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SPEAKERS



Vijaypal Singh Bains

Chief Sustainability Officer and Group Head
Emirates NBD

Vijay is the Group Head of ESG and Chief Sustainability Officer for Emirates NBD Group, where he leads the sustainability strategy and its implementation across the organization. He is responsible for the Sustainable and Transition Finance Strategy & Implementation, as well as overseeing the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) programs for the Group. With 20 years of experience in sustainability within the banking sector, Vijay has previously worked with the European Bank of Reconstruction & Development, Lloyds Banking Group, and in consulting roles for KPMG UK in Sustainable Finance & ESG Strategy. His expertise includes designing sustainable finance frameworks, conducting due diligence, and managing sustainability risk.

Vijay is the Chairperson of UAE Banks Federation (UBF) committee. Vijay is the committee member for the Taskforce on Inequality and Social related Financial Disclosures (TISFD). Vijay is an active member of several prominent councils, including the UAE Banking Federation Sustainability Leadership Council, DIFC Sustainable Finance Council, ADGM Sustainable Finance Leadership Council, World Economic Forum (WEF) of Sustainability Leaders, and S&P Sustainability Leadership Council. Additionally, he is a Chartered Environmental Scientist and a Member of the Royal Geographical Society.



Ramakumar Subramaniam

CFO, MENA
Barclays

Ramkumar Balasubramaniam is a results-driven CFO and strategic business leader with 25 years of experience across top-tier institutions including Citi and Barclays, covering Retail, Corporate, Private, and Investment Banking. He has a proven track record of driving revenue growth, strengthening risk management, optimizing processes, and leading automation and transformation initiatives. Known for his strong analytical acumen, he consistently fosters data-driven cultures that enable high-quality decision-making. Ramkumar is also deeply engaged with the global finance community through frequent speaking engagements at major conferences. He serves as an Advisory Board Member of the MEA CFO Group, is a member of the Harvard Business Review Advisory Council, and contributes to the FPAC exam development committee.



Faisal Al Shimmari

Head of ESG & Corporate Strategy
Mashreq

A result-oriented executive with over 29 years of diverse leadership experience across strategy, governance, risk management, digital transformation, information security, crisis management, business continuity, and legislation. Known for driving successful mega initiatives and building high-performing teams with strong strategic, functional, and technical capabilities. An accredited assessor and instructor in the 4.2 Generation Government Excellence Suite, and an accredited counselor in the government knowledge transfer program under the UAE Prime Minister's Office. A graduate of the UAE Government Executive Leaders Program and Founder & Chairman of the Emirates Child Protection Association. He has served as a senior public safety and law enforcement officer (Colonel), Executive Director of Digital Transformation & AI, and founding director of the Governance and e-Auditing Departments, as well as CISO. He has represented the UAE globally in areas such as innovation, future foresight, emerging technologies and has earned recognition through several local and international awards.



Dr. Jasminka Jaksic

ESG & Sustainability
Emirates Global Aluminium

Dr. Jasminka Jaksic is a seasoned environmental and sustainability professional with extensive experience in developing and implementing corporate environmental and sustainability strategies and roadmaps, and ESG disclosures. She currently works at EGA (Emirates Global Aluminium), where she leads sustainability agenda for UAE and global assets related to sustainability reporting, decarbonisation and climate adaptation efforts, cultural transformation and alignment/compliance with international standards. With a PhD in Science, Dr. Jaksic has spent over 20 years driving cross-sectoral sustainability improvements in various industries. Her expertise spans environmental management, climate change mitigation and adaptation, ESG data analytics, and embedding sustainability into business strategy and culture. She is passionate about the circular economy, nature-positive approaches, and leveraging sustainability for long-term value creation. Dr. Jaksic regularly engages with global stakeholders, contributes to technical papers, and participates in regional and international forums to advance best practices in the sustainability field.



