

## Invitation to meet Mrs. Linda van Gelder

Dear Members,

It is my pleasure to invite you to meet with **Mrs. Linda van Gelder, World Bank Director** based In Paris. The meeting will take place **March 20<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 4 pm, 66 avenue d'Iéna**, on the Bank premises. As usual, it will be on a first come first served basis, and limited to 26 former staff.

Linda is World Bank Director of the Paris Office, Europe and Central Asia, a position she started in July 2022. Previously, she was Country Director for the Western Balkans countries, a position she held since 2017. Prior to this, Linda was the Director of Strategy and Operations for *Equitable Growth, Finance and Institutions Practice Group*, covering the Macroeconomic and Fiscal Management, Finance and Markets, Trade and Competitiveness, Poverty and Equity, and Governance Global Practices.

Linda will update us on the role of the Paris based Director, the evolution of the Bank and the plans for the Paris Office currently under renovation.

Linda may also have a need for a short-term temporary to work in an administrative position a couple days a week from the Paris office for a few months. If you are or know a retired ACS staff member that could be interested, please let me know.

Prior to that meeting, we could have lunch together in a nearby restaurant. Please let us know whether you are interested so we can make adequate reservations. More info will follow.

Finally, remember that -as with all WBG buildings- access is restricted: a list will be sent to Linda on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Only those who have received a confirmation from the Association will receive a visitor badge and be able to enter. The list will be closed when the quota is fulfilled or on Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>. Do not forget an ID.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Olivier Lafourcade

President