



Ms. Gita Sabharwal was appointed as the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Thailand on 15 March 2020.

Ms. Sabharwal has close to three decades of development experience working across multiple country contexts in Asia. Her work has focused specifically on peacebuilding, governance and social policy, while generating and applying empirical and big data analysis to deal with emerging development challenges. Ms. Sabharwal has worked in senior management and strategic leadership roles with different institutions. Her development experience ranges from working with a grassroots women's collective, an international foundation to bilateral and multilateral organisations. Preceding her appointment to Thailand, Ms. Sabharwal was the Peacebuilding and Development Advisor at the United Nations in Sri Lanka, for nearly seven years.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Ms. Sabharwal was The Asia Foundation's Deputy Country Representative for Maldives and Sri Lanka and has held positions as the Poverty and Policy Advisor for the United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) in India and Vietnam.

Ms. Sabharwal holds a Master's Degree in Development Management from the University of Wales, UK and is the author of numerous policy papers on South and South-East Asia. She speaks English and Hindi.



Sweta C. Saxena is currently on leave from the IMF to serve as the Chief in the Macroeconomic Policy and Financing for Development Division at the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand. She has led 3 flagship reports at ESCAP: 2019 "[Ambitions beyond growth](#)", 2020 "[Towards sustainable economies](#)", and 2021 "[Towards post-COVID-19 resilient economies](#)." At the IMF, she has worked on multilateral surveillance for the G20 countries in the Research Department and on fragile countries in the African Department.

Her research has focused on policy-relevant macro-financial issues, namely, crises and recoveries, contagion, and exchange rates. Sweta has published extensively, including in the American Economic Review, Journal of Economic Literature and the Journal of International Economics.

Prior to joining the IMF, she worked at the Bank for International Settlements in Basel, Switzerland, and as an Assistant Professor at the University of Pittsburgh. Sweta obtained her PhD in economics from the University of Washington and a Masters in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics.



Dr. Katinka Weinberger is the Chief of Environment and Development Policy Section (EDPS) in UNESCAP. As Chief of EDPS, she provides leadership in formulating and coordinating ESCAP's response to the 2030 Agenda and that capacity is responsible for organizing the Asia-Pacific Forum for Sustainable Development (APFSD), coordinates the development of knowledge products on the 2030 Agenda, and leads capacity building efforts on implementation of the 2030 agenda at country-level. Before joining EDPS she was the Head of the Centre for Alleviation of Poverty for Sustainable Agriculture (CAPSA-ESCAP) and before that worked in different scientist positions within the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). A Socioeconomist by training, her professional interests include the integration of the environmental dimension into social and economic policies, especially in the context of rural development and food systems. She has more than twenty years of experience in research for development, has been involved in empirical field research in Asia, the Pacific and across Africa, and authored more than 80 publications.



Dr. Atsamon Limsakul has been currently working as Director of Climate Change Group at Environmental Research and Training Center (ERTC), Department of Environmental Quality Promotion (DEQP). He graduated doctor degree with the field of Earth and Planetary Science from Nagoya University in 2003. His expert and research work are mainly on climate variability and change, and their impacts and adaptation. Over last ten years, he has carried out international and national climate-related research more than 20 projects. He was the Coordinating Lead Author (CLA) of Working Group I regarding scientific basis of climate change for Thailand's First and Second Assessment Reports on Climate Change which was published in 2011 and 2016. He was also one of Thailand's national negotiators for United Nations Framework on Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC), following the negotiating issues related to Research and Systematic Observation, Capacity Building, Global Stocktake and Periodic Review of the Long-Term Global Goals. In addition, he has involved in the processes of development and formulation of national climate change strategies and plans especially Paris Agreement implementation. Since 2019, he has published scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals more than 9 papers.



