the Toronto Stock Exchange. She holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Toronto and a law degree from the University of Victoria, British Columbia.