



# FIRST HLEAC MEETING

7-8 May 2024 | Shanghai, China

## NDB High Level Evaluation Advisory Committee Meeting

Venue NDB Headquarters (HQs)

### Provisional Agenda

09:25 - 09:35	Group photograph (in NDB lobby)
09:45 - 10:45	Interaction with the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO): Strategic directions and priorities
10:45 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 - 12:30	Discussion on the draft Corporate Level Evaluation Report of NDB's Financial Architecture
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 - 15:00	Interaction with the NDB Inter-Departmental Working Group on Evaluation
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee break (including tour of the NDB building)
15:30 - 15:40	Statement by the Chair of the NDB Board of Directors and Director for South Africa, Mr. Duncan Pieterse, Director General, National Treasury, South Africa – virtual participation
15:40 - 17:00	Discussion on the draft Evaluation Manual
19:30 - 21:30	Dinner* hosted by Mr. Ashwani K. Muthoo, Director General, IEO

\*Dress code: business casual

09:30 - 10:30	Interaction with Mr. Vladimir Kazbekov, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, NDB
10:30 - 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 - 12:00	Evaluation of NDB's Ten Year Activities: Key questions and overall approach
12:00 - 12:30	Closing of the session and next steps
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30 - 16:30	Interaction with faculty and students at the Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute (AFDI), Shanghai

## Members of the Evaluation Advisory Committee

### Mr. Alexandre Meira da Rosa

Mr. Alexandre Meira da Rosa is a Brazilian national and currently serves as the General Manager of Strategic Planning and Development Effectiveness at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB). With over two decades of leadership experience in both public and private sectors, he has held significant roles, including his recent position as Chief Strategy Officer at IDB Invest. Previously, he spent six years as Vice President for Countries at IDB, where he played a pivotal role in defining, coordinating and supervising the operational program, including financing activities, policy formulation advice and capacity building products. Previous to that, he served as Manager of the IDB's Infrastructure and Environment Sector. Prior to his appointments at IDB, he served as Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Planning in Brazil, and Economic Adviser to the Minister. In that capacity, he supervised investments with several MDBs and oversaw the national policy related to MDBs. He also served as Non-Executive Director at large finance and energy sector companies in Brazil. Mr. Rosa holds a bachelor's degree from the Federal University of Minas Gerais, a master's degree in economics from the New School for Social Research in New York, an MBA from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and a Postgraduate Certificate in finance from the University of California at Berkeley.



### **Mr. Sergey I. Shatalov**



Mr. Sergey Shatalov is a Russian national and currently is an independent consultant and an associate professor at the National Research University-Higher School of Economics in Moscow. He has 40 years of experience in analytical and operational work on macro/fiscal policy. He specializes in public finance and debt management, and public sector governance. He served 29 years at the World Bank Group in different senior positions in over fifty countries (Europe, Central Asia, Middle East and North Africa, Sub-Saharan Africa, and East Asia). He was also Deputy Chairman at the Eurasian Development Bank and Managing Director, EURASEC Anticrisis Fund. He has broad experience in supporting national governments in the formulation and implementation of sustainable development and public finance management strategies. He has led economic policy dialogue with top government officials and been responsible for the management of multi-sector portfolios of lending and analytical products. He is experienced in the formulation and implementation of efficiency-enhancing programs for national governments and multilateral institutions. He has a Ph.D. in Economics from the Russian Academy of Sciences.

### **Mr. Vinod Thomas**



Mr. Vinod Thomas is an Indian national and is currently a visiting professor at the National University of Singapore and at the Asian Institute of Management, Manila. He joined the World Bank in 1976 and held several senior positions, including Chief Economist for the East Asia and Pacific region, Director for the World Development Report, Chief of Trade Policy and Principal Economist for Colombia, and Economist for Bangladesh. He also served as the Bank's Country Director for Brazil. Most importantly, he held the positions of Vice President of the World Bank Institute, where he led the Institute's efforts to improve its focus, quality, and impact, and Senior Vice President and Director General of the World Bank Group's Independent Evaluation Group. After his career at the World Bank, he held the position of Director General of the Independent Evaluation Department at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in Manila. He has a PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago and is the author of numerous books, articles, and reports.

### **Mr. Xianbin Yao**



Mr. Xianbin Yao is a Chinese national and is currently Visiting Professor at the Asia-Pacific Finance and Development Institute and De LaSalle University in Manila. Mr. Yao is a development practitioner with 30 years of experience of working in a diverse group of countries and regions, committed to promoting local ownership, fostering innovation and developing partnerships. Prior to his current role, he was Special Senior Advisor to the President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), where he worked for more than two decades. As Special Senior Adviser to the ADB President, he also coordinated the corporate review of the Bank's evaluation policy and represented ADB Management in dialogue with Board Committees, the Independent Evaluation Department, and external stakeholders. He led the update of the ADB results reporting architecture, with a focus on coherence, alignment to corporate strategy, accountability and learning and supervised the preparation of key corporate reports (e.g., portfolio performance, quality-at-completion, and ADB Annual Reports). At ADB, he also served as Director General of the Pacific Regional Department, Director General of the Regional and Sustainable Development Department, and Chief Compliance Officer. He holds a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Business and Management from Nanjing Agricultural University and a master's degree and a PhD in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University.

### **Ms. Zenda Ofir**



Ms. Zenda Ofir is a South African scientist and internationally reputed evaluation specialist. She has served in many advisory capacities for United Nations, philanthropic, academic and other international organisations and initiatives, including UNDP, CGIAR, GAVI, IFAD, AGRA, UN-REDD, the World Conservation Union, Blue Marble Evaluation and the Rockefeller Foundation. During 2022-2023, she was the Senior Impact Resident/Senior Advisor to the Mastercard Foundation's Pan-African Programmes. Ms. Ofir's leadership extends through her roles as the President of the African Evaluation Association, Vice-President of global evaluation associations IOCE and IDEAS, the first American Evaluation Association (AEA) Board Member living outside, Lead Steward in the SDG Transformations Forum, and the inaugural International Evaluation Academy (IEAc) Council Chair. She has worked in many different fields from the local to the global level, with a special interest in Africa and Asia. She has visited 80 countries and worked on assignment in more than 40 of them for multilateral, government, academic, non-government and philanthropic organisations. Ms. Ofir's accolades include being a recipient of the esteemed Richard von Weizsäcker Fellowship from the Robert Bosch Academy in Berlin and holding a fellowship at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Studies.