Tamil Selvan Ramadoss

Group Chief Finance & Business Transformation Officer
RMB Group

Mr. Tamil is currently heading as Group Chief Finance & Business Transformation Officer of RMB Holdings, JAFZA, UAE. In the past 25 years has served in various capacities as Group CFO, Group Head of Finance at Dubai Government Ports Customs, Free Zone & Maritime Authority, MASA Group, JAFZA, Dubai, Dubai World, Citicorp, Deutsche Bank, Ford Motors and in various Large Business Houses in UAE and India. His Corporate world accomplishments includes managing Annual Revenues of AED 1 Bn, Feasibility & Market Growth of USD 2.5 Bn, and contributed to prestigious project of Dubai Maritime sector namely, Dubai's Maritime Cluster study that ranked Dubai within top ten "Leading Maritime Capitals of the world" and ranked fifth for Attractiveness & Competitiveness in 2017.



Lamia Hariz

Group head of marketing, communication, ESG and IR
ADIB

Lamia Hariz is the Head of ESG, Corporate Communications, Marketing & Investor Relations at ADIB Group, and a distinguished leader in the communications sector. She leads strategic functions that help shape the bank's reputation including ESG, investor relations, public affairs and sponsorships, marketing and communications. Lamia is a committed advocate for the principles of sustainable finance, inclusive social development and ethical banking. Under her leadership, ADIB was upgraded to an AA rating on the MSCI ESG Index, highlighting the bank's steadfast commitment to environmental, social, and governance principles. Lamia has also played a pivotal role in curating a consolidated narrative for ADIB, seamlessly integrating investor relations, public affairs, and marketing to elevate the bank's profile across sectors. Her efforts contributed to ADIB winning several prestigious awards, including accolades from Euromoney for Best Islamic Bank for ESG and Global Finance for innovation and sector leadership. Lamia holds a degree in economics from Saint Joseph University and a master's in communication from Leicester University. She is certified by the Chartered Institute of Public Relations.



Abdelhamid Beshara

Founder and CEO

Masader Environmental Solutions and Energy Services

Dr. Abdelhamid Beshara is a visionary sustainability leader whose work has shaped corporate environmental strategy across the Middle East and North Africa. As the founder of Masader—one of the region's leading sustainability consulting firms—he has helped redefine sustainability in Egypt from a compliance requirement to a core driver of business growth.

He holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering from Imperial College London, where he earned the UNWIN Prize and was named an Imperial Innovator of the Year. A recognized national expert, he was selected for Egypt's UNFCCC Roster of Experts in 2017 and led the National Greenhouse Gas Inventory for Egypt's First Biennial Update Report (2018) and First Biennial Transparency Report (2024). At COP27, he served as Sustainability and GHG Consultant, designing the event's decarbonization strategy and authoring its Sustainability Report.

With 25 years of engineering experience and an academic tenure at Alexandria University, Dr. Beshara has advised global development finance institutions including the World Bank, EBRD, GIZ, and the African Development Bank. Under his leadership, Masader now partners with over half of Forbes Middle East's Top 50 Egyptian Companies of 2024 and the majority of Egypt's leading financial institutions. Expanding into Dubai and soon Saudi Arabia, Masader continues to advance innovation through its 2024-launched Masader Lab, focused on green materials and energy efficiency.



Daxita Rajcoomar

Chief Sustainability Officer

ENGIE

With over 18 years of experience Daxita has established herself as a thought leader and an influencer in the sustainability sector. She is an advocate for environmental protection and climate change with a keen interest in developing real world strategies that balance the economy, society and the environment.

Daxita has leveraged the unique lessons she learned from Africa, Europe and the Middle East to drive change and improve sustainable growth.

Her role as Chief Sustainability Officer at ENGIE AMEA, is aligned to implementing and driving solutions that promotes ENGIE's Carbon Neutral vision as well as ensuring ENGIE's active engagement with its local stakeholders on its ESG frameworks whilst lobbying for climate action.