Currently, Dr. **Krislert Samphantharak** serves as Executive Director of the Puey Ungphakorn Institute for Economic Research at Bank of Thailand. Prior to his position, he was Associate Dean at the School of Global Policy and Strategy at University of California San Diego (UCSD). His work experiences and interests are in finance, economic development, and public policy, especially in household and enterprises behaviors and role together with economic development in Southeast Asia region.

Dr. Samphantharak holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Economics from University of Chicago. He previously held visiting positions at the International Monetary Fund, University of California Los Angeles, University of Tokyo, and Yale-NUS College in Singapore.



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Dr. Witsanu Attavanich is an associate professor of Economics at Kasetsart University. He received his B. Sc. in Economics at Kasetsart University with the first-class honors and awarded gold medal, M.A. at Thammasat University and Ph.D. at Texas A&M University. He pursued his postdoctoral training at Rutgers University and served as a visiting scholar at Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford.

His research efforts have largely involved policy analysis (mainly in climate change, agriculture, energy, environment, food security and development). His research outputs have been published in several international journals such as *Nature Climate Change* and *Food Policy*. He received the 2019 Puey Ungphakorn Award for the Young Thai Economist who has outstanding academic performance; Outstanding award for research & innovation from Kasetsart University. His contributed report won the 2016 Abraham Lincoln Honor Award for Increasing Global Food Security from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He serves as an associate editor of *Kasetsart Journal of Social Sciences* and Associate Deputy Editor of *Climatic Change*.

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โครงสร้างภาคเกษตรและอาหาร รวมทั้งอนาคตของเกษตรกรไทย และนโยบายแข่งขันทางการค้า ในอดีตเคยทำงาน
วิจัยหลายด้าน ผลงานสำคัญ ได้แก่ นโยบายราคา ตลาดและห่วงโซ่มูลค่าของสินค้าเกษตรสำคัญ ตลาดสินเชื่อและ
การเงินชนบท นโยบายแรงงาน ผลตอบแทนของการลงทุนด้านการศึกษาระดับและการลงทุนด้านการฝึกอบรม
พนักงานของภาคอุตสาหกรรม ผลกระทบของการเปิดเสรีการค้า นโยบายภาษีศุลกากรและภาษีสุรา นโยบายการเปิด
เสรีอุตสาหกรรมที่มีการคุ้มครองสูงและพลังงาน การทุจริตและความขัดแย้งระหว่างประโยชน์ส่วนตัวและ
ประโยชน์ส่วนรวม ผลงานทั้งที่ตีพิมพ์ในรูปบทความวิชาการ รายงานวิจัยและตำรากว่า 200 เรื่อง ในจำนวนนี้ได้รับ
รางวัลผลงานวิจัยดีเด่น 2 เรื่องจาก สำนักงานกองทุนสนับสนุนการวิจัย และเป็นศิษย์เก่าดีเด่นของโรงเรียนสวน
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Waraporn Hirunwatsiri is a Senior Environmental Specialist of the Environment and Natural Resources Unit of the World Bank. Waraporn has more than 25 years of experience in environmental management, environmental impact assessment and program monitoring at the national and international levels.

Waraporn joined the World Bank as an Environmental Specialist in August 2004. Based in Bangkok, she has worked and contributed to various projects and reports in Thailand on the environment, climate change, and carbon finance.

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Prior to joining the World Bank, Waraporn worked for 15 years with a private firm as an environmental expert registered with the Thailand Office of Natural Resources and Environmental Policy and Planning.

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Mr. Thammasak Sethaudom
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Mr. Thammasak Sethaudom, 51, is CFO and Vice President-Finance and Investment of SCG. With 28 years of experience at SCG, most of his time was spent in Chemicals Business. Prior to this, he had been the General Director, Long Son Petrochemicals Co., Ltd.

After achieving SCG scholarship, his major responsibility was in business development and planning in SCG Chemicals before starting the Long Son project. He holds a Bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering from Chulalongkorn University in 1991, and received SCG master degree scholarship in Business Administration from London Business School, United Kingdom (Distinction) in 1999 and also attended Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program in 2019.
