

# Development Finance for Youth in a Changing Landscape

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## SPEAKER BIOS

A webinar by the Thematic Working Group  
on Rural Youth Employment



## SCENE SETTING



### Savis Sadeghian

**Senior Technical Specialist, Multilateral Climate and Environmental Funds, IFAD**

Savis Sadeghian is IFAD Senior Technical Expert on Multilateral Climate and Environmental Funds, she is an Environmental Economist (MSc) with seventeen years of professional experience in Climate Finance, Resource Mobilization and Project Management.

## DISCUSSANTS



### Peter Umunay

**Thematic Lead, Food Systems and Land Use, GEF**

Peter serves as the Thematic Lead for Food Systems and Land Use, where he oversees food systems programs, establishes partnerships, and provides strategic oversight for several Global GEF Integrated Programs. In his role, he leads a team of technical experts, ensuring the funds management, seamless integration of programming efforts, as well as facilitating knowledge sharing and learning activities. His work aligns with the GEF's mission to deliver global environmental benefits across multiple focal areas. With over 15 years of experience working with international organizations, academic and research institutions, and governments, Peter has made significant contributions to the field. He has authored approximately [30 scientific publications](#) focusing on the forest-climate nexus, land use finance, and sustainable commodities. Peter holds both a Master of Science and a PhD from the Yale School of Environment.



### Andreas Müller

**Thematic Lead for Innovative Finance, Helvetas**

Andreas Müller is the Thematic Lead for Innovative Finance at Helvetas, Andreas supports private sector engagement mandates for donors like SDC and strengthens Helvetas' role as an NGO in impact finance. He pilots blended finance approaches across multiple projects, engaging with impact and philanthropic investors as well as local and international implementation partners and potential investees of the facilities. Before working in the development sector Andreas held different positions in the banking sector, where he focused on digital investment solutions, business development, as well as governance and compliance topics. His country experience spans across Sub-Saharan Africa, the Western Balkans, and Asia. His expertise lies in blended finance, private sector engagement, access to finance, market systems development, and capacity building.



### Aminul Moven

**Agricultural Economist and Director of Climate Change & Risk Mitigation, SAF Bangladesh**

Md. Aminul Moven is an Agricultural Economist and Director of Climate Change & Risk Mitigation at SAF Bangladesh. With over 24 years of experience in climate-smart agriculture, insurance, and carbon markets, he has pioneered innovative solutions that strengthened the resilience and livelihoods of more than two million smallholder farmers. Passionate about empowering women and youth, he combines strategic foresight with grassroots impact to build inclusive and sustainable agricultural systems.