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# TMG Summit 2025

## Delegates' Profiles

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# A word from Karen Kastner

**Welcome to The Montreal Group Summit 2025**. On behalf of The Montreal Group (TMG) Secretariat and TMG member, Tamwilcom, I am delighted to welcome you all to this year's gathering. I trust your travels went smoothly and that you are ready for an inspiring and productive program in ***The Kingdom of Light***.

As you know, this year's Summit, titled **Creating Resilience for SME Success**, will provide TMG members with the opportunity to discuss and address how public development banks (PDBs) can best support our communities of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) tackle the challenges of an increasingly complex and fragmented world.

Here's to a successful Summit and to all the entrepreneurs/SMEs that we are privileged to support.

**Karen Kastner**
*Secretary-General*
The Montreal Group





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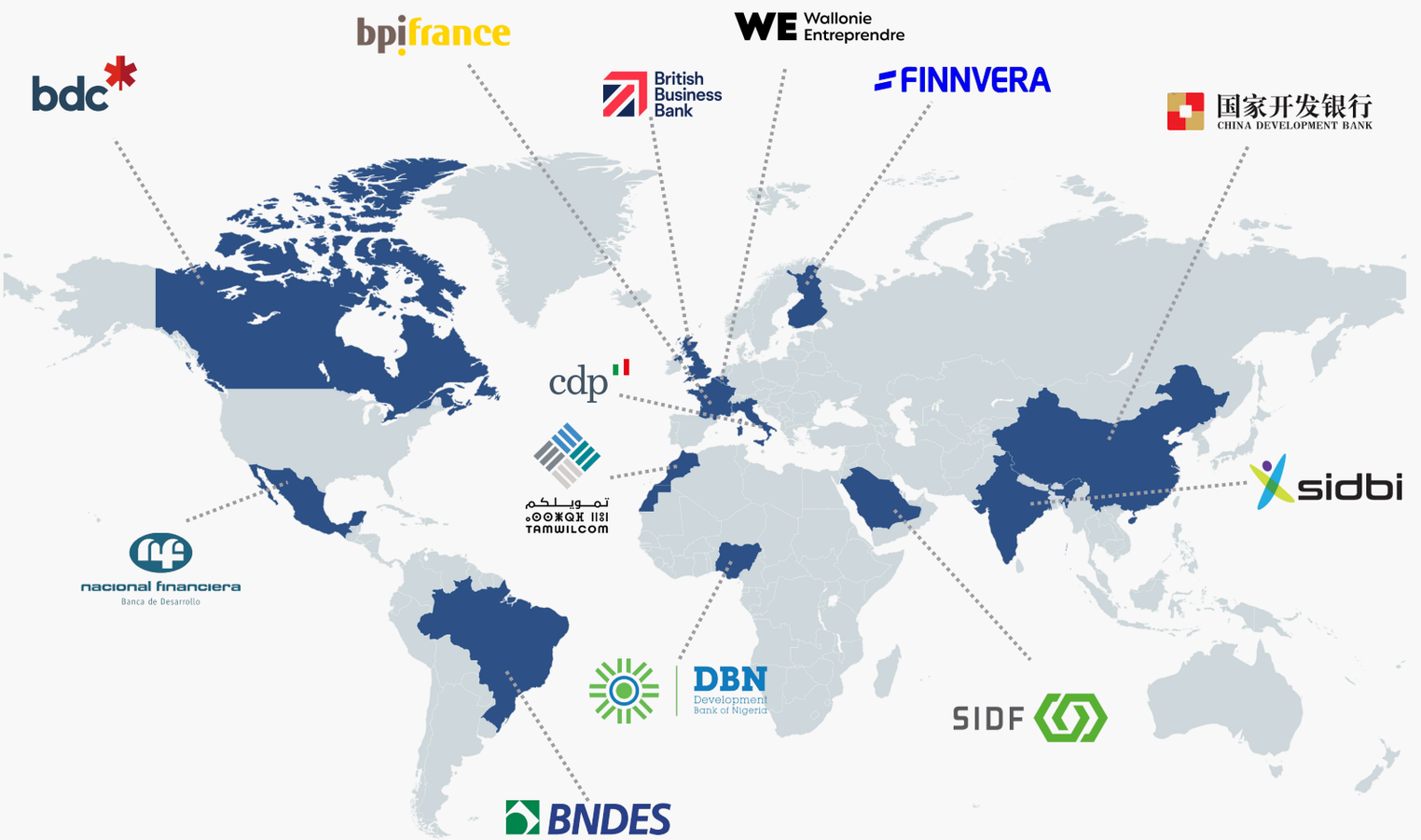
# MEMBERS OF THE MONTREAL GROUP





