

# WORKSHOP: EQUAL ACCESS AND CLIMATE RESILIENCE IN ARCHITECTURE

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## SPEAKERS's BIO

**Ms. Courtney Innes**  
**Senior Inclusion Advisor**  
**CBM Australia**

Ms. Courtney Innes is an accomplished senior international development professional with significant experience in gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI), intersectionality, child protection and safeguarding across diverse environments. Courtney is a member of the Inclusion Advisory Group (IAG) - a global network of advisors working in partnership with the Disability Movement to bring about systemic change. The IAG's Australian advisory team, housed within CBM Australia and the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) have had a series of technical partnerships to support DFAT achieve its disability inclusive objectives. Since 2023, Courtney operated as the "embedded disability inclusion advisor" supporting Australian Embassy in Hanoi and has built a strong understanding of the disability inclusion needs and opportunities across the Vietnam portfolio. She has been supporting the Embassy's implementing partners to improve disability performance in large-scale bilateral programs in Viet Nam.



**Ms. Hang Vu**  
**Operations Officer**  
**Gender and Economic Inclusion Group**

Hang Vu is managing Viet Nam's program on Gender and Economic Inclusion, including the market assessment on the business case for disability inclusion in Viet Nam. She has 15+ years of experience managing projects on gender equality, women's economic empowerment, and economic inclusion in finance, banking, manufacturing, and agriculture sectors. Before IFC, she worked directly with development organizations such as USAID, UNDP, UNWomen, ILO, Oxfam, and CARE International on strategies for gender mainstreaming, women's empowerment, and diversity and inclusion.

Hang obtained a Master of Advanced Management from Yale School of Management, and MBA from Smurfit Business School, University College Dublin. She is also a Society of Human Resources Management – Senior Certified Professional (SHRM-SCP).





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### **Dr. Architect Le Thi Bich Thuan**

**Former Deputy Director of the Institute of Architecture and Planning, Ministry of Construction.**

**Currently Deputy Director of the Institute for Urban Studies and Infrastructure Development – Vietnam Federation of Civil Engineering Associations (VFCEA).**

**Executive Committee Member of the Vietnam Association of Architects (VAA), the Vietnam Urban Planning and Development Association (VUPDA), and the Vietnam Association of Greenery and Parks.**

Her main research areas include:

Accessible design for persons with disabilities (Lead editor of QCVN 10:2002: National Technical Regulation on Construction for Accessibility by Persons with Disabilities; trainer on Inclusive Design under the Vietnam Association of Architects' Community-Based Design (CBD) program 2024; trainer on Accessible Design for the Hanoi Disabled People's Association; co-author of the book "Accessibility Map for Community Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities in Hanoi" – 2015).

Green architecture and sustainable buildings (Research on green building evaluation criteria; chief editor of the book "Guidelines for Designing Green Row Houses in Hanoi", Construction Publishing House – 2015; research on green urban development in Vietnam).

Housing studies (Research on rental social housing in Hanoi, workers' housing in industrial and export processing zones, and climate-resilient housing).

Climate change research (Research on solutions for protecting urban lake spaces adaptive to climate change; contributor to the Strategy for Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Urban Development under the ADB project; co-author of the handbook "Design and Construction Guidelines for Storm- and Flood-Resilient Housing" for disaster-prone areas in Vietnam).

### **Ms. Mai Nguyen**

**Technical Lead –BRI Program Viet Nam  
Climate Business Department, IFC**

Ms. Mai Nguyen has over a decade of experience in sustainable real estate and urban development in the Asia-Pacific and North America. At the International Finance Corporation (IFC), she focuses on advancing the Green and Resilient Building Program in Vietnam. Before joining IFC, she was involved in the City of Boston's first Zero Net Carbon Building Zoning Initiative and the City's Climate Resiliency Requirements. She is a certified CFA ESG Investing professional and a LEED AP. Mai is a Humphrey Scholar, an ADB-JSP alumna, and an Op-Ed columnist who writes about sustainable urban development and urban finance. She also serves as the Country Representative for Vietnam of the American Planning Association – International Division. Mai earned her master's degree from Saitama University and received a research fellowship from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

