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Markus Repnik is an international development and climate finance executive with 30+ years of experience gained with the United Nations, World Bank Group, Austrian Government, and private sector, including 15+ years of field experience in developing and transition countries.

Since January 2022, he is the Director of the [Systematic Observations Financing Facility](#) (SOFF) Secretariat. SOFF is a new specialized UN fund to close today's major basic weather and climate data gaps, particularly in Small Island Developing States and Least Developed Countries.

Previously, he served as Director of Development Partnerships at the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), where he spearheaded the creation of the [Alliance for Hydromet Development](#). The Alliance brings together major international development and climate finance institutions to unite efforts on high-quality weather forecasts, early warning systems, and climate information as the foundation for resilient and sustainable development.

Prior to joining WMO, Mr Repnik was Managing Director of the Global Mechanism, the operational arm of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). His team shaped the operationalization of the SDG target on Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN). He co-led the development of the [LDN Fund](#), the first privately managed public-private investment fund dedicated to an SDG target and measuring the SDG contributions of the fund's investments.

Mr Repnik worked 15 years at the World Bank Group, including ten years as a manager. He was responsible for the Bank's engagement with several African and European countries. As manager of the Bank Group's Climate Policy Team, he led the development of the Bank's approach to integrate climate and disaster risk management in all Bank operations.

Mr Repnik holds a Master of Economics and Social Sciences and completed several executive development programs at Harvard Business School and Cambridge University.