Sankar Krishnan

CEO

Ecodrisil ESG

A passionate technology leader with 24+ years of experience as an Architect, Consultant and Service delivery specialist for large Technology implementations and maintenance in the areas of SAP®, Enterprise Mobility & Cloud Technologies. As CEO of Travanleo, Sankar Krishnan is primarily responsible for setting the direction, executing the strategy, drive business development and manage client relations. During his stint at Microsoft, Barclays, Wipro and IVL, Sankar Krishnan have worked in global crossfunctional environments to launch new products and services, drive new strategic solutions, setup high performing teams, drive operational excellence & program management. One of the key priorities of Sankar at Travanleo is to provide great colleague experience and long term value to our clients and stakeholder.



Tanya Seajay

CEO
7 Centre Middle East

Tanya Seajay is an entrepreneur and CEO of 7 Centre Middle East, working between Canada and the UAE (Dubai Internet City). She co-created Simplii, a sustainability data management platform that connects suppliers with enterprise customers and turns complex requirements into clear, audit-ready reporting. She served in an executive role on a major environmental remediation in Canada and later commercialized data solutions adopted by European financial markets. Educated in communications and formal board governance, she brings boardroom discipline to reporting that wins enterprise and investor confidence - helping growing businesses use AI and practical data to target what matters, track outcomes, and earn stakeholder trust.



Muna Merghani

Chief Human Resources & Sustainability Officer
Haggar Group

Muna Merghani is a seasoned professional with over 20 years of experience in humanitarian aid, development management, and corporate sustainability. She holds a B.Sc. with Honors in Computer Sciences, a Master's Degree in Development Management, and High Diplomas in International Aid Administration and French Language.

Muna's career journey led her from the tech world to social and community development. She gained expertise at renowned organizations like Care International, Plan Sudan, and ECHO. In 2011, she joined Haggar Group, where she established and leads the Corporate Sustainability and Social Impact Department. This department promotes socially and environmentally responsible operations, sustainability, and alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals. In addition to her sustainability role, Muna oversees Human Resources, providing strategic leadership in areas such as learning & development, compensation & benefits, performance management, succession planning, and change management. Outside of her professional work, Muna is an active volunteer, contributing to civil society in capacity development.



Agatha Nair

Director, Office of Sustainability
Sutherland

Agatha heads the Sustainability as a Service practice at Sutherland Global Services, a Rochester, NY-based digital transformation company. An experienced operations and project management professional, she drives global programs that integrate ESG data management, digital automation, and assured reporting aligned with frameworks such as CSRD, GRI, and SBTi. She works with enterprises across manufacturing, retail, and energy sectors to embed transparency, auditability, and accountability into ESG operations. A passionate advocate for responsible growth, Agatha champions the convergence of technology, trust, and purpose to advance sustainable business performance.



Ioannis Spanos

Vice President Sustainability
Expo City Dubai

As Vice President – Sustainability at Expo City Dubai, Dr Spanos oversees all the Sustainability department’s activities, including implementation of new initiatives, reporting and safeguarding the quality of the living environment. Dr Spanos also focuses on Expo City’s sustainability certifications as well as the delivery of its decarbonisation activities. A strategy and sustainability leader with more than 25 years’ experience in energy transition, climate change and sustainable strategies for major projects, Dr Spanos is known for his ability to develop and deliver advanced solutions that recognise the interconnectedness of different programmes, align technical delivery to budgets, and support stakeholder communication and engagement on sustainability.



Dr. Nicholas Zinas

Group MD
Tekmon

Dr. Nicholas Zinas is the Managing Director of Tekmon, a leading technology company in QHSE and Sustainability software solutions. With a PhD in Geomatic Engineering and over 15 years of experience in technology and management, he has led digital innovation initiatives that advance safety, compliance, and sustainability across industries.