The British Business Bank is a government-owned development bank. Its mission is to make finance markets work effectively so smaller businesses can prosper, grow and build UK economic activity. It designs, delivers and manages finance programmes for the UK government to increase the supply of finance to smaller businesses. It does not lend directly but works with over 180 delivery partners to address existing gaps in the market. It has created a best-in-class Finance Hub to raise awareness of the finance options available to UK businesses. It offers independent, government-backed information and support for growing businesses.

BDC is the bank for Canadian entrepreneurs. Its purpose is to support small and mid-sized businesses in all industries and at all stages of growth. Whether business owners want to take on new markets, make their operations more efficient, acquire another business or everything in between, BDC provides access to financing, as well as advisory services to meet their needs. BDC's investment arm, BDC Capital, offers a wide range of risk capital solutions.

The Brazilian Development Bank (BNDES) is the main financing agent for development in Brazil. Since its foundation, in 1952, the BNDES has played a fundamental role in stimulating the expansion of industry and infrastructure in the country. Over the course of the Bank's history, its operations have evolved in accordance with the Brazilian socio-economic challenges, and now they include support for exports, technological innovation, sustainable socio-environmental development and the modernization of public administration.



Bpifrance is the French national investment bank: the "bank of entrepreneurs". It finances businesses—at every stage of their development—through loans, guarantees, equity investments and export insurances. Bpifrance also provides extra financial services (training, consultancy) to help entrepreneurs meet their challenges (innovation, export, etc.). Bpifrance is also the French ECA (Export Credit Agency), providing a range of insurance solutions for French companies to go abroad.

La Cassa Depositi e Prestiti S.p.A. (CDP) serving Italy since 1850, focuses on sustainable development by responsibly using savings to support growth, employment, innovation, and infrastructure. It finances public administration projects, urban regeneration, social infrastructure, and sustainable mobility. Offering technical advisory services, it ensures social cohesion and eco-sustainable infrastructure. CDP supports Italian and international entrepreneurship through integrated financing and advisory services, contributing to digitalization and innovation. As the Italian National Promotional Institution since 2015, it provides financial advice for national and European funds, aiding the National Recovery and Resilience Plan with strategic initiatives and support for government bodies. Its strategies align with Italy’s priorities, including youth investment, climate change, energy and digital transitions, and gender equality.



国家开发银行
CHINA DEVELOPMENT BANK

Established in 1994, the China Development Bank is a state-funded and state-owned development finance institution. As an independent legal entity directly overseen by the State Council, it is dedicated to supporting China's economic development in key industries and under-developed sectors. With a mission to support national development and deliver a better life for the people, CDB aligns its business focus with China's major medium- and long-term economic development strategies.

DBN
Development
Bank of Nigeria

The Development Bank of Nigeria (DBN) was conceived by the Federal Government of Nigeria (FGN) in collaboration with global development partners to address the major financing challenges facing Micro, Small and Medium Scale Enterprises (MSMEs) in Nigeria. Their objective is to alleviate financing constraints faced by MSMEs and small Corporates in Nigeria through the provision of financing and partial credit guarantees to eligible financial intermediaries on a market-conforming and fully financially sustainable basis.

FINNVERA

Finnvera provides financing for the start, growth and internationalization of enterprises and guarantees against risks arising from exports. The bank strengthens the operating potential and competitiveness of Finnish enterprises by offering loans, domestic guarantees, export credit guarantees and other services associated with the financing of exports. Finnvera is a specialized financing company owned by the State of Finland and it is the official Export Credit Agency (ECA) of Finland. Finnvera gives guarantees against political (risks that arise from the economic or political situation in a country where a Finnish export company has customers) or commercial risks associated with the financing of exports.



