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Come listen to World Bank Group Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer Anshula Kant as she shares about harnessing the power of capital markets for sustainable development to meet The World Bank's goals to end extreme poverty and promote shared prosperity in a sustainable way. The session will be moderated by Managing Director of Sustainable and Green Finance Institute, Professor Sumit Agarwal.


Date: 28 April 2023 (Friday)

Time: 3pm – 4pm

Venue: Institute of Data Science
Innovation 4.0, Seminar Room

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3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
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Innovation 4.0, Seminar Room 3 Research Link Singapore 117602 (Map)
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The World Bank Group Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer will talk about harnessing the power of capital markets for sustainable development to meet The World Bank’s goals to end extreme poverty and promote shared prosperity in a sustainable way. After issuing the first green bond in 2008 and labelling all bonds issued as “sustainable development bonds” a few years later, the World Bank has a track record of innovations in the sustainable finance space. The “sustainability” label, broader and more inclusive than simply green, reflects the institution’s global work in social and economic development and climate, but also the fact that all World Bank bonds meet the strictest standards of sustainability, supporting positive impact around the globe.



SPEAKERS	
	
	<p>Anshula Kant</p> <p>Anshula Kant was appointed Managing Director and World Bank Group Chief Financial Officer in October 2019. In this role, she is responsible for financial and risk management of the World Bank Group. Among other key management duties, her work includes oversight of financial reporting, risk management and mobilization of IBRD and IDA financial resources. Through her work at the State Bank of India (SBI), Ms. Kant gained more than 35 years of experience in the financial industry. As CFO of SBI, she managed \$38 billion of revenues and total assets of \$500 billion. Ms. Kant served as Managing Director of SBI from September 2018 to August 2019. With direct responsibility for SBI’s Risk, Compliance,</p>

and Stressed Asset Portfolio, she led the creation of investment opportunities while empowering risk management throughout the bank. Ms. Kant earned her bachelor's degree with honors in Economics from Lady Shri Ram College for Women and completed her master's in Economics from Delhi School of Economics.

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Sumit Agarwal (Moderator)

Sumit Agarwal is Low Tuck Kwong Distinguished Professor of Finance at the Business School and a Professor of Economics and Real Estate at the National University of Singapore. He is also the Managing Director of Sustainable and Green Finance Institute at NUS. In the past, he has held positions as a Professor of Finance at the Business School, Georgetown University. Before that he was a senior financial economist in the research department at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago and prior to joining the Chicago Fed, he was a senior vice president and credit risk management executive in the Small Business Risk Solutions Group of Bank of America. His research interests include issues relating to household sustainability, financial institutions, household finance, behavioural finance, and real estate markets. He has published over one hundred and twenty research articles in journals. Additionally, he has co-written four books, and also co-edited two collected volumes titled Impact of COVID-19 on Asian Economies and Policy Responses, and Household Credit Usage: Personal Debt and Mortgages. He writes regular op-ed's in the Straits Times and is featured on various media outlets like the BBC, CNBC, and Fox on issues relating to finance, banking, and real estate markets. He also runs a Podcast on household financial decision making called Kiasunomics.

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