Theofilos Alevizos

Senior Director HSE & Sustainability
Agthia PJSC

Theofilos Alevizos is a sustainability and HSE transformation leader with extensive experience across Europe and the Middle East, driving ESG integration within complex multinational environments. With a strong background in operations and supply chain sustainability, Theofilos has led large-scale cultural and operational transformations that embed ESG principles across value chains —linking compliance, performance, and long-term business resilience. He is also a Board Member of the Circular Packaging Association (CPA), where he actively contributes to shaping national policy and promoting circular economy practices across industries. His work focuses on turning sustainability commitments into measurable action, supporting organizations in aligning with global frameworks while advancing national agendas like the UAE Net Zero 2050. From stakeholder engagement to supplier accountability, he brings a pragmatic yet visionary approach to making sustainability a core value across all levels of an organization.



Panos Mitsios

Co-Founder & COO
Tekmon

Panos Mitsios is the COO of Tekmon, a fast-growing software company that helps businesses streamline and manage safety, quality, and sustainability processes and data through its innovative no-code, mobile-first platform. He holds a MEng in Civil Engineering, an M.S. in Environmental Protection and Sustainable Development, and an MBA.



Babar Ali

ESG Advisory & Implementation Analyst

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Babar Ali is a seasoned ESG and sustainability strategy expert driving positive impact for some of the most renowned companies across the MENA region and beyond. Passionate about supporting organizations on their sustainability journeys and demonstrating that sustainability is a prerequisite for commercial growth, he excels in strategic leadership and delivering innovative solutions that advance sustainable practices for clients. Additionally, Babar brings extensive expertise to help organizations navigate their sustainability challenges effectively. He specializes in developing tailored strategies that integrate ESG principles into core business operations, allowing clients to achieve regulatory compliance, reduce environmental footprints, and unlock long-term value through innovative, data-driven approaches that support growth in an evolving global landscape.



Shereen Shaheen

Head of Corporate & Public Affairs MENA & Sustainability Consultant

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Shereen Shaheen is a highly experienced professional in ESG reporting, public affairs, sustainability, and communications, currently serving as the Regional MENA Director for Corporate and Government Affairs, Sustainability Policies at Tetra Pak in Egypt. She has over 20 years of experience across FMCG, technology, telecom, oil and gas, international organizations, and NGOs, leading governance, ESG and strategic crisis management programs. An MBA holder in Corporate Governance, Risk, and Compliance, she teaches ESG reporting and strategy at various universities and entities. Additionally, Shereen has been a leadership coach for C suite to integrate an engaging culture, and wellness corporate trainer for over 16 years.



Dr. Yuliia Kornieieva

Head of ESG

SDH Professional Services GmbH

Dr. Yuliia Kornieieva is a distinguished economist and ESG regulatory expert with extensive experience advancing sustainability, financial regulation, and public policy across Europe and Ukraine. She currently serves as Head of ESG and Senior Manager at SDH Professional Services GmbH, where she leads the implementation of EU sustainability reporting frameworks, including CSRD, EU Taxonomy, SFDR, and Pillar 3 disclosures.

A long-standing member of the UNCTAD ISAR working group, Dr. Kornieieva has authored over 150 scientific publications and multiple monographs. She holds a Doctor of Science in Economics and is recognized for her expertise in sustainability reporting, investment policy, and economic modernization.



Matthew Nobles

Director of Sustainability Accounting & Controllershship
GE Vernova

Matthew Nobles currently serves as the Director of Sustainability Accounting & Controllershship at GE Vernova, where he leads the development and implementation of the corporate framework for sustainability accounting and reporting, ensuring alignment with global sustainability standards and strategic business objectives. Matthew has been with GE for more than 16 years and has a proven leadership track record in Finance, Audit and Compliance, working on four continents and across multiple industries.



Fadi Al-Shihabi

Partner – Sustainability Solutions Leader
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Fadi Al-Shihabi is a partner with KPMG in the Middle East leading the Sustainability Solutions. Fadi has 25+ years of experience supporting clients in the Middle East region to improve their performance in sustainability, climate change and energy management in order to accelerate their businesses growth and resilience. Fadi has supported policy makers and regulators in globally and in the Middle East region in developing the sustainability reporting standards during the last 15 years. Also Fadi has supported organizations across different sector to develop and improve their sustainability related disclosures.