Nacional Financiera (NAFIN) is a Mexican development bank established in 1934. NAFIN's mission is to contribute to the economic development of the country by facilitating the access of micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), entrepreneurs and priority investment projects to financing and other business development services, as well as contributing to the formation of financial markets and acting as a fiduciary and financial agent of the Federal Government, which allows for the promotion of innovation, improved productivity, competitiveness, job creation and regional development.

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) is a national entity focusing on promoting and financing the development of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), primarily those in the manufacturing and services sectors. SIDBI also supports national action plans on climate change and has taken initiatives to promote responsible business practices, including sustainable financing, energy efficiency and cleaner production in the MSMEs sector through both financial and non-financial support.

Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF) was established in 1974 as a government financial institution to realize the objectives, policies, and programs of industrial development in Saudi Arabia. Such objectives are aimed at supporting the private sector in various industrial fields, and financing and developing the industrial sector in coordination with government entities. SIDF paves the way for the private sector to engage in constituting and sustaining a national industrial base effectively and adequately. In 2018, SIDF became the sole financial enabler of the National Industrial Development and Logistics Program (one of Vision 2030's biggest programs) and unleash promising new sectors in the fields of industry, mining, energy, and logistics.



A public limited company owned by the Moroccan state, TAMWILCOM capitalizes on its historical achievements as a Caisse Centrale de Garantie (CCG) to better contribute to the removal of obstacles to access to financing for MSMEs. TAMWILCOM is a public financial institution governed by the banking law. It represents the sole intervenor of the State in matters of public guarantee of financing. In parallel with its guarantee activity, TAMWILCOM works with its partners in the financial sector to meet the needs of Moroccan companies, thanks to a range of financing mechanisms adapted to each stage of their life cycle. This generates a leverage effect capable of supporting the growth of the national economy.

Wallonie Entreprendre (WE) is Wallonia's economic and financial tool for businesses. WE was created following the merge of the three entities that were all owned by the Walloon region (SOWALFIN, SOGEPA & SRIW). Wallonie Entreprendre provides the resources needed to develop business activity in all sectors. Their investments and financing are geared towards business creation, growth, transfer and recovery. WE also ensures compliance with environemental standards and advocates for sustainability and circularity in their economic approaches.



# COLLABORATING PARTNERS ATTENDING THE SUMMIT

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HDB
HELLENIC DEVELOPMENT BANK

The Hellenic Development Bank (HDB) is a valuable element in the integration of Micro, Small and Medium size enterprises (MSMEs) financing cycle, through the collateralization of the fraction of business risk not accepted by the banking system, thus amplifying the scope of viable entrepreneurial initiatives undertaken by MSMEs. Through a very focused business agenda, HDB aspires to become a reference institution in the provision of supplementary funding for the greek MSME market, and as such a growth model for the local economy.

BCG BOSTON CONSULTING GROUP

The Boston Consulting Group (BCG) is a global consulting firm that delivers solutions through leading-edge management consulting, technology and design, and corporate and digital ventures. With more than 33,000 employees across the globe, the BCG partners with leaders in business and society to tackle their most important challenges and capture their greatest opportunities.

LAMACOM
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Founded in 1984, Lamacom is the undisputed leader in the design, manufacture, and marketing of kitchen utensils and tableware in Morocco. Their mission is to provide homemakers with useful and easy-to-use products to help them prepare and present food.

AMDIE
الوكالة المغربية لتنمية الاستثمارات و الصادرات
AGENCE MAROCAINE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT DES INVESTISSEMENTS ET DES EXPORTATIONS

The Moroccan Agency for Investment and Export Development (AMDIE) is a public institution with legal personality and financial autonomy. Created in 2017, AMDIE is the national body responsible for implementing the national strategy for the development, encouragement, and promotion of domestic and foreign investment, as well as exports of products and services.

