



New Thematic Groups of the 1818 Society

Dear Members,

I am pleased to announce the establishment of two new Thematic Groups:

1. Environment and Climate Change TG

Chairs Ede Ijjasz-Vasquez, ede-ijjasz@hotmail.com ; and Susan Shen, sshen05@gmail.com

Ede Ijjasz retired from the World Bank in 2020 having worked as Regional Director, Sustainable Development, AFR, Senior Director, Global, Social, Urban Rural, Resilience Global Practice, and as Sector Director, Sustainable Development Department, LCR. After his retirement he works as Sr. Advisor Sustainable Development, Infrastructure, and Climate. He is a nonresident Sr. Fellow at Brookings Institution and lectures at Georgetown University.

Susan Shen worked at the World Bank as Operations Advisor, OPCS, Operations Manager, Operations and Partnerships, WBI, and Practice Manager, Social Sustainability and Inclusion before retiring in 2023. After her retirement she has been working as Director, Asia Programs and Senior Advisor to the CEO of the Global Center on Adaptation.

2. Digital Transformation TG

Chair: Doyle Gallegos, dccgallegos@msn.com

Doyle Gallegos was Regional Program Manager, Digital Development Global Practice in the LCR Region. After retiring from the World Bank in 2024, Doyle became Managing Director and Co- Founder of MIA Partners, formed to continue advising and investing in the poorest communities to apply innovative digital technologies to improve communities and lives of people on a rapidly changing planet.

One more thematic group is being established on Social Policy, which will include Social Development and Social Protection. A formal announcement will be made when the chair(s) of the Social Policy TG have been selected.

Anis Dani
President