Ms. Jenny Lee
Deputy Secretary General, Hong Kong Green Finance Association (HKGFA)

Jenny serves as the Deputy Secretary General of Hong Kong Green Finance Association (HKGFA), where she leads strategic multi-stakeholder engagement across its diverse membership of over 160 institutional firms, encompassing the private and public sectors, regulators and government entities.

Her efforts are focused on advancing Hong Kong's position as a leading sustainable financial and green tech center. Jenny contributes to the capacity building, data analytics and transition planning workstreams of the Centre for Green and Sustainable Finance under Hong Kong's Cross Agency Steering Group (CASG), as well as initiatives with the UN-led Financial Centres for Sustainability (FC4S), and as co-convenor for the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD) Working Group in Hong Kong. Additionally, she serves on the advisory panel for Hong Kong's Green and Sustainable Fintech Proof-of-Concept Funding Support Scheme, and the Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) Industry panel for Hong Kong Green Fintech Map.

Following a two-decade career in investment banking, Jenny transitioned her expertise into sustainability, driven by a desire to create positive impact. She co-founded Development Finance Asia, a platform which provides innovative financial solutions to the Global South, and worked as a consultant, responsible for managing Mercer's Fortune 500 Multinational clients based in Hong Kong, prior to joining HKGFA. Jenny is a life-long learner, dedicated to fostering a sustainable ecosystem, that integrates finance, technology, nature and biodiversity. She holds certifications from the CFA Institute in Climate Risk, Valuation and Investing, CFA Sustainability Investing, and MIT Sloan Management in Artificial Intelligence: Implications for Business Strategy.

Jenny's professional background includes regional roles at Goldman Sachs, Credit Suisse and JPMorgan, where she specialized in equity derivatives and prime brokerage, assisting alternative asset managers in scaling their business, raising capital and accessing financing. She has lived in London, New York, Tokyo and Hong Kong.

Ms. Candice Dott
Director of Global Market Engagement, Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD)

Candice is an accomplished business leader known for driving sustainable growth, with 20+ years of experience in global financial services where she has most recently worked for the London Stock Exchange Group and prior to that Bloomberg.

She has deep expertise in sustainable finance, asset management, investment banking, commercial banking, corporates, central banks, stock exchanges, fintech and data.

Candice has extensive global stakeholder engagement, sales, business development, customer and strategy execution leadership experience across the UK, Europe, Middle East and Africa.

She is passionate about connecting ecosystem partners and stakeholders for greater impact and has established networks across financial services, developing and mature markets, and public and private sector.

Candice lives in Johannesburg and enjoys traveling, nature, trail running and trekking.

Ms. Megan Sim
Programme Office, IBAT

Megan Sim is a sustainability professional with experience in driving multi-stakeholder initiatives at the intersection of sustainable finance, agri-commodity and nature-based data. Currently a Programme Officer with the IBAT team, she supports the strategic business development and high profile engagements initiatives in APAC, translating complex nature related reporting frameworks like TNFD and CSRD into actionable value propositions for business and financial institutions through the use of credible and scientific biodiversity data.

Ms. Karen Ho
Head of Corporate and Community Sustainability, WWF-Hong Kong

Karen Ho is the Head of Corporate and Community Sustainability at WWF-Hong Kong, where she leads cross-sector collaboration to advance Hong Kong's transition toward a sustainable, climate-resilient, and socially inclusive city. She works closely with stakeholders across the public and private sectors, as well as civil society, to champion community-based environmental initiatives and drive progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Her advisory work spans science-based target setting, measurement-reporting-verification (MRV) frameworks, environmental, social and governance (ESG) disclosure, low-carbon transformation, nature-based solutions (NbS), and the journey toward a net-zero circular economy.

Under her leadership, flagship initiatives such as the Low Carbon Manufacturing Programme (LCMP) and LOOP PLUS have supported hundreds of companies in establishing baselines, taking climate action, and enhancing ESG performance. She also advocates the use of WWF's Nature-related Risk Filter, an integrated screening tool that helps businesses evaluate biodiversity pressures, water-related risks, and their reliance on essential ecosystem services across the value chains.

An accomplished senior executive, Karen held leadership roles in several Fortune 500 companies prior to joining WWF, bringing extensive corporate experience to her sustainability mission.

Dr. Robin Kennish
Business Unit Managing Partner, East Asia, ERM

Dr Robin Kennish is the Managing Partner for ERM's East Asia business. He has over 20 years of experience in managing and directing environment and sustainability studies. These studies have ranged from securing permits through to strategic advice on climate change, biodiversity and health and safety. He is working with power companies, conglomerates and asset management firms on aligning their climate change disclosure with the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure requirements. Robin has recently worked with HKEX listed companies on their Nature strategy which has included looking as risks and opportunities, value chain impacts as well as preparation of TNFD aligned disclosure for ESG reports. Robin has a PhD in Marine Sciences and has conducted numerous Aquatic and Terrestrial Biodiversity assessments while at ERM throughout the Asia Pacific region. His Biodiversity and Nature experience has ranged from developing corporate level policies through to site level assessments and habitat creation plans.

Ms. Yiki Cheng
Assistant Sustainability Manager, Gammon Construction Limited

Ms Yiki Cheng is the Assistant Sustainability Manager at Gammon Construction Limited, where she supports the development and implementation of sustainability strategies, performance monitoring, stakeholder engagement and partnership, risk management, and sustainable finance initiatives.

Previously, Yiki led the sustainability team at ATAL Engineering Group and worked as a sustainability consultant at Carbon Care Asia, supporting clients—particularly in the real estate and construction sectors—in enhancing their sustainability performance. Earlier, she worked at the Hong Kong Green Building Council, where she supported the certification and promotion of the BEAM Plus assessment tool.

Yiki holds a BSc in Environmental Management and Technology from the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and a Master degree of Social Sciences in Sustainability Leadership and Governance from the University of Hong Kong. She is a Certified Carbon Auditor, EFFAS Certified ESG Analyst, GARP Sustainability and Climate Risk Certificate holder, WELL AP, and BEAM Affiliate. She also serves on the Steering Committee of the Nature and Biodiversity Advisory Group under the Business Environment Council and is a Co-opted Member of the Industry Standards and Practices Committee under the Hong Kong Green Building Council.

Mr. Merlin Lao
Head – Policy & Research, Business Environment Council (BEC)

Mr Merlin Lao is Head – Policy & Research at BEC. He leads the team to develop clear policy positions on pressing climate and environmental topics in Hong Kong, through undertaking research on latest domestic and international trends, engaging with the Hong Kong SAR Government and connecting insights of the local business sector. He is keen on net-zero transition that not only looks at decarbonisation, but also a more equal and liveable built environment.

Mr Lao is a programme management professional with over 10 years of climate change and environment career experience across private, public and non-profit sectors in East Asia, with major exposure in Mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and South Korea. Prior to joining BEC, he was the senior programme manager at an international non-governmental organisation driving sustainable cities agenda in China, Japan, Mongolia and South Korea, covering topics such as air quality, low-emission development, urban resilience, circular economy and nature-based solutions.