# THE 2025 RABAT PARTICIPANTS

## The Montreal Group Executive Committee

Isabelle Bébéar (Co-Chair)
Abdulaziz Al-Zaid (Co-Chair)
Hanna Alalääkkölä (Vice-Chair)

## The Montreal Group Secretariat

Karen Kastner
William Polushin
Jane Preteroti

## The Montreal Group Board Participants

Kristen McLeod (BBB)
Diane Lafontaine (BDC)
Tony Okpanachi (DBN)
Andrea Montanino (CDP)
Viviane Mol (Wallonie Entreprendre)
Said Jabrani (Tamwilcom)

## The Montreal Group Participants

Carine Bergevin Chammah (BDC)
Lincoln Brando (BNDES)
Gilles Le Cocguen (Bpifrance)
Vincent di Betta (Bpifrance)
Kevin Thouement (Bpifrance)
Giovanni Mandras (CDP)
Joseph Nnanna (DBN)
Mauri Kotamaki (Finnvera)
Nouf Algethami (SIDF)
Danya Alabandi (SIDF)

## Tamwilcom Hosting Delegation

Abdel Abdelmoumen
Omar Badir

## The Montreal Group Partner Participants

Ismini Papakirillou (HDB)
Michael McAdoo (BCG)



# THE MONTREAL GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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# Isabelle Bébéar

**Director of International and European Affairs, Bpifrance**

Isabelle Bébéar is the Director of International and European Affairs at Bpifrance since 2001. She oversees the relations with European and international institutions and the partnerships with sovereign wealth funds and long-term investors. Ms. Bébéar accompanies foreign governments in the development of their entrepreneurial ecosystems and connects innovative companies with business opportunities and international investors. She also manages Averroès Africa, a fund dedicated to investing in African companies.

She is a director of Proparco (Agence Française de Développement Group) and a member of its Audit and Risk Committee. She is also Vice President of the Board of Directors of HDBI, the Hellenic Development Bank for Investments, President of the Board of Directors of the Euromed Capital association, and a director of the International Forum of Sovereign Wealth Funds (IFSWF).

Ms. Bébéar was appointed Co-Chair of The Montreal Group in March 2022.

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# Abdulaziz Al Zaid

**Advisor to CEO, SIDF**

Abdulaziz Al Zaid, Executive Committee Member and CEO Advisor, represents the CEO of SIDF in several committees within the industrial ecosystem. He also represents SIDF in relevant international coordinating councils and manages SIDF memberships in international organizations and global development banks.

His experience extends to over 16 years. Most of his industrial experience in APICORP was in petrochemicals, refining, shipping, offshore oil services, upstream/field development, LNG liquefaction, fertilizers, and crude oil refined products. He also led the efforts of SIDF to join and chair the D20 and obtain membership in the World Economic Forum. He joined SIDF in 2018 and was an important member in the transformation journey of the fund since then.

Abdulaziz holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration majoring in Finance from George Mason University in the United States, a Master's degree from the School of Business at George Washington University in the United States, and finally received the Advanced Management Program for Executives from Columbia Business School in New York City.

SIDF





# Hanna Alalääkkölä

**Head of Business Development Operations, Finnvera**

Hanna Alalääkkölä is Head of Business Development Operations in Finnvera Plc, SME and Midcap finance. She has been working in several positions in Finnvera since January 2011. She has been working in banking & finance sector since 2005. Hanna is a member of Finnvera's executive board of SME finance.

Hanna has wide experience of different tasks relating to corporate finance and business development operations. Before Finnvera, she was working in OP Financial group for over five years in different positions. Hanna has Master's degree in international business management and Master of Art from Lapland University. Hanna is Certified Credit Analyst (CCA) and certified Change Practioner (PROSCI ®).

Finnvera strengthens the operating potential and competitiveness of Finnish enterprises by offering loans, domestic guarantees, export credit guarantees and other services associated with the financing of exports. As a state-owned specialised financing company Finnvera supplements the financial market. The risks included in financing are shared between Finnvera and other providers of financing. As the Export Credit Agency (ECA) of Finland Finnvera gives guarantees against political or commercial risks associated with the financing of exports.

