

Infrastructure and Sustainable Development:
Making infrastructure investments work for women and girls

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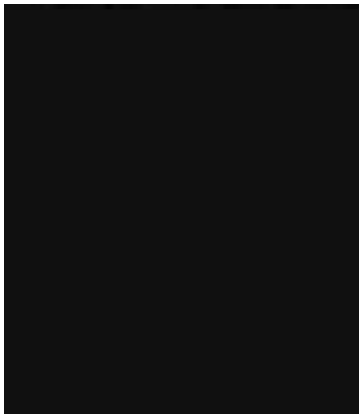
Speakers' Bios

MS. NATALIE ELWELL is the Senior Gender Advisor at the World Resources Institute, working to ensure that WRI's programs, activities, and policies benefit women and men equally. She joined WRI from USAID where she served as the Senior Advisor for Gender and Environment, working to build capacity within the Agency to advance and leverage women's empowerment and gender equality to enhance the outcomes of environment and climate change

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MS. ÅSA REGNÉR serves as Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Executive Director for the Intergovernmental Support and Strategic Partnerships Bureau, at UN Women since May 2018. Prior to her appointment, she served as Minister for Children, the Elderly and Gender Equality of Sweden since 2014, where her focus was on concrete results in the implementation of Swedish gender equality policies as well as a shift towards prevention of violence against women and the involvement of men and boys in gender equality work. She previously served as UN Women Country Director in Bolivia (2013-2014) and Secretary-General of the Swedish International Planned Parenthood Federation. She also served as Director of Planning, Ministry of Justice (2004-2006) and as Political Advisor in the Prime Minister's Office (1999-2004). She began her career as a volunteer for a Swedish NGO in La Paz, Bolivia (1990-1991) and moved to the Ministry of Labour working on gender and labour market issues for several years in the 1990s. Ms. Regnér holds a Master's degree in Democratic Development from Uppsala University.



MS. SONAL SHAH is an Independent Consultant on urban planning and sustainable transportation. Over the last 14+ years, her research has spanned across India, Asia and the United States. She most recently led urban planning, gender and transport programs for ITDP India. She is currently advising the Delhi Transport Department on creating gender responsive public transport. She is a member of the international SUM4ALL Gender Working Group, has reviewed GIZ's handbook on Gender and Sustainable Transport, and has co-authored the background paper on "Promoting green growth in Asia: Role of urban design and planning to encourage environmentally sustainable transport" for the Eleventh Intergovernmental Regional Environmentally Sustainable Transport (EST) Forum in Asia. She led policy briefs and manuals on Women and Transport in India, co-authored by ITDP and Safetipin. She also contributed towards India's national street design guidelines called the Indian Roads Congress Guidelines. Sonal has led projects supported by the DFID, IKI, Oak Foundation and Bloomberg Philanthropies. Ms. Shah completed her B.Arch from Mumbai University and MSc Urban Planning from Columbia University.