Syed Al Hasan

Head of HSES
Muriya

Syed Al Hasan is an accomplished HSE and ESG leader with over 17 years of experience across the Middle East and India. He currently serves as the Head of Health, Safety, Environment & Sustainability (HSES) at Muriya Tourism Development SOAC, where he directs integrated HSE and ESG strategies for a diversified group of 11 companies spanning construction, hospitality, facility management, and marina operations. Under his leadership, Muriya has earned significant international recognition, including the International Safety Award 2025 from the British Safety Council and the RoSPA Achievement Award 2025, highlighting its commitment to safety, wellbeing, and operational excellence.



Begoña Águeda

Group Director of ESG
Orascom Development

With extensive experience as a Corporate Sustainability Lead in the Middle East, including over a decade in human rights, translation, and corporate communications. She is currently the Group Director of ESG at Orascom Development Holding, where she defines and leads the company's sustainability vision and mission. Her work aligns business objectives and stakeholder expectations with Orascom's capacity to advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In this role, she advises leadership on ESG topics and applies deep expertise in sustainability reporting, assessment, and impact management.



Elizaveta Kondrashova

Managing Director
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Elizaveta Kondrashova is the Managing Director of SDH, where she has led large-scale ESG initiatives for major European banks. She has supported them in performing ESG materiality assessments, translating regulatory requirements into actionable strategies, developing methodologies for ESG risk assessment, and ensuring compliance with sustainability reporting standards. Leveraging her extensive experience in ECB interactions, she helps banks manage regulatory dialogue, prepare for supervisory reviews, and address supervisory findings.



Rahul Sonthalia

Commercial Director
Kaplan Middle East & North Africa

Rahul has more than 19 years of experience in investment banking, equity research, macro-economic research, and training. Rahul started his career as an analyst at McKinsey and then worked in equity research and investment banking for a period of 7 years. His experience as a practitioner allows him to deliver practical and industry-relevant courses. He has delivered advanced valuation and financial modelling-related programs for Sovereign wealth funds and banks in the GCC and for large asset management companies in the UK and Singapore. He was a guest speaker on “Best Practices in Financial Modeling” at the Modeloff Global World Financial Modeling championship in London.



Ismat Abu Shihab

Head of Strategy
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Ismat Abu Shihab is an accomplished higher education professional with over 19 years of experience and currently serves as the Head of Strategic Growth at Kaplan MENA. He holds two Master’s degrees, an MSc in Information Technology in Electronic Commerce and an MBA, both from the University of Bradford, UK, and is currently pursuing a PhD focusing on the internationalisation of higher education in developing and emerging countries.



Rusha Roy

Financial Trainer and Training Operations Manager
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Rusha is a highly experienced finance professional and educator, specializing in the integration of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) principles with core financial strategy and analysis. Rusha currently leads the content development and designing team, ensuring that professional training materials meet the highest standards of industry relevance, including the latest trends in ESG and Strategic Finance. She brings over 8 years of robust professional experience in core finance, audit, assurance, and taxation, providing a deep, foundational understanding of financial performance and compliance.



Tania Mansour

Sustainable Finance Lead for the Middle East
SLR Consulting

Tania Mansour is the Sustainable Finance Lead for SLR Consulting's Middle East sustainable finance portfolio serving strategic multi-national and development finance institutions in the MENA region and globally. Tania has a 25+ years of experience working in sustainable finance and prior to joining SLR was IFC's Head of ESG Advisory Services and Upstream for Africa based in Nairobi. She started her career as an E&S specialist for a World Bank funded infrastructure program in Lebanon and then as a consultant for ERM, a leading ESG global consulting firm for ten years.