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# THE MONTREAL GROUP SECRETARIAT

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# Karen Kastner

## Secretary-General

Karen Kastner was appointed Secretary-General of The Montreal Group in March 2023. Karen maintains her role at BDC as Vice President, Corporate Strategy and Priorities. Karen joined BDC in 2006 as Director of Corporate Strategy and Planning. During this time, she led the development of numerous annual corporate plans and was responsible for the Bank's submissions related to the 2010 and 2022 Legislative Reviews of the BDC Act. In 2012, Karen was promoted to Vice President, Office of the President, serving as strategic advisor to the President and CEO, until taking on the responsibility for BDC's external partnerships in 2016, which she held until taking on her current role in 2022.

Karen began her career with Canada's Department of Justice where she worked on the implementation of new domestic legislation. She then became involved in international treaty negotiations, providing policy advice and representing Canada at the United Nations, G8, European Commission and Organization of American States.

Karen holds a Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies from Concordia University and an LL.B from the University of Ottawa. She has published articles in the United Nations Publications and the International Institute of Security Studies.



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# William Polushin

## Head of Operations

William Polushin was appointed Head of Operations of The Montreal Group in February 2025. William was previously appointed Director, International Relations, at BDC – a role he maintains - in April 2023.

Over the past 30 years, William has been on the “front lines” of international trade, working with enterprises – small, medium and large, and across industry – to compete and win in the global economy.

William’s professional credentials also include appointments at McGill University, SNC-Lavalin International, the Canadian Embassy in Chile, and Petro-Canada Products.

William holds an MBA from McGill University, University of Texas at Austin, and Tec de Monterrey (Mexico). He also holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Finance and Marketing (with Distinction) from the University of Alberta.



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# Jane Preteroti

## Advisor

Jane Preteroti is an Advisor for The Montreal Group, as of March 2023. She holds a Bachelor’s degree from Université de Montréal and a Master’s degree in International Law and Politics from the University of Sherbrooke.

She previously completed an internship with the United Nations Office at Geneva at the Office of the Director-General with the NGO Liaison Unit and works as a Research Assistant for the Royal Military College of Canada.



# THE MONTREAL GROUP BOARD PARTICIPANTS

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# Kristen McLeod

**Chief Strategy Officer, BBB**

Kristen McLeod CBE is Chief Strategy Officer at the British Business Bank, where she is responsible for the Bank's corporate strategy, policy development, impact analysis, sustainability, communications, marketing, and external engagement.

Kristen’s 19-year career in the civil service included senior roles in HM Treasury leading on growth, business and investment and leading the government's Office for Life Sciences, overseeing policy on NHS innovation and life sciences industrial strategy across the Department for Business and Trade and the Department for Health and Social Care. She was awarded a CBE in 2021 for her services to life sciences.

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# Diane Lafontaine

**Chief Strategy Officer, BDC**

Diane Lafontaine was appointed Chief Corporate Strategy and Stakeholder Engagement Officer in April 2024. In this role, she is responsible for all facets of corporate strategy, public affairs and government relations. She is also responsible for BDC's corporate planning and prioritization process. Diane has more than 25 years' experience, half of which was spent in the financial sector.

Prior to joining BDC, Diane was Vice President, Communications and Marketing, at the Fonds de solidarité FTQ, where she held a diverse portfolio of responsibilities that included marketing strategy and stakeholder relations. She also oversaw the organization's Strategic Steering Committee, which was responsible for the successful execution of key strategic initiatives. Before that, she held the role of Chief Operating Officer at Rise People, where she led the expansion in Quebec, managed operations, and contributed to the strategic direction of the product roadmap.

Diane holds a University Certification in Corporate Governance from the Université Laval, a postgraduate diploma in public administration - international administration from the National School of Public Administration, and bachelor's degrees in communication and cellular biology and anatomy from the University of Ottawa. She serves on the boards of Finance Montréal and the Institut national de santé publique du Québec and has been an active mentor for many years.





# Tony Okpanachi

**Managing Director / CEO, DBN**

Dr. Tony Okpanachi is the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Development Bank of Nigeria Plc. He is a seasoned banker with over 30 years' experience. Prior to this role, he was the Deputy Managing Director of Ecobank Nigeria Limited, a position he held since April 2013. Before that, he was the Managing Director, Ecobank Kenya and Cluster Managing Director for East Africa, Ecobank (comprising Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan and Ethiopia). He was also at various times, Managing Director of Ecobank Malawi and Regional Coordinator for Lagos and South West, at Ecobank Nigeria.

