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Sabina Dewan, President and Executive Director, JustJobs Network

Sabina Dewan is Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress and President and Executive Director of JustJobs Network Inc.

Sabina examines the role of quality employment in building equitable and just societies around the globe. She works on a range of economic issues--from the impact of globalization on employment to the role of trade, foreign assistance, and monetary policies in raising living standards.

Sabina leads the JustJobs Network, a research and advocacy organization addressing the global crisis of unemployment and unjust employment. The JustJobs Network was founded by John Podesta, former Chief of Staff to President Bill Clinton and Chair of the Center for American Progress.

Her career has spanned continents and taken her from the International Labour Organization (ILO), to the European Commission, to grassroots organizations in India. She is a frequent media contributor, having appeared on outlets such as CNN, BBC, and Al-Jazeera. Fluent in Hindi and proficient in French, Sabina splits her time between Washington, D.C. and New Delhi, India.



Sandy Chong, Principal Consultant, Verity Consulting

A Harvard Alumna and Principal of Verity Consulting, Sandy is an award-winning International Business Executive of the Year, Asia's Top Sustainability Women of the Year, and Singapore Management Consultant of the Year.

A strong advocate of international trade and sustainability as pathways to peace and security, Sandy has chaired international forums that promote digital and energy transition at the inaugural Web3 for Sustainability Conference in Western Australia, the Intercity Hydrogen delegation, and the AI for Business Conference in Singapore. She speaks frequently on Digital Inclusion, the Impact of AI on International Trade, Leadership and Governance for AI

Sandy currently serves on public-listed boards and is the Chair of the ASEAN Business Alliance. Earning a Ph.D. in Digital Commerce (2003) and appointed Adjunct Professor in 2022, Sandy has published peer-reviewed journals on international business, innovation adoption and sustainability since 2005.



Sergio Martinez-Cotto, Head of AI Roundtables, Geneva Macro Labs

Sergio Martinez is Head of Artificial Intelligence (AI) Roundtables at Geneva Macro Labs in Geneva, Switzerland.

Sergio is a Trade and Innovation Economist at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and a PhD Candidate in International Affairs and Political Economy at the University of St. Gallen.

Sergio researches and analyses the roles of AI and digital trade in fostering technological innovation, economic growth and sustainable development. His analytical work has been featured in multiple flagship publications, including WIPO's World Intellectual Property Report 2024, the joint ESCAP-UNCTAD-UNIDO Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2023/24, UNCTAD's Technology and Innovation Report 2023, and WTO's World Trade Report 2021.

He counts with over 15+ publications in several sustainable development areas and is a frequent contributor of the Georgetown Journal of International Affairs and the Business and Public Administration Studies Journal.



Ekkehard Ernst, President, Geneva Macro Labs

Ekkehard is the President of Geneva Macro Labs in Geneva, Switzerland. He also analyses the Future of Work at the International Labour Organization (ILO). He develops scenarios on how technological innovations such as artificial intelligence, demographic shifts and migration, climate change or political vagaries might impact jobs and inequality.

His work is widely published in both policy reports and academic studies. His most recent work discusses the risks and opportunities of a wide-spread adoption of artificial intelligence, in particular for developing countries. Ekkehard has studied in Mannheim, Saarbrücken and Paris. He holds several academic fellowships and advises external partners on labour market issues, such as The Conference Board, the UK Productivity Insights Network or Foresight Alliances.