Sundharesan Jayamoorthi

Sustainability & ESG Practitioner
Adilzone Corporate Services

Sundharesan Jayamoorthi or JS, is a seasoned corporate law professional and one of the leading thinkers on ESG, sustainability reporting, and board governance. He is the Founder of J Sundharesan Associates, a specialised corporate law and sustainability advisory firm, and is widely recognised for his work in board effectiveness, ESG strategy, BRSR reporting, and regulatory compliance across India and international markets. With more than 30 years of advisory experience, he has trained thousands of directors, supported major organisations in ESG implementation, and contributed significantly to shaping the governance landscape through his research, lectures, and industry engagements. He brings a unique blend of legal insight, practical governance wisdom, and deep ESG expertise — making him a valuable voice in today's conversation on sustainable supply chains. At ADILZONE he is the lead advisor for the ESG practice.



Dr. Jagannathan P.R

Senior General Manager, Sustainability & Climate Action
Sobha Realty

Dr Jagannathan is well known in the industry as an expert on Climate Action and has more than 25 years of professional experience with a specific focus on developing Policies and frameworks for low carbon development, in the region. As Senior General Manager, Sustainability at Sobha Realty, he is entrusted with the task of driving Sustainability and emission reduction strategies across the business value chain, embedding ESG principles, and articulating them through climate reporting such as ESG, GHG and TCFD reports.

He steered the development of Sobha's climate road map and is currently driving the emission reduction strategies for the group across. He was an active member of the built environment group set up by the UAE high level champions for developing the sustainability blueprint for built environment, published alongside COP28 in Dubai.



Ashish Gokhale

Green and Sustainable Finance Professional
National Bank of Fujairah PJSC

Ashish is responsible for driving NBF's ESG strategy, policy and reporting. He is also developing the Sustainable Finance framework and proposition for the bank. In his earlier roles at NBF he was responsible for Digital Platforms and Product management in Corporate Banking.

A seasoned banker with an experience spanning 2 decades in the industry across India and the UAE, he has earlier worked in Standard Chartered and Citi across transaction banking, supply chain financing and credit structuring. Ashish is a Mechanical Engineer and a post graduate in Management from IIM Bangalore. He is also a Certified Green and Sustainable Finance Professional (Chartered Banker) and holds the Certificate in ESG Investing, CFA.



Sehrish Gallagher

ESG Regulation and Risk Expert
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Sehrish Gallagher is an accomplished ESG Regulation and Risk Expert at Tera Vert, recognized for her deep expertise in sustainability strategy, regulatory compliance, and risk governance. She supports organizations in interpreting and implementing evolving ESG frameworks, strengthening disclosure standards, and embedding sustainability into long-term business planning.



Katherine Pamintuan

ESG Manager
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Katherine Pamintuan is currently the ESG Manager at Azeus Systems Philippines Limited. In this role, she formed a team of ESG analysts who have been working with clients and partners on sustainability reporting requirements for different ASEAN Markets (Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Philippines, etc). She has also participated in several webinars as a speaker or moderator: "Getting the Right Tool for ESG Compliance and Governance", "Unlocking ESG for Boards: From Strategy to Disclosure", "Smart Reporting: Leveraging on Digital Solutions for Quality and Efficient ESG Reporting")



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Dr. Nada Sayarh, MBA, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor and Head of ESG for Dubai, Mumbai, Singapore, and Sydney at SP Jain School of Global Management, and the former Associate Dean of the EMBA program. She brings 25 years of combined experience in strategy, marketing, and ESG, having worked with global blue-chip organizations including P&G, Colgate-Palmolive, Shell, and leading consulting firms. She drives ESG impact through various roles, including Content Head for The Marketing Society's Sustainability Squad, Co-Lead of Research & Innovation for the UAE Universities Climate Network, and Founder of Rise Up Girls, an empowerment project for rural high-school girls. She also contributes to environmental committees within Dubai's supply chain and Swiss business communities.



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