Dr. Okpanachi seats on the Board of Impact Credit Guarantee Limited (ICGL), a subsidiary of DBN as a non-executive director. He holds a Doctorate degree (Ph.D.) in Development Economics from Nile University, Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from the Manchester Business School UK, a Master of Science degree in Economics, from the University of Lagos and a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics, from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria.

He has attended several Executive Management Development Programmes in Leadership, Corporate Governance, Credit and Risk-Management at leading institutions, including Harvard Business School, Harvard Kennedy School, INSEAD, IMD etc.

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# Andrea Montanino

**Chief Economist, Sector Strategy and Impact Director, CDP**

Andrea Montanino is Chief Economist and Sector Strategy and Impact Director at Cassa Depositi e Prestiti.

Previously, he worked in several international institutions: Executive Director and member of the Board of the International Monetary Fund, Director of the Economic Analysis Program of the Atlantic Council in Washington, D.C., and Senior Economist at the European Commission's Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs. In Italy, he was President of the Italian Investment Fund SGR, Director of the Confindustria Studies Center, General Manager of the Treasury Department at the Ministry of Economy and Finance and Head of the Technical Secretariat of Minister Padoa-Schioppa, Vice President of Mediocredito Centrale – Banca del Mezzogiorno.



# Viviane Mol

**Head of Loans and Guarantees,**
**Wallonie Entreprendre**

Experienced financial executive with a strong background in SME financing, guarantees, and risk structuring. Viviane is currently Head of Loans and Guarantees at Wallonie Entreprendre with a team of 10 financial analysts, managing a portfolio of 5.500 clients and overseeing €161M in loans and €366M in guarantees on bank credits.

Previously, she held project management roles in the group, where she scaled financing operations, led strategic growth programs, and developed tools to support business transmission and expansion. Viviane is a Board member and former treasurer at AECM, the European association of guarantee institutions. She has experience in international advisory missions for Belgian Development Cooperation (Benin, Burkina Faso) and the negotiation of European funding instruments. Viviane began her career as an auditor at PwC, working with major industrial and financial clients. She holds a degree in Commercial Engineering and is a certified statutory auditor.

WE Wallonie Entreprendre





# Said Jabrani

**Chief Executive Officer, Tamwilcom**

Mr. Said Jabrani began his career in 2006 at the consulting firm Corporate Value Associates. Two years later, he joined Bank of Africa, where he held the position of Marketing Manager before being promoted in 2011 to Group Branch Director.

In 2014, he joined BMCI, where he held various positions within the network before taking over its management in 2016. In 2020, he was appointed Director of Retail Banking and became a member of the Executive Committee. In September 2022, he joined the headquarters of the BNP Paribas Group in Paris, where he was responsible for overseeing Retail Banking activities in Africa. In March 2023, he joined Crédit du Maroc as a member of the Executive Board in charge of Commercial Banking.

On May 12, 2025, Mr. Said Jabrani was appointed by His Majesty King Mohammed VI as head of the National Company for Enterprise Guarantee and Financing (Tamwilcom), during a Council of Ministers meeting.

Mr. Said Jabrani holds a degree from the École Centrale de Paris and a research master's degree in Mechanics, Aeronautics, and Energy from the EM2C laboratory.

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# THE MONTREAL GROUP PARTICIPANTS

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# Carine Bergevin-Chammah

**Economist, BDC**

Carine Bergevin-Chammah is a seasoned economist with a Master’s degree from the Barcelona School of Economics and over eight years of experience in economic research and analytics. Her career spans a wide array of topics including transportation and infrastructure projects, international trade and commodities.

Through her work at BDC, Carine honed her expertise in Canadian SMEs, delving deep into the business financing market and the unique challenges faced by small and medium-sized enterprises.



# Lincoln Brando

**Senior Analyst, International and Investor Relations Department**

Lincoln Brando is a Senior Analyst in the International and Investor Relations Department at BNDES. He has over 25 years of experience in both public and private sectors, specializing in project finance and infrastructure financing solutions. He has extensive experience as a senior executive in structuring financing for various infrastructure projects, dealing with corporate/project finance, PPPs, and concessions at BNDES.

