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The IFC is the private sector arm of the World Bank Group and its mission is to promote a sustainable private sector in order to reduce poverty and improve peoples' lives. Sustainable development is therefore a core strategic objective for the institution.

As manager of the environmental and social development program in the East Asia and Pacific region, Richard is responsible for ensuring that the Corporation's investment and advisory work align with its sustainability objective. Working closely with clients and other IFC staff, this includes appropriate risk management and identification of environment and social opportunities to improve a client's business performance.

Richard joined IFC in 1998. Prior to his current position, Richard was the Manager of the Knowledge and Innovation Group, which focused on capturing the Corporation's social and environmental 'know-how' and communicating it effectively to both internal and external audiences.

Richard trained as a marine biologist and prior to joining IFC, worked in the NGO sector and as an environmental management consultant.

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