

## Where are Asia's Capital Markets Headed? - Plotting Regional Trends in the Midst of a Transforming Global Landscape

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**Arundhati Bhattacharya** is the first woman Chairman of 209 year old SBI, a Fortune 500 company and the only Indian Banker featuring in the list of 100 most important active public intellectuals as per "The Leading Global Thinkers of 2014". Mrs. Bhattacharya joined the State Bank of India in 1977 as a Probationary Officer (PO), and since then has risen through the ranks to become the Chairman of this iconic institution. Under her stewardship, the bank has relentlessly focused on raising risk awareness, assessment, mitigation, and monitoring systems. She was also instrumental in the launch of Mobile Banking in the Bank, where SBI is now a market leader. A Post Graduate from Jadavpur University, West Bengal, Arundhati is closely associated with various initiatives in the field of education, health and empowering the challenged and differently abled with the aim of integrating them in the society.

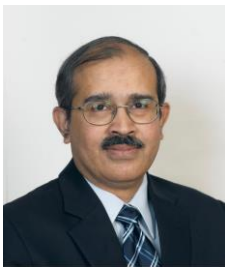


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**Lakshmi Venkatachalam** is the Vice-President (Private Sector and Cofinancing Operations) of the Asian Development Bank. She assumed office in June 2010.

Ms. Venkatachalam leads ADB's initiatives in Private Sector and Cofinancing activities. Under its long-term Strategy 2020 Framework, ADB's activities in private sector development and private sector operations are targeted to reach 50% of its annual operations by 2020. Strategy 2020 also envisages a significant increase in ADB's partnership-based cofinancing activities by 2020. Ms. Venkatachalam will lead ADB's efforts in assisting development-oriented private sector projects in the region, with a clear focus on challenging sectors and regions, as well as in building and strengthening cofinancing partnerships with various official and commercial cofinanciers with a view to mobilizing investment capital for the region.

## MODERATOR



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Steve joined Thomson Reuters as editor of IFR Asia in June 2010 after eight years at UK publishing house Euromoney. He started his career in journalism covering aviation before moving on to report on project and trade finance. He moved to Hong Kong in April 2005 and joined EuroWeek, a weekly capital markets newspaper, becoming Asia editor in 2007.

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