

Inclusive Green Finance
Challenges and Opportunities
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Speakers' Biography

Johanna Nyman, AFI Head of Green Inclusive Finance



Johanna Nyman is Head of Inclusive Green Finance at the Alliance for Financial Inclusion, a global network of policymakers and regulators working towards inclusive finance for all.

She supports AFI's membership in developing and implementing policies and regulatory reform to advance Inclusive Green Finance. This is an emerging policy area aiming to empower those at the base of the economic pyramid to build their own resilience and enable mitigation of environmental degradation, through financial inclusion. She works directly with the 47 AFI members in the Inclusive Green Finance Working Group and leads the development of this policy area.

Prior to joining AFI, Johanna worked with global climate policy, green finance and climate security in the European Union. Her educational background is in environmental sciences and climate policy and she has published several scientific articles on modelling potential climate change impacts in the Arctic tundra.

Sachin, Vankalas, LuxFLAG General Manager – InFiNe.lu Board Member



Sachin Vankalas is the General Manager of LuxFLAG – the Luxembourg Finance Labelling Agency which aims to promote the raising of capital in Sustainable Finance by awarding a recognisable label to eligible investment products.

As a General Manager, Sachin leads the extended team of the agency and has executive oversight of the firm's client and business areas, including strategy and resource management at LuxFLAG. In his function, he is also responsible for developing strategic objectives and ensuring their effective implementation. Sachin joined LuxFLAG in 2011 prior to which he worked for five years with a Swiss Asset Management firm and previously in an International Rating Agency.

Sachin is a recognised Sustainable Finance expert and is often consulted and referred on technical matters. He is a member of the HCPF, ALFI and ABBL Technical Committees on Sustainable Finance, is adjunct faculty on Sustainable Finance at the University of Luxembourg, and active Board Member of International Climate Finance Accelerator (ICFA), Inclusive Finance Network (InFiNe), and European Microfinance Platform (e-MFP).

Paul Weber, Luxembourg Ministry of Finance and Foreign Affairs – Directorate Development Cooperation



Paul Weber joined the Luxembourg Development Cooperation as an *Attaché thématique* in June 2020 and specialises in inclusive finance, Digital for Development and private sector engagement.

Prior to this assignment, Paul acted as *Chargé de Mission* in the Directorate of European affairs and international economic relations, where he worked in the unit responsible for the Benelux Union and the bilateral relations with the neighboring countries. He did monitor and contribute to analysis and reporting on the overall situation and development and did contribute to managing relations with a country and/or horizontal, sectoral or thematic issues.

In his current position, he is focusing on creating evidence, strategizing, and effectively supervising programmes in the areas of financial inclusion, private sector engagement and development. Paul Weber is a qualified sociologist and political scientist and holds a Master degree from the *RWTH Aachen University* and a bachelor's degree from the *Universität zu Köln*.