

# How to learn lessons from development finance for a transformative climate finance in developing countries

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Dr. Barbara Buchner is Global Managing Director of Climate Policy Initiative, and Executive Director of its widely renowned Climate Finance program. [Named](#) one of the 20 most influential women in climate change, Barbara advises leaders on climate, energy, and land use investments around the world. Barbara directs the [Global Innovation Lab for Climate Finance](#), (the Lab) and its sister programs in Brazil and India. Instruments from the Lab have mobilized over 2.4 billion US dollars for sustainable development in developing countries. She is also the lead author on CPI's [Global Landscape of Climate Finance](#), which has set the benchmark for climate finance tracking.



**Dr. Andrea Ordóñez,**  
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Andrea Ordóñez is Director of Southern Voice, a network of think tanks devoted to bringing research from the Global South to international debates on the development agenda. Her work focuses on better fostering better knowledge systems to support sustainable development. She was previously the Research Director at Grupo FARO in Ecuador.

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**Pr. Anthony Nyong,**

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Anthony Nyong is the Director of Climate Change and Green Growth at the African Development Bank. He is currently on secondment to the Global Center on Adaptation as the Regional Director for Africa. He has about 30 years of experience in environmental and natural resources management, environmental and social safeguards, renewable energy and green growth that span academia, private sector and development finance. He has served on several Global Advisory and Scientific Boards. He was a Coordinating Lead Author for the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report and a member of the IPCC Task Group on Data and Scenario Support for Impact and Climate Analysis.



**Dr. Daouda Ndiaye,**

**Lead Climate Change Specialist, IsDB**

Daouda is a Senegalese national, with 15 years of experience in environmental and climate change adaptation projects in Africa and other regions. He is currently the Officer in Charge for the Climate Change Practice at IsDB. Daouda is a member of the Executive Committee of the Adaptation Benefits Mechanism, chairing the Methodology Panel of the Mechanism, and is also co-chairing the joint MDB Working Group on Adaptation and Resilience.



**Mr. Jason Spensley,**

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Experienced climate finance and policy thought leader with 20+ years catalysing investment in climate and nature-based solutions. Proven track record developing project pipelines and enduring partnerships that catalyse investment in climate and biodiversity action in Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean. Extensive institutional and development expertise strengthening implementation across the Rio Conventions. Fluent in English, French and Spanish.

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**Dr. Arame Tall,**

**Senior Climate Specialist, Adaptation & Resilience, World Bank**

Arame Tall is a Senior Adaptation & Resilience Specialist in the Climate Change Group of the World Bank. Before joining the Bank in 2017, she worked for 15 years in climate adaptation and development, holding senior positions with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the CGIAR, IFPRI and the Red cross/Red crescent Climate Centre. Dr. Tall leads coordination of the Bank's work on Adaptation & Resilience and is the team leader for the World Bank Group's first of its kind Action Plan on Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience.



**Dr. Donal Brown,**

**Associate Vice-President, IFAD**

Donal Brown is the Associate Vice-President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) for the Programme Management Department. He is responsible for developing and managing the operations that the Fund supports through its loans and grants which amounts to approximately US\$ 8 billion of IFAD financing. In addition, he oversees the Programme of work of the department, which is undertaken by five regional divisions, spread across fifteen country hubs and forty country offices, and the Operational Policy and Results Division. Brown previously worked at the United Kingdom's Department for International Development in a number of senior positions both in HQ and in a range of countries, most recently as the Africa Director, managing 550 staff across the continent. In 2014-2015, he led UK's Ebola Task Force in Sierra Leone and was awarded Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for his efforts to control the crisis. Brown has more than 25 years of international experience from across Africa, Middle East, Asia and Latin America. He holds a Master's degree in Tropical Animal Health and Production from the University of Edinburgh, a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Leadership and Management from the University of Warwick and a Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Science from the University of Bristol, as well as an Honorary Doctorate in Social Justice from the University of Winchester

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**Amath Pathe SENE,**  
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Pathé is an agricultural engineer by training and Climate and Environmental Expert. He has more than 15 years' experience working across four regions in the World (Africa, South America, Central Asia and Europe). In his professional career, he has occupied various technical, managerial and leadership role at local, country, regional and global level.

He joined the United Nations with UNDP Country Office as JPO and later acting Team leader in Mauritania in 2007. He later was Regional Program Advisor with the UNDP/UNEP Poverty and Environment Initiative based in Nairobi (2009-2014), providing technical assistance to 10 African Countries on mainstreaming environment and poverty objectives into national development and investment frameworks. He joined in 2015 the UNDP Global Policy Centre on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) as Policy Specialist supporting countries on the Implementation of the SDGs, the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Climate Agreement.

Since 2017, Pathé is IFAD Lead Environment and Climate for West and Central Africa (WCA) initially posted in at IFAD HQ in Rome (2017-2018) and since 2019 decentralised at the IFAD Sub Regional Office in Abidjan (Cote d'Ivoire). In this role, he leads the climate finance resource mobilisation and oversees the largest IFAD's environmental and climate finance portfolio, manages the regional work on de-risking IFAD's investments/strategies in 24 countries while supporting the integration of sustainability into the fund governance policies, processes and procedures. He has a strong track record in conceptualizing innovative regional and corporate initiatives/flagship programmes such as the Africa Integrated Climate Risk Management and The Inclusive Green Finance Initiative for low emissions and climate resilient initiative (IGREENFIN- IFAD climate finance brand) and mobilising for about half billion dollars from GCF, GEF, AF. For West and Central Africa Region.

Since December 1st 2020, He is appointed Country Director Cote d'Ivoire | Hub Director Coastal countries a.i and acting country director for and Liberia.

Pathé's other previous positions include food security program and sub office manager in Afghanistan (2006-2007); Junior Consultant with European Union in France (2005) and Junior Agricultural Researcher at the Senegalese Agricultural Research Institute.

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