

Paul Castillo

Paul Castillo currently serves as the CEO of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru (BCRP), where he oversees monetary policy and financial stability. With over two decades of experience, he has held several positions at the BCRP, including Manager of Monetary Operations & Financial Stability (2020-2024), Manager of Monetary Policy (2016-2020), and Deputy Manager for Monetary Policy Design (2008-2016). His expertise is in monetary and macroprudential policy design. Recently, he led initiatives to implement retail payment interoperability and to explore the feasibility of issuing a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) in Peru. His academic work focuses on monetary policy in emerging market economies, the implications of dollarization, and the effects of macroprudential regulatory tools on credit cycles. He has published in specialized journals such as the Journal of International Money and Finance, Empirical Economics, the Journal of Macroeconomics, and the Journal of Applied Economics. He earned his PhD in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science in 2007.

Miguel Diaz

Miguel Diaz is Head of the Toronto Innovation Hub Centre within the Bank for International Settlements, his role is to contribute to the creation of digital financial public goods such as settlement systems, identity solutions and open finance environments. Before this position he was the head of Payment Systems and Financial Market infrastructures at the central Bank of Mexico where he guided the development, operation, analysis, and regulation of financial market infrastructures. He oversaw the modernization of the payment systems in Mexico, directed the creation of a fast payment system denominated in dollars, and was deeply involved in the development of the operational and regulatory strategy of the Central Bank regarding financial market infrastructures, including CBDC and the inclusion of new market participants in the ecosystem and the opening of the market to open finance solutions. In his previous roles he directed strategic planning and managed macro-financial analysis for the Bank of Mexico, and he is an Economist with a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago

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Dong He is Deputy Director of the Monetary and Capital Markets Department (MCM) of the International Monetary Fund. He has oversight responsibility for MCM's work on digital currencies and fintech. He joined MCM in October 2014 and led MCM's work on global financial stability analysis, monetary and macroprudential policies, and technical assistance on central bank operations. Dong holds a doctorate in economics from the University of Cambridge. He started his career in 1993 when he joined the World Bank through the Young Professionals Program. He was a staff member of the World Bank during 1993-1998, of the IMF during 1998-2004, and of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority (HKMA) during 2004-2014. At the HKMA, he was Executive Director responsible for directing research and policy advice on issues relating to the maintenance of monetary and financial stability and the development of financial markets. He was also Director of the Hong Kong Institute for Monetary Research. He has published extensively on macroeconomic and financial market issues.

Ousmène Jacques Mandeng

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