Before his time at BNDES, he worked at Accenture as a manager, focusing on business strategy and strategic sourcing for the energy, mining, and oil and gas industries. He holds a Master's degree in Economics from IBMEC-RJ.

BNDES





# Gilles Le Cocguen

**Director, Head of EuroQuity, Bpifrance**

Gilles is the Director of EuroQuity at Bpifrance, a premier matchmaking service that connects companies with investors, SMEs, corporates, research laboratories, and business support organizations across Europe, Africa, North America, and the Middle East.

EuroQuity is a vibrant ecosystem managed by key international organizations, bringing together over 23,000 companies, 1,500 top international investors, and 3,000 business support organizations. 290 partners are using EuroQuity and its additional services—including epitches, reverse pitches, and sector-specific webinars—to animate their ecosystems and coordinate efforts to support companies in their investments, innovation, and international expansion.

Additionally, Gilles represents Bpifrance on the board of Transeo, the international Business Transfer association, and serves as one of the National Contact Points for the European Commission's EIC Accelerator program in France. Gilles holds degrees from ESSCA (France) and DCU (Ireland), and he has also earned a DEA in Economics from the Pantheon University (France).

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# Vincent di Betta

**Director of International Advisory, Bpifrance**

Vincent di Betta is a recognized expert in public sector reform, specializing in the development of microbusinesses, SMEs, and start-ups across diverse international markets.

As Director of International Advisory at Bpifrance, Vincent spearheads transformative projects to establish one-stop shops for entrepreneurs, integrating support, credit, guarantees, innovation, and investment solutions tailored to local needs.

With a proven track record as Head of OSEO's sales network in France (now Bpifrance), Vincent has successfully led high-impact, cross-functional strategic initiatives—including entity restructuring, process optimization for subsidiaries, and operational change management—on projects exceeding €10 million in scope. His expertise spans SME credit risk, structured financing for large accounts, and the design of innovative financial instruments for business growth.

Vincent is a graduate of the Institut Français des Administrateurs (IFA, 2023), Centre d'études supérieures de Banque (CESB – HEC, 1998), and Ecole supérieure du commerce extérieur (ESCE, 1986).

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# Kevin Thouement

**Head of International Partnerships, Bpifrance**

Kevin Thouement has been with Bpifrance since 2019, focusing on supporting SMEs and mid-sized companies. He has notably led Bpifrance's Accelerator programs for cohorts of French business leaders, including a dedicated program aimed at developing commercial, technological, and industrial partnerships in Sub-Saharan Africa. He holds a degree in International Business from the National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO) in 2010.

Kevin has also served as a Business Development Officer for the Ubifrance (now Business France) office in Bulgaria and North Macedonia and later as a Business Advisor at Business France, the agency for the internationalization of the French economy. Since April 2025, he has been serving as the Head of International Partnerships at Bpifrance, where he is responsible for coordinating and managing institutional partnerships with foreign entities, hosting foreign delegations, and fostering cooperation and the exchange of best practices and expertise.

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# Giovanni Mandras

**Senior Economist, CDP**

Giovanni Mandras is a Senior Economist in the Sectoral Strategies and Impact Division at Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP) in Rome (IT), where he focuses on economic analysis and impact evaluation.

Prior to joining CDP, he worked at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) in Seville (ES), evaluating the macroeconomic impact of European structural funds. Giovanni holds a PhD in Economics and has developed significant expertise in assessing the socio-economic effects of public policies and investment strategies.





# Joseph Nnanna

**Chief Economist, DBN**

Joseph Nnanna currently serves as the Chief Economist at the Development Bank of Nigeria PLC (DBN). In this capacity he oversees Research, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Sustainability units in the bank. He is a seasoned professional with numerous years of experience in the U.S mortgage, banking, manufacturing, and telecommunication industry serving in managerial roles before joining academia.

Prior to joining DBN, Mr. Nnanna was a tenured Professor of Business and Economics at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. His scholarly works have been published in: Politics and Policy, International Journal of Public Administration, Economic Analysis and Policy, Foreign Trade Review, The International Trade Journal, Macroeconomics and Finance in Emerging Market Economies, The Journal of Chinese Economics and Foreign Trade Studies, International Journal of Business Economics and Management, to name a few.

In 2020, Prof. Nnanna contributed a book chapter in the European Investment Bank (EIB) publication entitled “Banking in Africa: Financing transformation amid uncertainty with fellow economist in the EIB. He is a member of the American Economic Association. He holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, an MBA in Accounting, a master's degree in Applied Economics, and a doctorate degree in Corporate Governance and Economics, from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Florida Metropolitan University, the University of Oklahoma and Argosy University, respectively.

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# Mauri Kotamäki

**Chief Economist, Finnvera**

Mauri Kotamäki (D. Soc. Sc.) is Chief Economist at Finnvera, who manages impact assessments and conducts economic analyses and studies related to corporate financing and broader macroeconomic conditions. He has extensive experience in applied economic research and has contributed to numerous reports and policy discussions on the Finnish economy.

Before joining Finnvera, Mauri has a history of working in the Finland Chamber of Commerce, Finnish Pension Alliance, Ministry of Finance and Bank of Finland. He holds a PhD (Economics) from University of Turku.

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# Nouf Al Gethami

**Senior Business Analyst, SIDF**

Nouf Algethami is a Senior Business Analyst at the Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF), supporting industrial development and economic diversification under Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030. She focuses on strategic analysis and investment opportunities across key industrial sectors. Nouf holds a degree in Business Administration with a dual concentration of International Business and Marketing, and a minor in Economics from The George Washington University.

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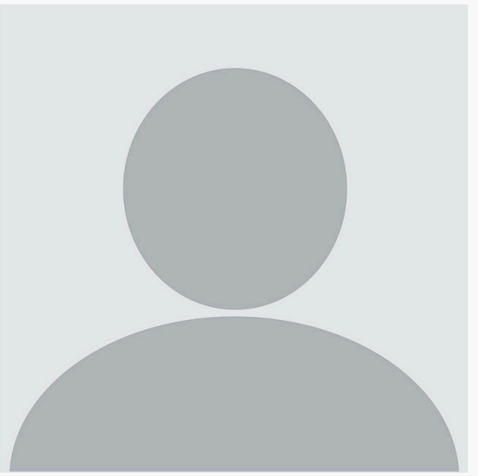

# Danya Al Abandi

**Economist Analyst, SIDF**

Danya Alabandi is an economic analyst at the Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF), focusing on impact assessment and economic modeling to support Saudi Arabia’s industrial transformation.

She earned her bachelor’s in economics with a minor in Sociology from Stanford University, California.

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# TAMWILCOM HOSTING DELEGATION

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# Abdel Abdelmoumen

**Chief Strategy Officer, Tamwilcom**

Abdelmoughite Abdelmoumen is the Chief Strategy Officer at Tamwilcom (Morocco). In this role, he is in charge of financing product design, strategic planning, special projects and international cooperation.

Abdel has a professional experience of over 18 years in public and private sectors. Prior to joining Tamwilcom, he served as a Senior Manager in the Strategy & Financial consulting practices at Deloitte.

He holds a master's degree in Financial Engineering from Sophia Antipolis University (France) and a bachelor's degree in Management from the ENCG Business School (Morocco).

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# Omar Badir

**Head of Strategy and Cooperation, Tamwilcom**

Omar Badir is the Head of Strategy and Cooperation Department at Tamwilcom (Morocco). In this role, he is in charge of monitoring the strategic plan of the institution, including PMO and steering committee. He is also responsible for the design of new financial solutions for MSMEs, Households, startups and State Owned Entreprises. Additionally, he contributes to the upgrade of existing ones. He’s also in charge of the bilateral and multilateral relations of Tamwilcom on a national and international level.

Omar has 10 years of experience in advisory services and public administration. Prior to joining Tamwilcom, he served as an Advisor to the Minister of Economy and Finance of the Kingdom of Morocco. During his career at Senior Consultant at Ace Partners Strategy Consulting, he designed several sectorial plans for the Moroccan Government, including Tourism and Social services.

He holds a Master's Degree from Toulouse Business School and The Hautes Etudes Commerciales Business school in Rabat.

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